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“When my friends see my bump they say they wish they could have a baby... It seems to be fashionable to get pregnant.” Kizzy Neal.¹

The UK has a sky-high rate of teenage pregnancy. Every year tens of thousands of British teenage girls become pregnant. As far as the British Government is concerned the high rates of teenage pregnancy and sexual disease justify ever more ‘sex education’ indoctrination of the nation’s children (and the fact that ‘sex education’ just exacerbates the problem is dismissed as irrelevant). Though there has been a major British ‘sex education’ programme in place since the early-1970s the Government steadfastly refuses to acknowledge that ‘sex education’ and promoting contraceptives to children caused the problem to begin with and henceforth exacerbated it. After nearly forty years the British public is asked to believe the Government’s assertion that today’s teenagers still lack sufficient knowledge about sex and contraception! The Government’s Social Exclusion Unit would have the public believe the impression it paints of lots of promiscuous children that only become pregnant or diseased because they are ignorant and confused about contraception. Government orthodoxy appears to regard teenage sex as the norm and the reason the Government does not attempt to discourage the practice is presumably because it sees nothing wrong in it.

In 2008 the *Daily Telegraph* (17.07.08) newspaper quoted the Children and Young People’s Minister Beverley Hughes MP spouting the official Government line that: “ ‘Effective sex and relationships education (SRE) is essential for young people to make safe and healthy choices about their lives and prevent early pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.’ ” [Note that “safe and healthy choices” phrase. No mention of *moral* decisions!] For the foreseeable future the British Government will continue both to back ‘sex education’ and to shower children with more condoms and more contraceptive pills, implants and injections and, in the event of failure, provide the ‘morning-after pill’ and abortion. The Government is determined to ensure children have easy access to contraception and failing that to ‘emergency contraception’ or abortion. It may yet come to pass that the Government will attempt to legislate to impose the ‘vision’ of the ‘sex education’ lobby that all children must be subjected in the classroom to more forceful indoctrination about sex with much more explicit information given and that it must start from four-years-old.

Of course with taxpayers’ money the Government has considerable clout with which to pursue its sex agenda. Many strategists in local health and education authorities are now stealthily introducing ‘sex education’ in one form or another to the youngest primary schoolchildren and making it more comprehensive in curriculums by structuring a wide

¹ Quoted in the *Daily Mail* (24.02.07) newspaper; at the time Kizzy was a pregnant fourteen-year-old (who had conceived following first-time sex with her thirteen-year-old boyfriend).

range of different subject lessons to include an element of 'sex education'. There are hugely expensive national advertising campaigns run by the NHS promoting its sex services. Local Primary Care Trusts have teenage pregnancy co-ordinators. Schoolchildren can access contraception and even abortion from school nurses or local drop-in sex clinics without parental knowledge – let alone consent. Children are given condoms at school or can obtain them free from any number of clinics or centres happy to dish them out. There is a national telephone helpline to give teenagers sex advice and direct them to local sex clinics. Even major supermarket chains including Tesco and Sainsburys have been persuaded to collude in providing the 'morning-after pill' to underage girls. In consequence there has been a dramatic increase in teenage contraceptive usage in the last fifteen years in particular but despite this the problem of teenage pregnancy remains.

'Sex educators' are teaching British schoolgirls that: '*A is for Apple, B for Banana and C is for CONDOMS!* Schoolgirls so sexualised subsequently learn that: '*A is for Abortion, B for Broken-heart and C is for CHLAMYDIA!*

At present all secondary schools in England and Wales have a statutory obligation to teach the basics of the biology of human reproduction to the 11-14 age group as part of the science curriculum. In addition schools may decide to provide 'sex education' (whatever that might mean) as part of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) although this is not a compulsory statutory requirement. Thanks to State-approved 'sex education' indoctrination and State-sponsored distribution of free condoms many of today's teenagers view sex as nothing more than a casual leisure activity. The *Daily Mail* (16.08.08) newspaper observed that the Government's Teenage Pregnancy Strategy: "...has encouraged young people to think that they can engage in casual sexual relationships without consequences and has led to more sexual experimentation and more disease." The aggressive promotion of a 'condom culture' and the mass distribution of free condoms combined with the false sense of security fostered by 'safe sex' condom mythology simply encourages teenagers to be sexually promiscuous, with all the inevitable tragedy that follows. *Woman Alive* (February 2004) magazine reported that: "...the number of sexual partners has risen. Between 1990 and 2000, the average number of sexual partners for 16-24 year olds almost doubled for women (2.8 to 5.0) and increased significantly for men (5.3 to 6.9). The more sexual partners someone has, the greater the risk of STIs."

