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A child can't un-see what he or she has seen. He or she can't un-hear what's been heard. Yet, our children are being exposed to explicit sexual ideas and images through comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) that can have negative consequences, possibly affecting them for the rest of their lives. Unfortunately, proponents of CSE include activists, organizations, schools, and governments that should be working to protect our children yet that have no business exposing them to this explicit information. For example, the World Health Organization (WHO)—the organization in charge of protecting the world's health and setting the health standards for the whole world—is helping to define comprehensive sexuality education, which encompasses sexual orientation, desire, pleasures, eroticism, and fantasy.

The United Nations (U.N.) also actively promotes and supports the CSE agenda. Almost every U.N. negotiation of which we're involved, as we advise African governments and other family friendly governments, devolves into a big fight over comprehensive sexuality education. All the true problems that are supposed to be addressed in these negotiations get put aside to resume the battle over CSE. Unfortunately, a number of U.N. entities are tireless in promoting this insidious agenda. Donor U.N. member states from the West give considerable money to promote these agendas and have become, in many ways, super NGO's of the western countries as they issue U.N. reports calling for comprehensive sexuality education.

Within the U.N. is UNAIDS, the premier, world-trusted agency designed to stop the AIDS pandemic. It is unconscionable that it has issued The International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights, encouraging governments to legalize abortion, fornication, prostitution, and same-sex marriage. These practices are the very things that drive and transmit HIV at the highest rates. Yet, UNAIDS says these practices must be decriminalized and destigmatized and supports CSE.

Some U.N. agencies have also joined forces to create a relatively new program called Young People Today, Time to Act Now, Why Adolescents and Young People Need Comprehensive Sexuality Education, and Sexual Reproductive Health Services. It appears that comprehensive sex education is a commercial, propaganda, advertising, and marketing tool for their sexual reproductive health services.

Certain U.N. agencies are spreading this false and dangerous premise in all that they do. And they held a conference in 2013 for the eastern African region for ministers of education and ministers of health. They convinced them that comprehensive sex education is going to solve all their problems, and persuaded them to commit their governments to implement comprehensive sex education.

UNESCO Involvement

UNESCO is probably the most aggressive in spreading the CSE agenda. It started in 2009 with a document on international guidance on sexual education that was so controversial that after we raised a

lot of complaints they pulled it. But in 2011, they developed a cleansed version that is still highly controversial.

In the preface, UNESCO said that young people have the right to demand for more and better sexuality education that includes human rights and ethical, biological, emotional, social, cultural, and gender aspects. It also encourages teaching diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity. UNESCO is also highly involved, with the support of the government of Sweden, in expanding comprehensive sex education throughout Africa.

Planned Parenthood: The Heart of CSE

Of course, one of the more powerful defenders and an organization at the heart of CSE is the International Planned Parenthood Federation. They serve as a U.N. partner that writes guidelines and curriculum for comprehensive sexuality education. For them, hooking kids on sex is good for business: Planned Parenthood makes a lot of money when children have sex because they provide condoms, contraceptives, abortions, testing treatments, and now even transgender hormones.

Planned Parenthood's underlying philosophy says young people are entitled to sexual pleasure and claim learning how to experience different forms of sexual pleasure is important to their health. Their influence is felt throughout the world in over 170 countries, with 65,000 service points in Kenya alone. Planned Parenthood recently helped develop a manual that was produced by UNICEF, and it includes a questionnaire for children. This questionnaire asks, "What do you think of asking your children to ask themselves, what do you think caused your heterosexuality? Is it possible that heterosexuality is just a phase that you may grow out of? If you've never slept with a member of your own sex, is it possible that you might be gay if you tried it?"

Be Aware of Powerful Tactics

Many are fighting the battle against these entities but to do so it is important to understand their agenda and their tactics. One powerful tactic is to obligate government and schools to adopt CSE programs in the name of human rights.

For example, the term "sexual and reproductive health rights," is often used which includes sexual health rights, and reproductive health rights. These also include sexual health, which encompasses reproductive health. Such terms are dangerous because they're all interpreted similarly to include a right to abortion and a right to control and define sexuality. Of course, the foundational right of all, they argue, is this right to sexuality education.

The second tactic is to claim that CSE is the answer to every world problem: it will prevent teen pregnancies, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), and HIV. It will stop domestic abuse and lift people out of poverty. It stops violence against women. Comprehensive sexuality education is promoted as the cure to societal ills when, in fact, research proves otherwise.

For example, we produced a documentary called Cultural Imperialism: The Sexual Rights Agenda (www.sexualrightsagenda.org.) On the video, we feature one of the premier experts in AIDS prevention, Edward Green, Ph.D., who directed the AIDS Prevention Center at Harvard for 30 years. He says that to prevent AIDS, children should be taught abstinence and fidelity. Interestingly, Dr. Green's research

showed that in Africa higher incidences of sexual activity and HIV correlated in areas where there was higher levels of condom distribution.

Study Reveals the Truth About CSE

We also just commissioned a major study of all the comprehensive sex education programs that UNESCO claims are effective. Our study found that school-based sex education programs are not working. The study found no evidence of CSE having an impact in preventing STDs or teen pregnancy. Instead, it tends to promote more negative outcomes. Our study also found that abstinence and fidelity are behaviors that can be achieved and are more effective in preventing all the negative consequences that CSE claims to solve.

It is important for children to be taught about the negative outcomes of engaging in early sex. Studies show that those who engage in sex at the age of a minor will have reduced mental and physical health, are more likely to commit crime, and more likely to get pregnant. They tend not to do well in school or get advanced degrees. They have increased sexual abuse and have higher levels of tobacco, alcohol, and drug abuse. They are more likely to get divorced.

CSE proponents encourage children to have abortions yet fail to disclose that youth that have abortions are twice as likely than their peers to abuse alcohol, marijuana, and cocaine. Many experience grief and trauma and have difficulty in relationships. There is also a correlation between abortion and the rate of breast cancer. Women who have abortions are six more times likely to commit suicide, more likely to develop psychological problems, and three times more likely to have weight problems. Among those who have abortions, 65 percent have a higher risk of clinical depression.

Need Support to Win the Battle

While strong forces are working tirelessly to promote the CSE agenda, there are even stronger forces fighting the battle with us, those who believe in the truth and are dedicated to protecting our children. Organizations are helping to put the brakes on these agendas including Family Watch International and the World Congress of Families. Both are supported by concerned parents and citizens throughout the world. We are not well-funded nor do we have multiple employees but we are making a difference and have made great strides in the U.N. and in countries and with national leaders who, after learning the truth about CSE, are pulling their support. But it is a battle that will have to be continually fought.

Our organization needs supporters who will help us lobby their leaders and make their voices heard. They can help by signing the "I Stand for the Family" petition (familywatch.org and StopCSE.org) that will be used to demonstrate the strong and growing support for marriage, family, life, and the rights of parents. We also would like supporters to order copies of Stand for the Family (standforthefamily.org) to share with friends. We also have several documentaries online at familywatch.org that highlight the war that is being waged on our children through CSE. Our children are the future and we need to work together to protect them and the family. It can't be done without the support of parents and concerned citizens throughout the world.