

Consequences of the Sexual Revolution

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consequences

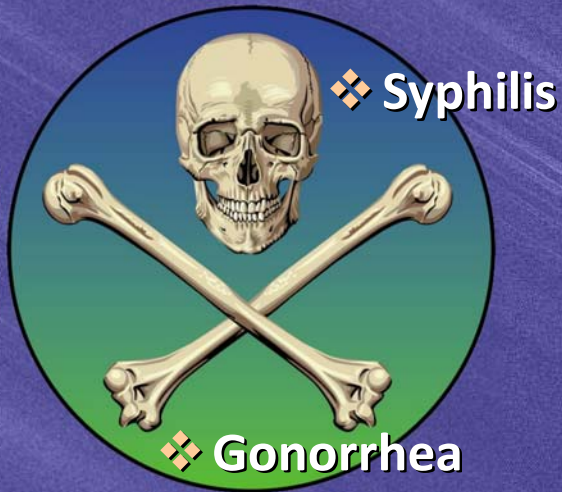
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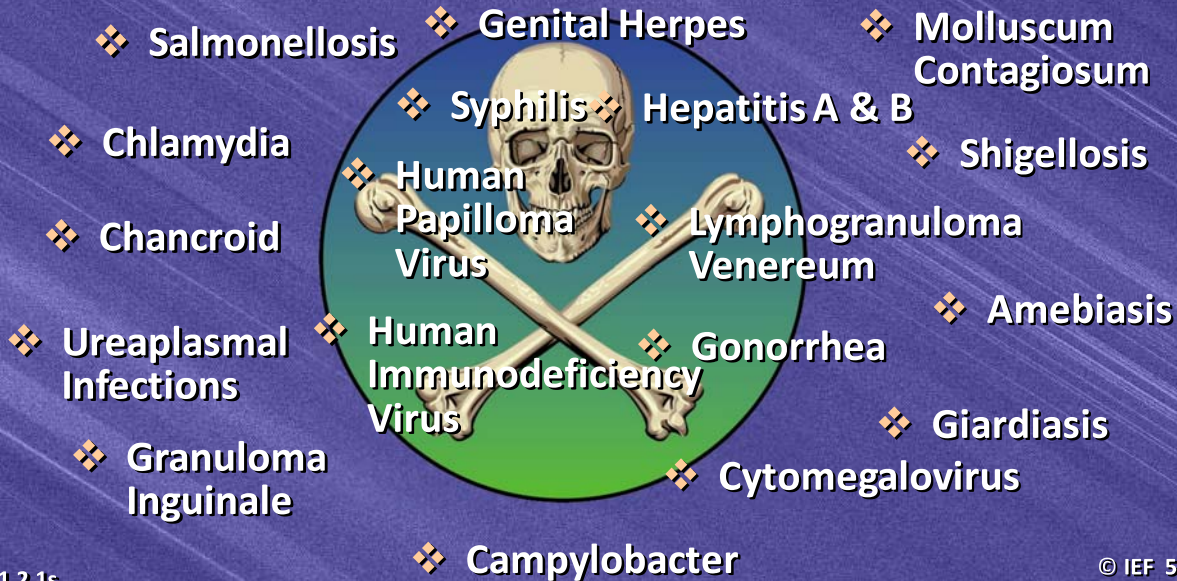
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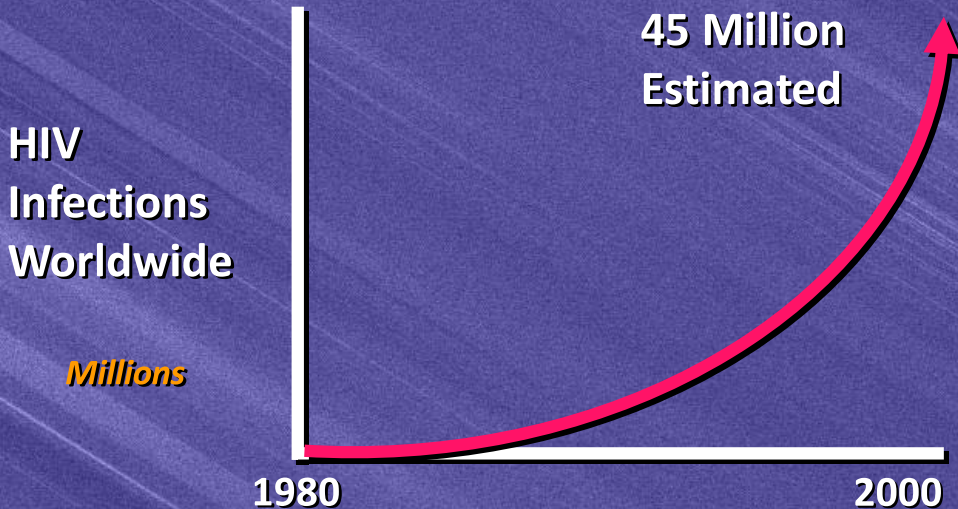
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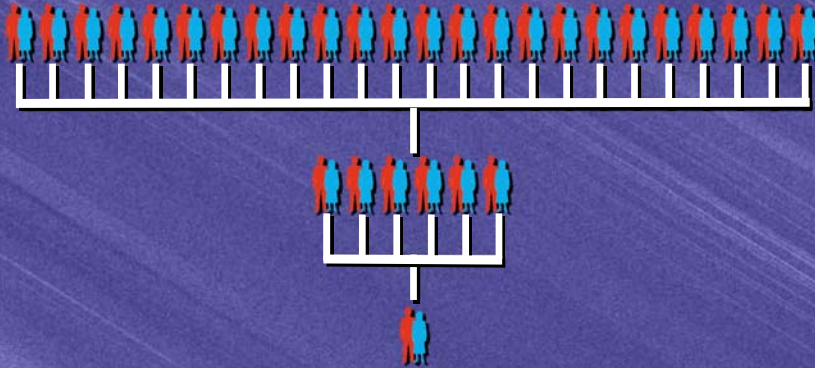