The average age of 'sexual debut' today is about seventeen. In the early 1950s (before the 'sex education' era) the average person typically lost their virginity at about twenty-one and considering that the most common age for women to marry was then also twenty-one (and for men twenty-three) it is probable that for most this event occurred on their wedding night *after* entering into marriage. In the 1950s less than 1% of girls first had sex before the age of sixteen in an era when sexual activity amongst children under the age of consent was unthinkable; today somewhere between 25% and 40% of children under sixteen have had sex at least once (despite this being against the law). Early sexual experience such as this is strongly associated with the formation of the habit of having multiple sexual partners leading into young adulthood and beyond and this is in turn

strongly associated with disease, infertility, abortion and other sufferings. Despite serious misgivings many teenage girls today are pressurised by boys into premature sexual activity. Most teenage girls later regret losing their virginity whilst still a child (and outside of the security of marriage). Surveys tend to show that half of women aged fifteen or sixteen on their 'sexual debut' wish they had waited longer and over four-fifths of women who lose their virginity aged fourteen or younger later regret it.

Thanks in no small part to the efforts of the 'sex education', contraception and abortion industry since the 1960s, by the end of the 1990s there was long-established and engrained crisis of large numbers of British teenage girls becoming pregnant year after year. According to the Office for National Statistics in the year 1995 there were 35,400 pregnancies amongst under-eighteens. In response to this scandalous national crisis in 1999 the Labour Government launched its Teenage Pregnancy Strategy and allocated £138 million to implement the strategy which then amounted to distributing condoms and making the 'morning-after pill' and 'sex education' available on a massive scale throughout the UK. The central aim of the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy was enshrined in the Labour Government's solemn pledge to *halve* pregnancies amongst under-eighteens by 2010. The Government is set to miss its target 'by a mile'!

The failure to come is hardly surprising because the strategy does nothing to reduce teenage sexual activity but even if the Government was on track to hit its target that would hardly be a good outcome, a 'success' worth trumpeting, because it would still mean a figure of about 20,000 pregnancies a year! The fact that the Labour Government will certainly fall woefully short of its target in 2010 is in a sense incidental to the more important truth that it was lamentably idiotic that such a target was set in the first place because the target in effect condones teenage pregnancy and implies that there is an 'acceptable level'; furthermore the target implies that it is not possible or not worthwhile to pursue a policy of reducing teenage pregnancy with the aim of eradication.

Making it worse

Four years into the era of the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy things were not going well at all. The *Daily Telegraph* (05.03.04) reported the latest figures from the Government's Teenage Pregnancy Unit [then attached to the DfES] which showed that pregnancies amongst under-eighteens had gone up from 38,439 in 2001 (of which 46% were aborted) to 39,286 in 2002. The *Sunday Telegraph* (14.03.04) newspaper reported that the teenage pregnancy figures had risen fastest in those geographical areas where the Government had specifically targeted resources to reduce them. For example the Government's own figures for targeted areas showed that between 2001 and 2002 Cornwall saw a 17% rise in teenage pregnancies, Torbay a 22% rise, York 34% and Solihull 17%. The *Sunday Telegraph* reported the conclusion of the Family Education Trust's report *Sex Education or Indoctrination* that the explicit 'sex education' leaflets and free condoms provided to underage girls by Government schemes were simply encouraging them to have sex; one leaflet then in circulation told children: "There is no right age to have sex." In addition to teenage pregnancy rises the *Sunday Telegraph* reported that between 1997 and 2002 there

had been a 62% increase in cases of sexually-transmitted disease amongst under-nineteens (from 25,143 in 1997 to 40,821 in 2002).

A ‘cunning plan’ In 2005 the figures were still getting worse; however it was about this time that the Labour Government’s ‘cunning plan’ of lowering the teenage pregnancy rate by raising the teenage abortion rate² (and by means of increasing the use of ‘emergency contraception’ and long-lasting contraceptive implants and injections) was beginning to take effect. In regard of the annual number of British teenage girls becoming pregnant *Woman Alive* (February 2004) magazine reported that: “Nearly 8000 of these are under 16, and more than 2000, 14 or younger. Annually, approximately 35,000 teen conceptions end in abortion.” In the year 2005 a staggering 46% of conceptions in girls under eighteen ended in abortion! The *Daily Mail* (21.02.05) reported that by 2005 over a thousand girls under fourteen were having abortions every year! Three years later the *Daily Mail* (16.08.08) noted in regard of the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy that: “Since its introduction in 1999 the number of girls having abortions has soared, with some on their fourth before they reach 18.” In the year 2006 teenage girls aged nineteen had a higher rate of abortions [35 in every 1000] than women of any other age, according to the Department of Health. The *Lancashire Evening Post* (16.08.06) newspaper reported figures released by the Department of Health which showed that 399 young Cumbrian and Lancashire lasses had abortions between 2003 and 2005. In the Lancashire city of Preston, in each year since 2002 an average of eleven girls under-sixteen had an abortion.

