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The Crime of the Century

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The greatness of truly great men comes from the fact that they do great things and make great changes in the course of history, motivated in their labors by high, noble, honorable purposes. For these reasons, their achievements produce lasting effects for the good.

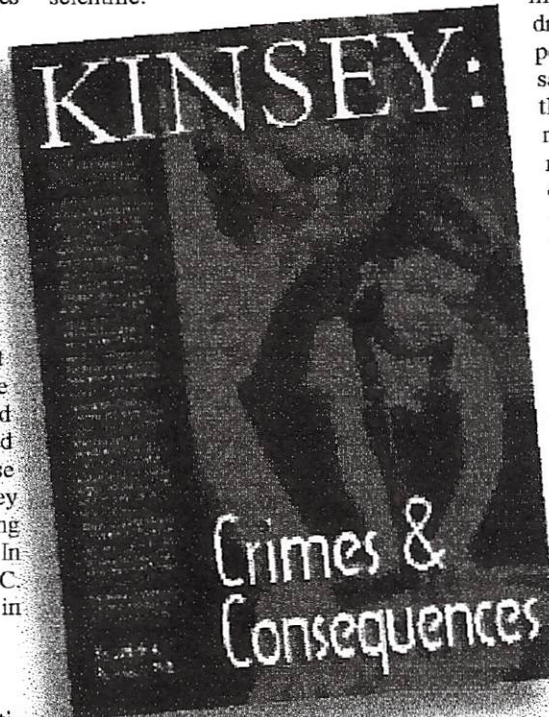
There are men of an entirely different stripe, however, who by their cunning and ruthlessness also affect the course of history, yet who by no means can be called great. In modern times, Marx, Lenin, and Stalin were such men. As with great men, the impact on the world of such figures is tremendous, but unlike great men these other men leave behind them vast stretches of ruin: ruined souls, ruined lives, ruined societies, ruined nations. They possess no higher purpose and no noble goals, and the upheavals they inspire are destructive in nature, producing lasting change in the direction of evil. In this second category of men falls Alfred C. Kinsey, the man whose life is evaluated in the present work.

Patriarch of Perversion

Kinsey, the founder of the Kinsey Institute for Sex Research at Indiana University in Bloomington, was born in New Jersey in 1894. He began his professional career as a zoologist, with a special interest in insect taxonomy. Later he branched out into "researching" human sexuality, and through his well-known books, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* (1948) and *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female* (1953), he was touted as "the father of the American sexual revolution."

Indeed, since the appearance of those two books, and most particularly after the popular media took up Kinsey's banner and disseminated, in propagandistic fashion, distillations of the supposedly scientific material from his volumes, attitudes

in American society about human sexuality have undergone rapid, revolutionary changes. And while Americans received a systematic indoctrination in Kinsey's radical sexual ideology, traditional views of human sexuality and traditional sexual mores came under incessant attack by Kinseyans, who characterized them as repressive and unhealthy, and who heaped scorn on them as obsolete, pharisaical, and "unscientific."



Moreover, in contrast to the ceaseless drumbeat of support for Kinsey and his ideology by the mainstream media and the educational establishment, serious questions by honest scientists and scholars about Kinsey's procedures, methodology, statistics, evidence, and motives have been largely ignored. Yet, putting aside traditional morality for the moment, there are some grave problems with Kinsey and his studies, problems that a relentless media whitewash campaign has done little to allay.

Dr. Judith A. Reisman, having studied Kinsey's life and work for many years, has made some startling judgments, among which are that, insofar as his sex studies

are concerned, Kinsey was a scientific quack, that his research was rife with fraudulent statistics and scientifically worthless data, and that many of his methods, involving a significant portion of the data he collected, were blatantly criminal.