Soaring Increase in HIV Infection Worldwide



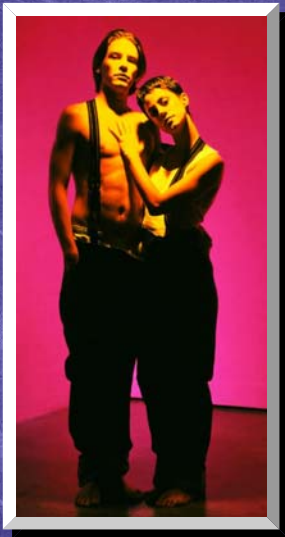
Source: World Health Organization

Multiple Sex Partners and HIV Risk



“Sex with a partner is like having sex with whomever they had sex with.” Source: Everett Koop, Former U.S. Surgeon General

AIDS Epidemic — Related to Moral Standards



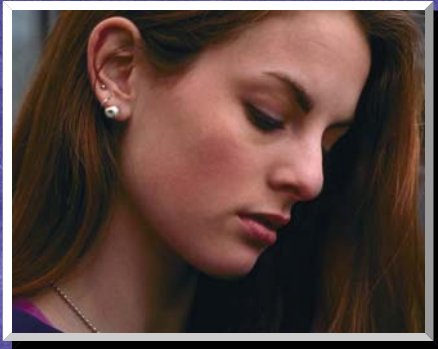
- ❖ HIV contained in past by conservative sexual behavior
- ❖ Can only thrive in a promiscuous society

STDs — Quiet Plague

- ❖ 300 new STD cases for every new AIDS case in the U.S.
- ❖ Over 20% of Americans have an incurable STD
- ❖ Condoms often ineffective

*Source: Center for Disease Control,
1993 & 1996 Annual reports*

Potential Consequences of STDs



- ❖ Pain and discomfort
- ❖ Infertility
- ❖ Higher risk of cancer and AIDS
- ❖ Difficulty to marry
- ❖ No cure

