



# KIDS AND SEX: THE KINSEY CONNECTION

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The day was April 7, 1997. It began like any other, as children poured into an elementary school in Washington, D.C. The ringing bell echoed through the inner-city hallways, and the children settled into their seats while the fourth-grade teacher began his lesson on test-taking skills. When a student became disruptive, the teacher decided to bar him from the classroom. The student went to an adjoining room and coaxed sev-

eral other kids to join him there.

What happened in that room has left parents raging and the community astonished. The children, ages 9-12—now out from under the teacher's watchful eye—began playing a game in the darkened room. Their game involved practicing sex on each other.

"When my daughter tried to leave," a distraught mother told *The Washington Post*, "a boy pulled her back into the room, told her to get down on the floor and that if she told anybody, he would bring a knife to school and cut everybody up." Another parent reported that at least two boys forced oral sex on her daughter.

What is even more appalling than a nine-year-old's sexual experimentation

then 6- and 7-year-olds playing doctor can become problematic."

**W**as the sex consensual? Even if the girls were lying about the force involved, why are officials so unconcerned? Maybe it's because what happened at that particular elementary school is not that uncommon. D.C. Board of Education President Don Reeves said, "If the media wanted to go around and look at other schools; they'd see incidents like that going on all the time."

What has happened to our society? The answer to that question lies with one man and the philosophy he perpetrated. In the 1940s, Dr. Alfred Kinsey revolutionized American culture with his ideas about human sexuality. Today

## Kinsey was the silent partner in the molestation of 317 children.

and sexual assault was society's response. The police closed the case within a week, arguing that the children's sex was "consensual" and therefore "no crime had been committed." D.C. law gives its stamp of approval to sex between children—as long as they are within four years of each other in age.

Even the executive director of a D.C. rape crisis center displayed a rather blasé attitude toward the incident. Admitting that fourth graders are generally not ready for sexual intercourse, Denise Snyder remarked: "From a legal perspective, if you try to say consensual sexual activity is illegal,

America is reaping the grim consequences.

### MOLESTERS PROVIDE DATA

Zoologist Alfred Kinsey sparked the sexual revolution with his reports on *Sexuality and the Human Male* (1948) and *Sexuality and the Human Female* (1953). Although many Americans are unfamiliar with his name, it would be difficult to find a person who has not been touched by his philosophy. Kinsey argued that deviant sexual activity is normal and natural, and that children are sexual from birth. He believed that society should not stifle **any** sexual activity.