"Looking back 50 years with the benefit of hindsight," writes Reisman, "it seems astonishing that the American public accepted any of Kinsey's revolutionary findings, all of which not only conflicted dramatically with the public health report data but also with what Americans saw, heard, touched and knew about their homes, schools, friends and neighbors, children, wives, husbands, mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers." What seems to have happened was that many Americans allowed their critical faculties to be anesthetized by the word "science," which they had been conditioned to believe was synonymous with truth, hard facts, and accuracy.

Fraud as Science

It is an elementary principle of the scientific method that scientific results, based on particular formulas, procedures, or methods, can always be duplicated by other scientists, as long as the prescribed formulas, procedures, or methods are followed precisely. That any experiment can be repeated, with the same results, by another scientist is what makes an experiment scientific. Such is not the case with Kinsey's findings, however, for the simple reason that they are fraudulent. Were one to duplicate what Kinsey *claims* were his methods, wholly different results would be obtained.

One might begin by noting that the results of Kinsey's research were officially asserted to be based on a representative sampling of the American population. That, however, was a lie. The truth is that a substantial portion of the study was based on material collected in interviews with criminals, prison inmates, and sex offenders. Kinsey and his cohorts sought out and interviewed the worst sex deviates and insisted, without the slightest justification,

that with regard to sexual habits and experiences, sex criminals were no different than normal men and women. Accordingly, as Dr. Reisman writes, Kinsey "inserted well over 1,400 males — abnormal by definition, certification, and judicial rule — into his database as *normal*." These 1,400 males, Dr. Reisman reports, *may* comprise as much as 34 percent of the total number of persons interviewed by the Kinsey team, data from whom was used in the Kinsey volumes. I say "may comprise" since there is much guesswork involved as to the number of persons from whom data was gathered, guesswork that Kinsey and his institute never cleared up.

Kinsey's *Male* volume may have been based on responses from 12,214 males, 6,200 males, 6,300 males, or 4,120 males and his *Female* volume possibly 7,789 females or some unknown portion of a grand total of the 4,500 males and females reported by one researcher. The two published volumes themselves contain conflicting information about this and no one seems sure today how many persons were actually interviewed or questioned. With respect to this statistical shell game, Dr. Reisman comments that "deception seems more probable than confusion or negligence."

Regarding the deceptive practices of Kinsey, the author quotes Dr. Albert H. Hobbs of the University of Pennsylvania

who, at the time the *Male* volume was published, criticized Kinsey and the unscientific nature of his methodology in the following words: "Kinsey, in his studies of sexual behavior, violated all three of the precepts necessary to scientific procedure. He denied, flatly and repeatedly, that he had any hypothesis, insisting that he merely, in his words, 'presented the facts.' Yet to any observant reader, Kinsey obviously had a two-pronged hypothesis. He vigorously promoted, juggling his figures to do so, a hedonistic, animalistic conception of sexual behavior, while at the same time he consistently denounced all biblical and conventional conceptions of sexual behavior. He refused to publish his basic data. He kept secret not only his hypothesis, but also refused to present the basic facts on which his conclusions rested. He also refused to reveal the questionnaire which was the basis for all of his facts. In addition, it is possible to derive conclusions opposite to Kinsey's from his own data." Not surprisingly, Dr. Hobbs was "subjected to severe persecution at the University of Pennsylvania for criticizing the Kinsey data," writes Dr. Reisman.

"Cover-up" and "Correction"

We learn from Dr. Reisman that at least two other major problems stand out in Kinsey's statistics and conclusions. Psycholo-



Kinsey: Fraud behind his "findings."

gist Abraham Maslow, who the author notes "was not at odds with Kinsey ideologically," nevertheless warned Kinsey that the use of volunteers for his studies would automatically bias the results. By relying on volunteers to provide data, Maslow cautioned, Kinsey would attract sexually aggressive and unconventional men and women "with high rates of unhealthy and disapproved sexual activity." Normal men and women — the overwhelming majority of Americans — tend to be private about their sexual lives (and this would have been especially so in the 1940s), while abnormal subjects tend to want to talk about their experiences, and so readily volunteer. Thus, sex studies that rely on volunteers will inevitably produce false data. Maslow, though a libertarian in outlook on sexual matters, was apparently a man of some intellectual and scientific integrity and therefore broke with Kinsey over his use of valueless volunteer data. That data only served to legitimize the proclivities of, in Dr. Reisman's words, "a dysfunctional male and female group whose sexual conduct did not at all reflect normal Americans circa 1948."