Genital Herpes

- ❖ Recurrent painful symptoms
- ❖ 20% of sexually active people infected
- ❖ No cure

Source: Johnson, et al., New England journal of medicine, Jul 6, 1989; Gunby, journal of the American medical association, Nov 11, 1983

Chlamydia

- ❖ Often has no symptoms
- ❖ Common cause of infertility
- ❖ Condoms ineffective

Source: journal of American medical association, Jun 1, 1994

Human Papilloma Virus & Genital Warts

- ❖ Highly contagious and no cure
- ❖ Increases the risk of cervical cancer 1000-2000 times
- ❖ Condoms ineffective

Source: Rosenfield, et al., American journal of diseases in children, 143, no. 12, 1989

STD's — Youth at Greatest Risk



Higher risk of infection

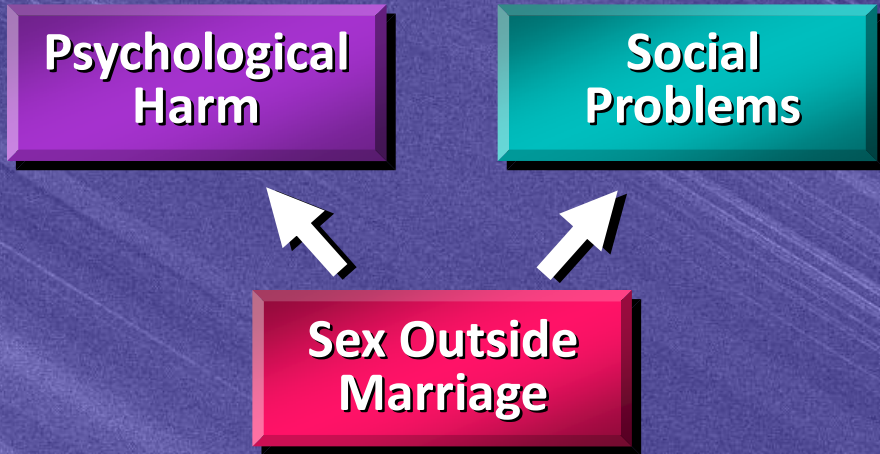
- ❖ More partners
- ❖ Girls' bodies more vulnerable

Higher risk of damage

- ❖ Harder to treat

Psychological & Social Consequences

Personal & Social Problems Linked to Sex Outside Marriage



Present even if diseases and pregnancy prevented

Psychological Harm from Premarital Sex



- ❖ Heartbreak & regret
- ❖ Guilt & shame
- ❖ Stunted development
- ❖ Fear of commitment

*Source: Thomas Lickona,
American Educator,
The Neglected Heart, 1994*

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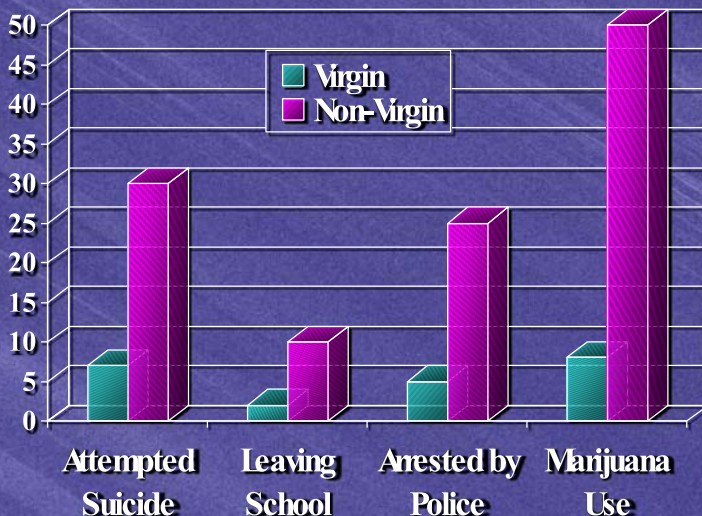