This ongoing increase in teenage abortions was taking place despite the brisk trade in contraception which was happening concurrently. According to official figures from an NHS Statistical Bulletin [Contraceptive Services], 16% of 15 year olds and 5% of 13-14 year olds in England attended NHS ‘family planning’ clinics in 2005/06 of which over 22,000 under-16s attended for ‘emergency contraception’. The *Norwich Evening News* (08.08.06) newspaper reported that schoolgirls in Norfolk had confidential access to the abortion-inducing ‘morning-after pill’ after lessons even if they were below the age of consent. Pupils at two schools in Norwich and five schools in Great Yarmouth were being given access to the pill by local ‘family planning’ workers. The *Kettering Today* (04.09.06) newspaper reported that one schoolgirl a week was being given ‘emergency contraception’ in the Northamptonshire area. The NHS was running drop-in centres giving out the ‘morning-after pill’ at twelve Northamptonshire schools despite local opposition from many parents.

‘Emergency contraception’ is a central plank of the Government’s strategy to lower the headline figures for teenage pregnancy. This tactic is the height of statistical skulduggery and though it may reduce the official number of teenage pregnancies it must be seen for the cynical con that it is, a cynical con which cannot hide the truth that the underlying problem of teenage promiscuity remains to be dealt with. ‘Emergency contraception’ is

² The teenage abortion rate has been steadily creeping up since the 1970s. According to the Office for National Statistics the abortion rate for girls under sixteen increased from 1.2 per 1000 in 1969 to 3.8 in 2000; the abortion rate for girls aged 16-19 increased from 6.1 per 1000 in 1969 to 26.7 in 2000.

hardly a good thing as evidenced not least by the fact that the term is itself a cynical deception: ‘emergency contraception’ is not necessarily a form of contraception at all because though it can prevent conception it can also work *after* conception as an abortifacient – a chemical form of abortion. When ‘emergency contraception’ serves as an abortifacient it prevents a *fertilised* egg [a *conceived* human being] from implanting in the mother’s womb and so in such circumstances ‘emergency contraception’ does not prevent conception but it does kill a conceived embryonic human life. The truth is that the administration of so-called ‘emergency contraception’ is often really an abortion undertaken within the first few hours or days of the embryonic victim’s life.

Over the last thirty years there has been a tenfold increase in English girls under sixteen using contraception; according to the contraception bulletins of the Office for National Statistics in the year 1975 around 8000 girls obtained contraception from ‘family planning’ clinics but by the year 2001 the figure was 80,000. The rate of contraceptive failure amongst children is high and will remain so. About three-quarters of teenage girls that become pregnant are prescribed the contraceptive pill in the year before they conceive. Clearly teenagers are hopeless at practising contraception. Consequently demand for the ‘morning-after pill’ has rocketed since its introduction in 1985; in the year 2001 ‘family planning’ clinics in England dispensed almost 26,000 prescriptions to girls under sixteen. When the Labour Government expanded the availability of ‘emergency contraception’ to include over the counter prescriptions from pharmacists in 2001 part of the underlying motive was surely to use the ‘morning-after pill’ to kill off the high rates of teenage pregnancy. ‘Emergency contraception’ is a desperate last resort at the heart of the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy and a clear admission that providing children with free contraceptives doesn’t work in cutting the numbers of teenage pregnancies.

In 2006 *Scotland on Sunday* (20.08.06) reported that Scottish girls as young as thirteen were being fitted with Implanon contraceptive implants; at least a hundred Scottish girls under sixteen had been fitted with the implants at NHS ‘family planning’ clinics in the past year. *Scotland on Sunday* reported concern about the unknown long-term effects of such implants on adolescent girls. Two years previously the *Daily Telegraph* (03.05.04) had reported on the new phenomenon of schoolgirls as young as fourteen being fitted with contraceptive implants (such as ‘Implanon’) which can cause infertility for up to three years. Implanon is a one-and-a-half inch rod placed in the arm under anaesthetic; left in place for three years the rod releases synthetic hormones which prevent egg production. The *Daily Telegraph* reported that about four-hundred girls under sixteen had recently been fitted with Implanon though this practice was unheard of only three years previously. Furthermore it was reported that 2,500 girls under fifteen had received contraceptive injections (to make them infertile for three months) at ‘family planning’ clinics in the past year (and which represented an over two-and-a-half-fold rise in the practice during the previous seven years).

