

SEXUALISATION OF CHILDREN SUBMISSION.

I would like to comment on the sexualisation of children.

In my profession as a Chaplain and counselor in a government secondary school, I believe I have experience and knowledge of what is occurring with children on a day to day basis, regarding their behavior and “risk taking” and their intimate feelings and fears.

Recently I had a student come to me and express her disgust and her weariness of sexual talk and behaviors and that she was sick of hearing about sex “it was in her school text book, it was on T.V., it was on billboards, it was always in her face” These are her words. She also said she wanted to get her first sexual experience over with so the pressure was off her. How sad is it when our young girls think this is what you have to do, because it is expected.

I believe the sexualisation of our children, with sexy clothes for little children, sexual T.V. shows and advertising , pornography readily available, is contributing to a form of grooming of children into oversexualised behavior that has never been seen before and increased sexual abuse even in forms of boyfriend expectations etc” of how far they can go.” I am seeing younger and younger children having sexual experiences they do not want to have, but think they have to have because it is in their face(which models the behavior for them.)

Many school based programs just tell children, how you get pregnant and to wear a condom but not how to question what you are doing.!!!

When I say to children that you don't have to be apart of this behavior they are often relieved that someone has given them permission to be a child. !!!!!!!

I have observed myself many a T.V. advert pushing sex and our children are very wired into media and do imitate Movie celebrities and T.V. Shows and actors. There are Phone advertisements on T.V. that are Porn,(on free to air T.V.) when children would be up, as early as 9.30 I have observed them .

Children are increasingly going on to “ face book” and “bebo” sites and the behavior and actions of some girls are very sexualised, they are imitating sexual behavior without even knowing they are doing it. Have a look at these sites. Also pedophiles loiter around on these sites pretending to be teenagers as well. Children have told me of men that have lured them with promises of phone credit etc. if they will meet him. It is all related to this, especially with the sexualized behavior displayed on these sites.

So thank you for having an enquiry into this .I have been worried about what I have been observing for a long time now in our children.

SOMEONE HAS TO FIGHT FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDHOOD, WE HAD THE PRIVLEDGE OF BEING ABLE TO BE CHILDREN, SO WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO TAKE IT AWAY FORM THE NEXT GENERATION.WE MUST FIGHT FOR OUR CHILDRENS RIGHTS TO BE A CHILD.

If you need any information I am willing to talk to you as I'm on the "coalface" and observe the impact on children everyday.
Thank you, for taking up the children's plight.

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