- ❖ Corruption of character
- ❖ Rage
- ❖ Depression & suicide

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Behavioral Risks of Sexually Active Girls

Risks of non-virginal girls versus virgins, age 12-16 years



Source: Pediatrics, Feb 1991

Future Marital Problems from Premarital Sex

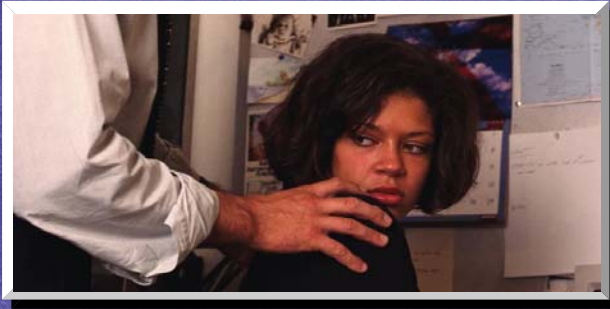
- ❖ Comparisons to past partners
- ❖ Infidelity
- ❖ STDs
- ❖ Tendency towards divorce

Social Problems Linked to Sex Outside Marriage



- ❖ Pornography
- ❖ Prostitution
- ❖ Rape
- ❖ Children born out of wedlock
- ❖ Domestic violence
- ❖ Family breakdown

Rape



- ❖ 1 of 4 female college students have been victims
 - ❖ Half on dates
- ❖ 1 of 6 male students admits to rape

Domestic Violence

Much higher risk with a live-in boyfriend than with a husband

Source: national crime victimization survey, U.S. Department of justice, 1992

Impact of Unwed Motherhood on Girls

- ❖ Half leave school
- ❖ Likely to have another child as a teenager
- ❖ Difficult to marry
- ❖ Likely to live in poverty

Source: K. Napier, the power of abstinence, 1996

Children of Unwed Mothers

- ❖ 75% of patients in drug abuse centers
- ❖ 75% of inmates at youth correctional facility
- ❖ 70% of teenage pregnancies
- ❖ 63% of youth suicides

Sources: Center for Disease Control; U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1988; *"Children in Need,"* Committee for Economic Development; FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, Investigative Aid

Hypersexualization of society



- ❖ Hypersexualization of society
- ❖ Early sexualization of children

Family Breakdown

*“The family is destroyed
by destroying its
foundation,
a stable marriage.
Marriage
is destroyed by loosening
its glue, sexual fidelity.”*

*Source: Peter Kreeft, Ecumenical Jihad:
Ecumenism and the Culture
War, 1996*

Philosophy of the Sexual Revolution

1950's U.S. — Height of Family Stability



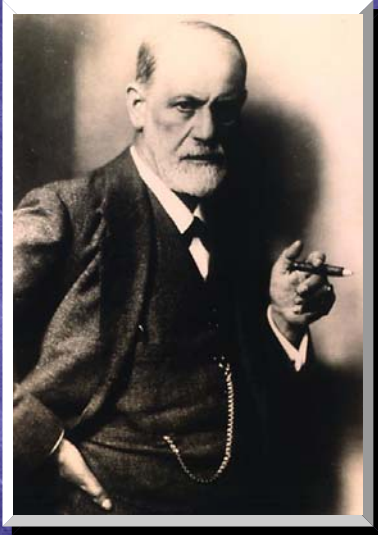
- ❖ Two parent families the norm
- ❖ Marriage and chastity expected
- ❖ Children protected

