

Coming Attractions

Is Pedophilia the Next Sexual Perversion to Become Normalized?

The sexual anarchy campaign has no end in sight. Its latest undertaking is to legitimize pedophilia, as Matt Barber, Associate Dean of the Liberty University School of Law, and I witnessed at a “B4U-ACT” conference in Baltimore, Maryland, on August 17, 2011. This symposium was called “Pedophilia, Minor-Attracted Persons, and the DSM: Issues and Controversies.” The DSM is the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* put out by the American Psychiatric Association (APA).

To eliminate the “stigma” against pedophiles, a growing pedophile lobby wants the APA to establish pedophilia as a recognized sexual orientation, calling pedophiles “minor-attracted persons.” B4U-ACT met to address, among other things, “ways in which minor attracted persons [pedophiles] can be involved in the DSM 5 revision process.”¹

Dean Barber and I sat in the back of the meeting room among roughly 50 “researchers, scholars, mental health practitioners, and minor-attracted persons.”² In keeping with Alfred Kinsey’s tactic of lulling “straights” into a false sense of security, the dress among the attendees was largely conservative: short hair, jackets, some ties, and few noticeable male ear piercings.

The keynote speaker was Fred Berlin, M.D., Ph.D., “founder, National Institute for the Study, Prevention and Treatment of Sexual Trauma; Johns Hopkins Sexual Disorders Clinic.” This clinic was founded by John Money to give judges “leeway” in sentencing sex offenders—that is, a place where they could send child molesters other than jail. Money, who died in 2006, was a pedophile advocate who called for an end to all age-of-consent laws. Dr. Berlin was his disciple, and our keynote speaker.

APA Drives Change

In 1973, a small APA committee of psychiatrists, cowed by homosexualist public harassment, agreed to rely on Alfred Kinsey’s fraudulent human sexuality data to declare homosexuality normal and to remove it from the DSM.

The APA’s decision was duly noted in college textbooks, law journal articles, judicial rulings, and, by 1974, in high-school sex education curricula. Since then, the homosexualist lobby has moved into primary schools and kindergartens, under cover of educating



for AIDS prevention and against bullying and hate.

In redefining homosexuality as a normal orientation, given by nature and not influenced by nurture or experience, revisionists ignored data making connections between homosexual behavior and early sex abuse or other trauma. In 1999, U.S. Department of Justice data disclosed that 64 percent of forcible sodomy victims were boys under age 12, but apparently such abuse is not a factor in boys' later sexual development.

In addition to claiming that anywhere from 10 percent to 37 percent of men were sometimes homosexual, Kinsey also said that *children are sexual from birth* and so deserve to have sex—with adults or youths.

The APA's path to normalizing pedophilia follows the trajectory of the earlier campaign to normalize homosexuality. If it is normal for very young children to have sex, then the only question that remains is with whom. And if there are people who want to have sex with children for whom having sex is "normal," then isn't that natural? Pedophiles' major propaganda message today is that they are just looking to be accepted when they fulfill the sexual desires of allegedly "gay" youths.

B4U-ACT claims to "help mental health professionals learn more about attraction to minors and to consider the effects of stereotyping, stigma, and fear." While the group claimed to want to teach pedophiles "how to live life fully and stay within the law," no one at the conference suggested how they might curb their desire for illegal sexual contact with children. Perhaps they assumed that lowering the age of consent would help.

Dean Barber asked the group what "age of consent" it would propose, and what role pornography plays as a causative factor in child sex abuse. No one would answer the first question, and all denied any harm from pornogra-

phy, with the cautious exception of Dr. Berlin (who sat next to me during the event). He admitted that occasionally pornography could trigger sexual acting out. He also expressed a personal belief that pre-pubescent children (those under about age 10) cannot consent, and that perhaps even teenagers might be sexually vulnerable.

All the speakers characterized

"sex panic." The attendees did not appreciate my comments, but I was not surprised. The day before the conference, a pedophile posted these comments about me on a site called BoyChat:

Judith Reisman [is] with the worst of them . . .
[with] dehumanizing hate speech . . . extreme chris-

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pedophiles as healthy and normal but unfairly victimized by stigma and mean words. Following repeated assertions that pedophiles never force children but instead are gentle and loving, one researcher did cite a child victim who was raped and sodomized. Well, mistakes happen, I guess.

One speaker laughingly compared doing an obscene act on a child to doing the same act on a shoe. No one protested, and some chuckled. One young woman suggested that pedophiles might be helped by engaging in "sex play" using naked pictures of children, incorporating some sadism as part of the "play." This Ph.D. social-worker candidate proudly noted her objection to any sexual "repression."

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Though primarily committed to quietly monitoring this meeting, I did offer a few closing remarks. I noted the arrogance of the group's conclusion that Americans' fear for child safety is due to a puritanical

tian [*sic*], right wing . . . alarmist . . . a harlot. . . . Judith did, in fact, make [Kinsey's sexual stimulation of infants and toddlers] sound like horrendously violent, child sexual assault . . . horrible, wretched scumbag . . . pathetic, sorry excuse for a human being. . . . The world will become a less wretched place, the second Judith Reisman drops dead . . . (from natural causes, of course, though I'd not complain if she got accidentally ran [*sic*] over by a semi). . . . With Love, Stevie-D.⁴

With love? And what was that about stigma and hate speech again? Just because they're after your children doesn't mean they're not nice people. ☺

Endnotes

1. www.b4uact.org/science/symp/2011.
2. Ibid.
3. I would encourage people to complain to the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners at <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/bswe/boardMember2010>.
4. www.boychat.org/messages/1265341.htm.