

# Sex teaching based on pervert's reports

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THE credibility of the Kinsey Report, which has been the basis of sex education around the world for decades, has been called into question after the disclosure last week that some of its findings were culled from records kept by a paedophile who assaulted young boys.

The flaws in Alfred Kinsey's report were acknowledged last week by the Kinsey Institute, following pressure from politicians and child abuse experts to explain how detailed research on the sex lives of children could have been carried out legally.

At the forefront of the campaign was Judith Reisman, a child abuse expert, who wrote a book in 1990 attacking Kinsey's methods. "The sex industry will be shaken to its foundations," said Reisman. "Whole shelves of books will have to be rewritten."

The Kinsey Report, published in 1948 and supposedly based on exhaustive studies of the sexual behaviour of men, changed the way society viewed sex.

In one of the most controversial parts of the report, known as Table 34, Kinsey showed that children as young as three

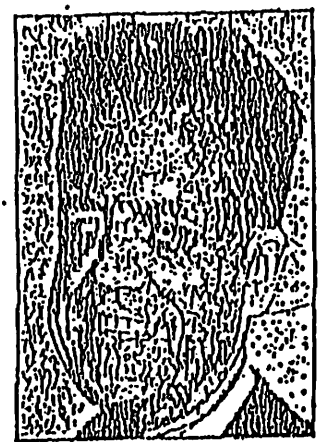
months old could experience orgasm, while a 13-year-old boy was observed experiencing 26 orgasms in 24 hours.

Six years the Kinsey Institute had refused to reveal how its research was conducted, saying only that nine researchers had been involved and 317 boys observed. But last week the institute acknowledged that the data had been obtained from the diary of a paedophile, who had routinely sexually abused young boys.

John Bancroft, director of the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction at Indiana University in Bloomington, said: "The material in the tables comes from one man, with incredible numbers of sexual experiences on which he kept very careful notes." The identity of the man is being kept secret. It is known only that he was a forestry worker who died in 1955.

American conservatives are using the exposure of Kinsey's fraud as a reason for questioning sex education in America.

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Kinsey's credibility questioned  
The Children of Table 34 intended to mobilise opposition to sex education.

The video, introduced by Efram Zimbalist, a former star of the television series Hawaii Five-O, claims that Kinsey's data have been used as a foundation for government policy towards sex and children.

"There has been a gross misuse of power in the pursuit of scientific research and academic recognition," said Dee Jepsen, president of Enough is Enough!, a conservative lobbying group. "The tragedy has continued through the years as

that research has been used to legitimise the sexual exploitation of children."

Steve Stockman, a Republican congressman, has introduced a bill that calls for a congressional investigation to find out if there was "systematic sexual abuse of children" in the research carried out by Kinsey.

"To ask a child molester about sexual behaviour in children is like asking a rapist about sexual behaviour in women," said Stockman. "Just as we should not use the concentration camp studies done by Nazi Germany, neither should we use studies that are based on the physical and sexual abuse of children."

Stockman wants the General Accounting Office, the government's watchdog, to submit a detailed report on the affair by May 1.

Kinsey's supporters argue that the statistics on sexual activity of young boys was just part of a much broader body of work which remains untarnished and was produced after Kinsey studied 5,300 male sex histories. A study of 6,000 female sex histories was produced in 1953.

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