Limitation of Traditional Marriage



- ❖ Sexual ignorance
- ❖ Double standard
- ❖ Marriages tolerated

Philosophical Understandings of the Sexual Revolution

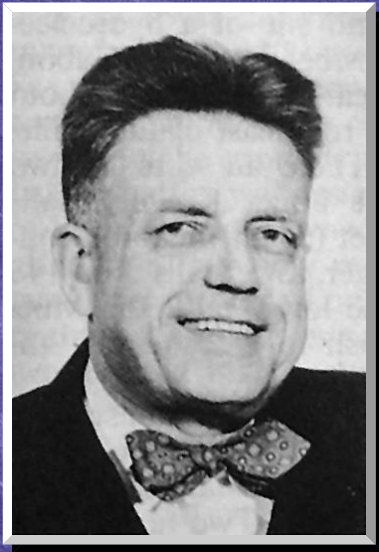


Freud —

- ❖ Sex drive as strongest motive
- ❖ Sexual repression as source of mental illness

*Sigmund Freud (1856-1939)
founder of psychoanalysis*

Philosophical Underpinnings of the Sexual Revolution







Kinsey —

- ❖ Need for frequent sexual outlets
- ❖ Moral neutrality regarding sex
- ❖ Illicit sex widespread

Alfred Kinsey (1894-1956)
- sex researcher

Kinsey Misrepresented U.S. Sexual Behavior

- False  10% of men homosexual
- False  85% of males had premarital sex
- False  70% of men visited prostitutes
- False  30-45% of husbands were unfaithful

Kinsey Report — Biased

- ❖ 30% of the sample were prisoners and prostitutes
- ❖ Statistics misinterpreted
- ❖ Did illegal research on the sexuality of children

*Source: Judith A. Reisman, Ph.D,
Soft Porn Plays Hardball, 1991*

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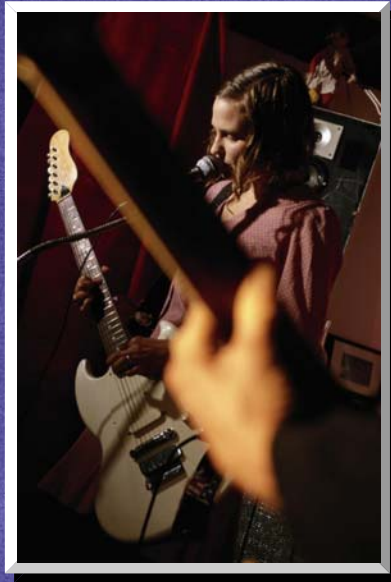


Hefner —

- ❖ Recreational sex, pornography and masturbation glamorized
- ❖ Morality as mutual consent
- ❖ Marriage and parenthood restrict freedom

Hugh Hefner (1926-), founder of playboy

Casual Sex Celebrated by Rock 'N' Roll



Sexual Immorality Glorified by the Media

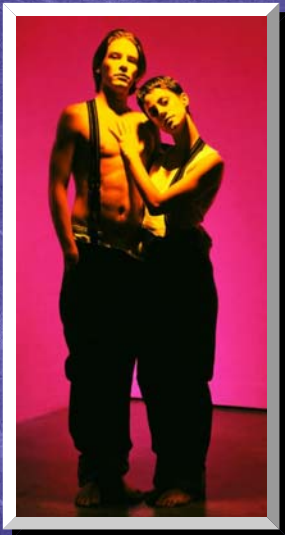


- ❖ Sex used to sell products
- ❖ Manipulation by sexual arousal
- ❖ Pushes limits of acceptability
- ❖ Overpowers influence of family and schools

