

# Today's sex-ed: a crime against children

Many sex-education programs are based on fraudulent—even criminal—research. Here's how some activists are fighting back.

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Rina Havens is locked in a battle with a man she's never met.

Her mission is to "wake up" her fellow citizens. Her goal is to protect children from her state's sexually permissive policies. Her primary opposition is the governor.

Havens is an East Bridgewater, Mass., grandmother who—in her spare time—has taken on the policies of Republican Gov. William Weld. A champion of homosexuality throughout his tenure, Weld in 1992 became the first governor in American history to sign an executive order providing bereavement, sick and family leave time to homosexual state workers.

The next year, Weld backed an advisory panel's recommendation that homosexuality be discussed "fully and freely" in public high schools, at student support-group meetings and in libraries—all part of an effort to change attitudes among students who are "unreceptive" to the gay lifestyle.

So how does Havens do battle with a host of the state's top bureaucrats? By exposing the criminal roots of modern sex-education programs. Havens' primary weapon is *The Children of Table 34*, a 30-minute video that documents the link between today's "tolerant" sex-education philosophy and the 1940s study that inspired it.

"Table 34" refers to a data table in Alfred Kinsey's 1948 book, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*—the text from which many sex-ed programs are descended. The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction at Indiana University in Bloomington—repository of Kinsey's research—admitted last year that Table 34 represents data gathered between 1917 and 1948 by a lone pedophile who sexually abused 317 boys, some of whom were infants.

Kinsey noted in his book that many of the boys were severely traumatized (some even passed out), yet he never identified the pedophile nor reported his criminal activity to police.

Kinsey's work didn't stop in the laboratory. He later asked Planned Parenthood medical director Mary Calderone to "implement a planned role" for sex education. Calderone eventually founded the Sex Information and Exchange Council of the United States (SIECUS), whose liberal guidelines on sex education are used in hundreds of public schools.

The link between Kinsey's pedophilia scandal and the ideas behind Gov. Weld's policies can be difficult to explain, but Havens says a good place to begin is with a public showing of *The Children of Table 34*.

"You can wake people up with [this video]," Havens said. Havens has given *Table 34* videos to local lawmakers, state legislators, a district attorney, her town sheriff, the local Republican committee and a college professor who showed the video in his classroom.

## AN EYE-OPENER

Pro-family activists in at least a dozen states are using *The Children of Table 34* to challenge sex-ed programs at the local level. In Oakland County, Mich., Bettye Lewis of the Michigan Alliance for Families said the video has been "a real eye-opener." Judith Reisman, Ph.D., a researcher who co-authored the 1990 book, *Kinsey, Sex and Fraud*, with Edward W. Eichel, showed the video to professional youth workers during a visit to Michigan.

In Nashville, Tennessee Family Institute

founder Tom Cummings Jr. uses the video to recruit government and business leaders who will combat the pro-Kinsey agenda in schools, government and local legislation. "I have never had anyone *not* register shock and anger after seeing it," Cummings said.

In May, *Table 34* figured in a campaign to halt a South Carolina bill that would have legalized sex between minors no more than four years apart in age. Under the proposed law, "a 12-year-old can get raped by a 16-year-old and Kinsey would say that it's 'peer play,'" explained Reisman, who first publicized Kinsey's scandalous research in a 1981 paper.

South Carolina Gov. David Beasley vetoed the bill after viewing *The Children of Table 34* and visiting with Reisman.

Henry Lord, director of the South Carolina branch of the American Family Association, has used *Table 34* to persuade parents, state school-board members, legislators and other politicians to re-examine their views on sex education. He recalled one screening in Columbia in which the audience seemed especially moved.

"They realized that the entire foundation of



[sex education] over the past five decades has been based on the fraudulent, criminal research that Kinsey did," Lord said.

Lord has also confronted the heads of sociology departments and human-sexuality programs at local colleges, challenging them to watch the video.

"After viewing the videotape, what do they do with the information?" he asked. "[*Table 34*] goes against everything they've been taught. They've been totally indoctrinated in Kinsey from kindergarten right on through their Ph.Ds. But some of them have actually said they would reassess." □

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## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Here are some tips for maximizing the impact of *The Children of Table 34*:

- Arrange to show the video to your church's social-action group, or any informal group of concerned parishioners. Ask your pastor to view the video.
- Obtain extra copies to loan to others.

Show the video to parents, school officials, legislators and other policymakers. Ask for an official response if the viewer is a public official. Challenge officials to show the video at a public hearing.

(To obtain copies of the video, see p. 9 for details.)

- Ask state legislators to form a commission to study the impact of Kinsey's research or to check sex-offender laws to see

if they have been weakened in recent years.

- Donate a copy of the video to your local library. Watch to see if it is retained on the shelves.

- R.S.V.P. ("Restoring Social Virtue and Purity") America is a grass-roots campaign formed in response to Kinsey-inspired sex-education programs. Write them at P.O. Box 1136, Crestwood, KY 40014, or call 1-800-837-0544 for more information.