But even if we should wish to discount the statistical effect of using criminals, sex offenders, and sexually aggressive volunteers, there is still ample reason to dismiss the validity of Kinsey's findings. The author tells us



Kinsey with his staff and co-authors: A veneer of respectability.

adults, and, yes, of infants and children.”

Furthermore, Kinsey himself was involved in some sort of sexual activities involving pre-adolescent and early adolescent boys and, though the exact nature of that involvement is not absolutely clear, one can gather a great deal from Kinsey's own statements. Dr. Reisman quotes the book *Human Sexuality*, by John Gagnon of the Kinsey Institute, in which that writer admits that, with regard to the child sex experiments, “A less neutral observer than Kinsey would have described these events as sex crimes, since they involved sexual contact between adults and children.”

Pediatrician Dr. Lester Caplan of Baltimore, after reading Kinsey's discussions of child sexuality in the *Male* and *Female* volumes, affirmed that the data collected by Kinsey about children “was not the norm — rather was data taken from abnormal sexual activities, by sex criminals and the like.” He went on to say that “these children had to be held down or subject to strapping down, otherwise they would not respond willingly.” Dr. Reisman summarizes Dr. Caplan's full statement by saying, “First, at least some if not all children were physically forced into these experiments. Second, a team of men — not a lone pedercrat or pedophile — would have carried out these laboratory experiments, and third, only such a team could test the child, time the child, record the time and — in some cases — film the activity at the same time.”

In addition to child sex experiments carried out by Kinsey and his associates, Kinsey collected data on “child sexuality” from what is called “scientifically trained observers.” What is meant by this outrageous euphemism is that Kinsey collected material from (quoting Dr. Reisman) “perverts of all sorts [who] kept detailed records of their child molestations and sent them to Kinsey for inclusion in his studies.”

Kinsey instructed pedophiles in the use of certain basic scientific jargon so that they could relate their sexual experiences with children in a manner Kinsey could understand and use, and so an ongoing correspondence between Kinsey and these “scientifically trained observers” ensued. The correspondence would often include detailed questionnaires about sexual encounters, which the child molesters were required to complete. This, needless to say, made Kinsey an accessory to the criminal activity of the pedophiles. To know that children are being sexually abused by specific persons and to fail to notify authorities

is not only monstrous, but grossly criminal.

Even worse, the correspondence and questionnaires from Kinsey had the effect of actively encouraging further criminal activity. Pedophiles were given the impression by Kinsey that they were not engaged in criminal actions, but in “scientific research.” One such man, who boasted of having had sexual relations with at least 800 children and infants, was treated by Kinsey (according to Kinsey's biographer James H. Jones) as “a colleague, a fellow seeker of truth who had compiled valuable



Hobbs: University professor ostracized for rightly criticizing Kinsey's research.

scientific data.” Kinsey actually sent a letter to this man congratulating him “on the research spirit which has led you to collect data over these many years.” In a subsequent letter Kinsey offered to use the public funds that (along with funds from the Rockefeller Foundation) were subsidizing his research to bring this man to his home in Bloomington, Indiana, adding, “Mrs. Kinsey and I should be glad to entertain you in our home.” He also offered the man a salary from public funds, so that he could devote full time to his work for Kinsey.

For all the sheer bunkum from Kinsey and his companions-in-crime about “scientific data,” “research,” “trained observers,” and the like, the information obtained from the child molesters actually possessed no scientific worth whatsoever. Just as rapists often claim that their victims are “willing” and that they delight in being raped, so Kinsey's perverts were predisposed to report all kinds of distortions

about their helpless victims. Yet, though of no value, the information gathered by the pedophiles was compiled and duly reported in Kinsey's books as “normal” and “typical” of American child sexuality.

