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Sex education

Writing in the current issue of the Advocate, a gay news-magazine, Camille Paglia attacks the left's approach to sex and homosexual-positive education in public schools.

"When liberal middle-class special-interest groups try to force sex education or gay issues into public schools, they are guilty of arrogant cultural imperialism," the University of the Arts professor writes.

Miss Paglia says that given recent data showing kids are having sex earlier and getting pregnant more often, "sex education has been a disastrous failure."

"There is little evidence that the classroom can remedy what parents should have supplied; on the contrary, peers educate peers, beyond establishment control.

"If, as recent reports suggest, a decade of 'safe sex' indoctrination has not fully succeeded even with gay men, it is time to re-think every aspect of sex-education policy."

"If homosexuality is discussed,



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the orthodox religious view must be fairly represented," she writes. "Incursions by gay counselors who force psychologically shaky adolescents into premature declarations of sexual orientation should be reevaluated."