Society Adopted Adolescent Values

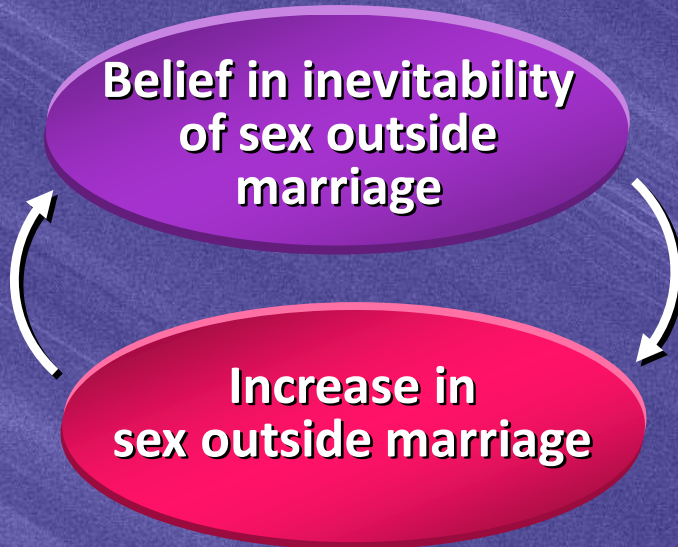
- ❖ Self-indulgence
- ❖ Immediate gratification
- ❖ Recklessness
- ❖ Rebelliousness

Sexually Permissive Ideas Go Mainstream



- ❖ Sexual desire is uncontrollable
- ❖ Sexual restraint is unhealthy
- ❖ Sex outside marriage is normal

Expectations of Sexual Promiscuity Fulfilled



Culture of Uncommitted Sex



Encourages immature
tendency toward
predatory sex

- ❖ Males and females
use each other

Culture of Uncommitted Sex



Female more vulnerable

- ❖ Pressured to consent
- ❖ Body focus
- ❖ No support for modesty

Culture of Uncommitted Sex

Children's innocence lost



Toward a « new sexual morality »?

Rejection of traditional morals

Sexuality separated from its reproductive function

- ♦ Hedonistic sexuality – no responsible commitment
- ♦ Outside of the framework of responsibility of marriage
- ♦ *Satisfaction of pulsion* is the normal goal of sexual life
- ♦ A pregnancy becomes a threat, a sexual relationship needs « protection », or becomes « a risk »

Rejection of traditional morals

Sexuality separated from its reproductive function

- ♦ **Genetic manipulations (GPA, etc.)**
- ♦ **Emphasis on physiological dimension of sex in school books**
- ♦ **Minority behaviors presented as normal and legitimate (LGBT)**

A new « sexual morality »

Concept of sexual health: new cultural concept of sexuality (WHO 1974)

- ❖ Legitimate the dissociation between reproductive and non reproductive sexual activity
- ❖ Association between non reproductive sexuality, well being and personal development
- ❖ Religious values that regulate sexual activity are put into question

A new « sexual morality »

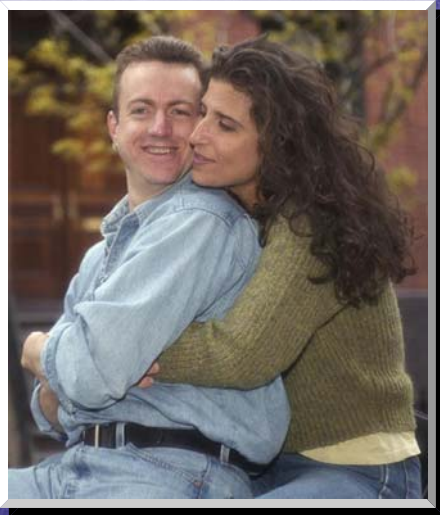
Sexual health, sexual rights and responsible sexual behavior (WHO, 2000)

- ❖ Anchor sexuality into a value system of universal dimension
- ❖ *Responsible sexual behaviour: criteria to preserve and protect and develop health and wellbeing from the viewpoint of individuals ' responsibility: Autonomy, reciprocity, honesty, respect, consent, protection and pursuit of pleasure and wellbeing*

« health now constitutes a political stake against other value systems that could prevent its realization. The association between sexual health and sexual rights is part of a strategy to establish an international consensus aiming at a new sexual morality based on the principle and end-goal of health as wellbeing. »

Gianni Alain, « Santé sexuelle : la médicalisation de la sexualité et du bien-être », Le Journal des psychologues 7/2007 (n° 250), p. 56-60

Need for New Ethic of Love and Sexuality



- ❖ To curb excesses of the sexual revolution
- ❖ To enhance personal & marital fulfillment