Cultural Cave-in

Kinsey sought by his “research” and books radically to alter the American view of human sexuality, and to some extent he has succeeded. Even a cursory look at contemporary music, language, television programs, movies, and novels makes clear that standards have drastically fallen in the 50 years since *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* appeared. But the American people have not yet achieved the ultimate Kinsey Model, for Kinsey's agenda was far more comprehensive than anything we have thus far seen.

We can begin to grasp the extent of Kinsey's objectives by considering a list of his “Alleged Basic ‘Findings,’” as presented by Dr. Reisman. I will mention only six from the author's eleven:

- All orgasms are “outlets” and equal between husband and wife, boy and dog, man and boy, girl, or baby — for there is no abnormality and no normality.

- The more orgasms from any “outlet” at the earliest age the healthier the person.

- Sexual taboos and sex laws are routinely broken, thus all such taboos and sex laws should be eliminated, including that of rape and child rape, unless serious “force” is used and serious harm is proven.

- Since sex is, can, and should be commonly shared with anyone and anything, jealousy is passé.

- Human beings are naturally bisexual. Religious bigotry and prejudice force people into chastity, heterosexuality, and monogamy.

- There are no medical or other reasons for adult-child sex or incest to be forbidden.

Such, reports Dr. Reisman, is the “socio-sexual paradise” envisioned in the sick minds of Alfred Kinsey and his followers, though, as the author points out, “each one of these ‘findings’ has been disproven by honest research and real human experience over the past fifty years.” Why then, we may ask rhetorically, if Kinsey is a fraud and his findings bogus, is it that (to quote Dr. Reisman again) “almost all AIDS and sex education in elementary, secondary, college, graduate and post-graduate schools base their sex education curricula on the Kinseyan ‘variant’ sex model as reflected in the above findings”?

In the years following Kinsey's sexual

revolution, divorce, venereal diseases (including AIDS), rape, sexual brutality towards children, illegitimacy, suicide, psychological maladies, and hosts of other individual and social disorders have increased sharply, while the birth rate among middle-class Americans has fallen below replacement level. Those are some of the consequences of Kinsey's crimes. Our entire society has become coarse, tasteless, rude, and tawdry to an extent that would have been utterly beyond the imagination of the citizens of this land in the halcyon days of 1948.

Temporary Condition

There are other consequences. The rising moral anarchy of our time, which has been and is actively encouraged by a corrupt and corrupting ruling elite, can never be a permanent situation. Anarchy is always a temporary condition. Before imposing a dictatorship on Russia, the Communists countenanced just such moral chaos, releasing hordes of criminals from jails, making divorce easy, and abolishing laws against adultery, homosexuality, and various sexual crimes. That anarchy served to justify the subsequent repression. A totalitarian scenario, if it comes to pass here,

will be the final consequence of Kinsey's crimes. Dr. Reisman has performed a magnificent service in writing her book and in exposing Kinsey for the charlatan he unquestionably was.

It must be emphasized that, although this overview of *Kinsey: Crimes and Consequences* is lengthy as book reviews go, we have only touched the surface of the numerous issues discussed by the author, and of the many aspects and ramifications of Kinsey's sex revolution and its disastrous influence on modern American life. The book is published in large-format (7"x10"), is composed of ten chapters, and includes numerous photos, tables, and charts, along with footnotes citing the author's sources.

Finally, it is necessary to warn readers that Dr. Reisman has been forced by circumstances to present information in her valuable book that is clinically explicit, and often shocking, repugnant, and horrifying. Unhappily, there is no way to present the case against Kinsey and his Institute, and expose their crimes, without such details. It would appear that our poor country has sunk so deeply into slime that, in order to pull her out, we are compelled to put aside our squeamishness. ■

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