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Comprehensive Sex-Ed: UNESCO's Design to Displace Marriage

"I remember being taught by my parents that sex was supposed to happen inside marriage, but in "sex ed" classes they told me that you should wait till you are in love and until you felt that you were ready... Then I saw how feelings of love changed as quickly as popularity statuses and promises of love were made and then broken over and over again, in the backseats of cars and in our parents basements." - [Monica](#)

Comprehensive Sex Education Shapes Attitudes about Gender, Family, and Human Rights

The UN Comprehensive Sex Ed curriculum—the international standard among sex education experts--- [2018 UNESCO International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education](#), teaches young people "appropriate values" and behaviors about gender, marriage, family structure, reproductive technologies, sexual and reproductive rights, how to resolve different personal and parental sexual values, and how to "promote" reproductive rights among family, friends, school, community, and government.

UNESCO's CSE Instruction about Sex and Relationships Advocates Immoral Behavior by Age 9

At age 5, children are taught that gender differences are a form inequality and that [marriage](#) is not a lifelong commitment. At age 9, children discuss how one can feel pleasure from physical contact (kissing, caressing, sexual contact). At age 12, pre-teens are instructed to engage in sexual behavior they think is best. At age 15, teenagers learn that their sexual values may differ from their parents' values.

Limitations of CSE and Strengths of Abstinence Sex Education

While UNESCO, CDC (in the US), and many County Boards of Education (e.g. [Fairfax County, VA](#)) lead that way, [insufficient evidence](#) indicates that CSE helps young people in the long run, and plenty of evidence shows that it does not (rates cohabitation, abortion and STDs). By contrast school based abstinence programs track their effectiveness with critical public data. For example: Collier County, FL: [Start at 2.00 on the video](#).

HIV, AIDS, and STIs Remain High Among Young People

Internationally, WHO reports that HIV and AIDS is one of the [leading causes of death](#) for young people, and UNESCO's data shows that [one in twenty](#) young adults contract an STI annually. In the U.S., rates of gonorrhea and P&S syphilis increased by [51.6%](#), [50.9%](#) among young males, and [83.3%](#), [24.1%](#) among young females, between 2013 and 2017.

Abstinence Sex Education is Effective

Abstinence sexual education programs centered on abstinence increase [continued virginity](#), [discontinuation](#) of sexual activity, reduce [sexual initiation](#), [sexual activity](#), having [multiple partners](#), and unintended [adolescent pregnancy](#).

Decreased Contraception Education Has Not Increased Pregnancy Rates

Despite concerned reports that adolescents are receiving decreased sex education about [birth control](#) (70% to 60%), the rate of adolescents who [have ever had sex](#) decreased from between 1991 and 2017 (54.1 to 39.5%) and [teenage pregnancy](#) rates fell by 80% between 1991 and 2017.



Next week [Faith and Family Findings](#) will look at some effects of parents on the sexual education of their children.



Explore more research about [the contributing factors of STDs](#) at Marri.us.

BLOG: The Many Phases of a Boy's Development- and His Father's Prime Role in Each Phase.



In December I introduced the notion of the [phases of a boy's development](#), with an eye to the father's role in the sexual formation of his son. There are many ways of looking at these phases and many ways of adjusting them but for the purposes of the father taking care of his boy I will use these five:

The first is infancy to toddlerhood – up through age three.

The second is the young boy – up to age 7.

The third is the boy coming into his own up to age 11/12.

The fourth is the young adolescent boy undergoing the changes of puberty, up to age 15.

The fifth is the boy's transition into young manhood up to age 19.

The age ranges are flexible and will change, boy by boy, given the multiple factors in play.. Though much of the focus of these blogs on father and son look at the dynamic between them, the strongest and deepest dynamic is that between the father and the boy's mother. [Continue reading here.](#)

For the good of the child --- the future of America,

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