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## **Column: The age of non-innocence**

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Contrary to the love story in the summer box office disappointment Pearl Harbor, Tom Brokaw's description of the "greatest generation", is very different.

Brokaw says, "Disciplined by their military training and sacrifices. They married in record numbers ... they stayed true to their values of personal responsibility, duty, honor and faith."

In 1948, Indiana University zoologist Alfred Kinsey published his first report on human sexuality and it launched the "sexual revolution" and the "scientific" study of sexuality in the United States. Kinsey painted a very different picture of WWII men. He said 95 percent of them were sex offenders under current state laws, and laws needed to be changed to allow for the full range of sexual experiences. The only lawful sexual congress at that time was heterosexual coitus in marriage, but sexual revolutionaries targeted the 52 laws protecting marriage, women and children for elimination or penalty reduction. For example, rape was a capital offense in 18 states, including Kentucky, but no more. In one day, rape went from a felony to a misdemeanor in the Kentucky legislature, and, today, a predator, who rapes victim(s) without causing visible bruising or "serious" physical injury, may plead guilty to the lesser crime.

Since these laws have been changed, statistics have proven that unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases are skyrocketing.

Surgeon General David Satcher's June 2001 report on sexual health carries a grave diagnosis. The reigning Kinseyan-based sexuality field (along with its big dollar supporters — the pornography industry) desperately hopes to distract lawmakers from the massive failures associated with Kinsey's "anything goes" brand of "safe" sex. But the facts are five of the 10 most commonly reported infectious diseases in the United States are STDs, which are 87 percent of cases reported among those ten; chlamydia and gonorrhea infections account for 15 percent of cases of infertility in women; 45 million people are infected with genital herpes; and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is responsible for 93 percent of the cases of cervical cancer in women, with 5.5 million new cases a year

**KILLING MORE WOMEN THAN AIDS.**

After years of hearing how "safe" sex is with condoms, on July 20, 2001 the Department of Health and Human Services issued an alarming report saying there is no evidence that condoms prevent the transmission of most sexually transmitted diseases. Of eight STDs — HIV, gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, chancroid, trichomoniasis, genital herpes and HPV — examined, condoms were not found to provide universal protection against any.

The scientific panel concluded that there was no epidemiological evidence that condom use reduced the risk of HPV infection. The 20 million Americans who are currently infected with genital HPV should know HPV has also been linked to prostate, anal and oral cancer.

Now the government says "safe" sex without disease and dysfunction doesn't appear to be possible, and the surgeon general's report says that there is no evidence that abstinence works. But, in view of condom failures, abstinence (heterosexual coitus in marriage only) is the only hope. It is what people did before 1950 when laws and public policies protected marriage, women and children. Disease and dysfunction levels then were very low because people said no to promiscuous, anonymous or casual sexual encounters. Like Tom said, the "Greatest Generation" made responsible commitments to each other in marriage.

Facing a pandemic spread of STDs not preventable by "safe sex," abstinence carries a guarantee borne of the American spirit of self-government, discipline and honesty that the "Greatest Generation" well understood as they demonstrated the greatest and truest love, laying down their lives for others on the battlefield and at home. The answer to the STD plague with no cure that wars against this latest generation, as it has with no other, is the same self-government which will someday allow our children to say that we retained our virtue and stayed true to the eternal values of "duty, honor and faith," the source of America's good health.

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