



Follow-Up: Interview With Dr. Judith Reisman, Sexologist Reverend Ted McIlvenna

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O'REILLY: Thanks for staying with us. I'm Bill O'Reilly.

In THE FACTOR "Follow-Up" Segment tonight, the controversy continues over sex researcher Alfred Kinsey, currently being lionized by Indiana University.

The North American Man Boy Love Association, NAMBLA, has praised Kinsey, who died in 1956, for his sexual experiments involving young boys.

Next month, a movie about Kinsey starring Liam Neeson set to begin filming.

And the guy is considered a hero by some Americans.

But not by Dr. Judith Reisman, who joins us from Sacramento. She told us last week that she considers Kinsey a child abuser, and she is the author of a book called "Kinsey: Crimes & Consequences." Here to rebut that is Reverend Ted McIlvenna, a Methodist minister.

I'm sorry. I mispronounced your name. It's McIlvenna.

REV. TED MCILVENNA, PH.D., SEXOLOGIST: That's all right.

O'REILLY: A Methodist minister and president for the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, and he has studied Kinsey as well.

All right, Reverend. We'll start with you. Where is the doctor going wrong?

MCILVENNA: Well, 35 years ago, the United Methodist Church and nine foundations sent me to the Kinsey Institute to investigate Alfred Kinsey, why the funding was canceled by Rockefeller, and whether or not -- because Kinsey had been a Methodist, where he had gone wrong. I spent a week studying there and made a report to the foundations and others.

And then, later on, I hired Ward L. Pomeroy, who was Kinsey's number one assistant, as the dean of the institute when we established it in San Francisco, and, as far as I know, I'm the only one that ever saw all of the documents and have the sex histories of all of the people that were involved in the Kinsey Institute.

And those statements of Judith Reisman just are not factual or true, based on our research.

O'REILLY: All right. You didn't see any experiments with children's sexuality that disturbed you at all, Reverend?

MCILVENNA: I saw nothing except that they interviewed pedophiles and got information from those pedophiles because they were the only ones that had had some sexual relationships with children.

I saw none of the experiments. I saw none of the indication that Kinsey, Pomeroy, Martin, Gebhardt, or any of the other persons had engaged in any activity with any children or had done anything that we considered wrong at that time.

O'REILLY: Did it give you pause when NAMBLA came out in praise of Kinsey's findings?

MCILVENNA: I don't decide what NAMBLA does. Some of us don't agree with NAMBLA. I don't support their position at all. But, you know, they can say whatever they want. We're in a free country. It's too bad that they said that because a lot of people got painted with a brush they shouldn't have.

O'REILLY: All right. Doctor, do you want to reply to that?

JUDITH REISMAN, PH.D., AUTHOR, "KINSEY: CRIMES & CONSEQUENCES": Yes, certainly.

One of our biggest problems has been that the people responsible for oversight have seen really nothing significantly wrong with the fact that Dr. Kinsey used groups of pedophiles, some were people who preceded NAMBLA, it became NAMBLA, as well as five headmasters, as well as the man who raped and sodomized 800 children, and so on.

They see nothing wrong with that, and Mr. McIlvenna has certainly been part of that structure. That's an institutional structure that's built on Kinsey's research. So it's perfectly legitimate that they would not want to tell the truth about the facts...

O'REILLY: All right. But I've got to...

REISMAN: ... that are in Kinsey's own book.

O'REILLY: I've got to get specific here because -- look, you can study criminals, murderers, serial killers, and everything else, all right, and you can come to conclusions, and you're not branded as a bad person for doing that.

If Kinsey was interviewing pedophiles to find out what the situation was, then how can you condemn him just for the interviews, Doctor? There's got to be more to it than that.

REISMAN: Well, there certainly is, and it's in his own books.

Chapter -- the graphs 30 through 34 -- Table 34 -- Dr. Kinsey did not tell anybody that he really was using pedophiles. What Dr. Kinsey did was to promote this information as though it were collected by bona fide co- researchers for...

O'REILLY: But what difference does that make? If he -- if he interviews pedophiles, Doctor, all right, and he gets information about their behavior that maybe law enforcement can use or psycholo -- psychiatrists can use, what's -- what's wrong with that?

REISMAN: Well, he didn't just interview, first of all. He solicited the information. He got people to do the kinds of experiments that they did. He was a participant in that kind of activity.

MCILVENNA: That is an absolute lie. That's an absolute lie.

REISMAN: That's documented -- it's fully documented...

MCILVENNA: It is not documented. You're making it up.

REISMAN: It -- excuse me. excuse me.

O'REILLY: Well, let -- let the doctor point to the evidence she has, and, Reverend, I'll let you refute it.

Go ahead, Doctor.

REISMAN: Well, first of all, anyone can look at Kinsey's books, both the first book, the male book, and go to all those charts and see where he tells anybody that, really, these are a bunch of sex offenders who are giving him all of this information. He reported that these children had orgasms. He reported it. He claimed that that was true.

O'REILLY: But he didn't see it. He just took it on anecdotal testimony by these pedophiles. See, look...

REISMAN: Well, we have -- we have no knowledge whether he saw it. We know that what he did was to claim that it was all true.

He said that there was a child who had 26 orgasms in 24 hours who was 4 years old. He claimed that there was a 2-month-old child that had X number of orgasms at X period of time. He

claimed all of that.

He claimed that the children -- he said the children had -- they fainted, they had convulsions, but he said that they definitely enjoyed the experience.

This isn't the report of a man who is going to turn that information over to law enforcement.

O'REILLY: OK. All right. Now, Reverend, I'm going to give you time to rebut this. But, indeed, Kinsey was not only taking the testimony of pedophiles, but he was drawing conclusions from it, that children enjoy sex, OK. Now that's irrefutable. We know that by reading his text. Isn't there something wrong with that, Reverend?

MCILVENNA: Absolutely not. All kinds of researchers -- we have to base information on the information we have and conclusions we have from observations, and, when we talk to sex offenders and we put the same kind of information down, we don't put people in a lab, nor do we engage with children in sexual activity. We try to get the information.

O'REILLY: All right. Now what...

MCILVENNA: We can't...

O'REILLY: All right.

MCILVENNA: We have to study people.

O'REILLY: I got it. I got it. What worth to society, OK -- what worth, Reverend, to society is it that we know, according to Kinsey, that little children, babies, enjoy sex? What worth?

MCILVENNA: Little children enjoy all kinds of tactile things, and Kinsey was just including all kinds of sexual behavior.

O'REILLY: What worth, Doctor?

(CROSSTALK) MCILVENNA: ... at the total volume of this thing.

O'REILLY: What worth?

MCILVENNA: We look at everything...

O'REILLY: No, no, no, no, no, no.

MCILVENNA: ... people do.

O'REILLY: What worth to society is that information?

MCILVENNA: Well, if a little child doesn't have tactile stimulation, I -- I can't justify what Kinsey did. I know he did it in a careful, scientific way. I don't do those experiments.

O'REILLY: So did Dr. Mengele, you know.

MCILVENNA: But he didn't -- but Mengele hurt people. Kinsey did not.

O'REILLY: Well, you don't know. You don't know.

MCILVENNA: Yes, I do.

O'REILLY: Well, I've got to stop you. I want -- I want the audience to draw their own conclusions. I think you both put forth very cogent arguments. But I -- I'm uneasy with Kinsey. That's all I'm going to say.

Both of you -- Doctor, Reverend -- thank you very much.

When we come back, a former seminarian says the Catholic Church condoned homosexuality in his training. An explosive situation in a moment.

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