Two years later even the formality of attendance at a clinic had become unnecessary for at least one girl. A sex-worker called Angela Star from the Teenage Pregnancy and

Parenting Partnership run by Gateshead council famously made national news headlines in September 2005 with the revelation that she had given a schoolgirl a contraceptive hormonal injection in the toilets of a McDonald's fast-food outlet! But that was arguably as nothing compared to an incident which took place the year before.

The *Daily Mail* (14.05.04) reported that Mansfield Primary Care Trust was employing a "school outreach worker" with no medical training to visit schools to provide 'sex education' as part of the national Teenage Pregnancy Strategy. The sex-worker arranged an abortion for a fourteen-year-old girl, Melissa Smith, without her parents' knowledge or consent. Melissa's mother Maureen said: " 'When my daughter had an appendix operation last year I had to sign two consent forms, yet no one thought it necessary to tell me about this. Who decides that I have no right to know that my 14 year old child is pregnant and to help her reach a decision, but that a young outreach worker who hardly knew her does?' "

The 'cunning plan' bears fruit In 2008 the *Daily Telegraph* (17.07.08) quoted the Children and Young People's Minister Beverley Hughes MP with the dubious claim that: " 'The teenage pregnancy strategy is making steady progress with rates at their lowest level for over 20 years.' " The Minister was responding to figures from the Office for National Statistics which: "...showed that the number of girls aged under 18 who became pregnant was 41,593 in 2006, down from 42,325 the previous year." However the *Daily Telegraph* also reported that Department of Health figures (released in June 2008): "...showed that the number of abortions among young girls has hit a record high." Furthermore: "Yearly figures showed the number of abortions among girls under 14 rose 21 per cent between 2006 and 2007, by 11 per cent among girls aged 14, and by 10 per cent among the under-16s." How could Beverley Hughes possibly describe as "progress" a situation where six years after the commencement of the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy there were 41,593 pregnancies in girls under-eighteen in 2006 compared to four years before the Strategy started when there were 35,400 pregnancies in girls under-eighteen in 1995?

In 2008 the Teenage Pregnancy Independent Advisory Group (TPIAG) presented its fifth annual report to the British Government. The *Daily Mail* (17.07.08) reported that: "In a wide ranging report, the group made a renewed call for sex lessons to be compulsory in all schools and for pupils to get greater access to contraception, including long-acting injections." The TPIAG is nothing if not consistent: in every annual report the group has ever issued it has called on the Government to make 'sex and relationships education' a compulsory part of the National Curriculum at all Key Stages. The TPIAG wants to 'sex educate' indoctrinate every four-year-old in the country regardless of parents' better judgement.

That the TPIAG is "Independent" as its name suggests is somewhat misleading. Consider that the current Chief Executives of the FPA and Brook are both members of the TPIAG and that members are appointed by Government Ministers. The FPA is a *de facto* agent of the State and derives almost all of its income from State funding. The TPIAG is not really 'independent' of the Government in any meaningful sense; the TPIAG is comprised entirely of organisations and individuals who wholeheartedly support 'sex education'

indoctrination, ‘condom culture’, contraception and abortion and who see sex from an amoral perspective. The *Daily Telegraph* (17.07.08) reported that the TPIAG: “...is made up of family planning advisers, medical experts and social workers picked by ministers...”

The Guardian (07.09.06) newspaper reported that the Independent Advisory Group on Teenage Pregnancy [as the TPIAG was then known] had called for ‘sex education’ in schools to be made mandatory in its annual report. Furthermore the group recommended that teenagers should be offered more contraception (including long-lasting forms of contraception) and that condoms should be made widely available [as if they weren’t already] at little or no cost to young people in well-frequented, accessible places including colleges, shops and sports facilities.

In regard of the group’s recommendation that free condoms should be handed out to children in sports halls and swimming pools the *Daily Telegraph* (08.09.06) reported the comment of Robert Whelan (of Civitas) that: “ ‘Up until now we have always taken a dim view about people who go to swimming baths to talk to little boys about sex. Now it seems to be Government policy. This is not progress.’ ”

In regard of the group’s recommendation that all schoolchildren should be compulsorily ‘sex educated’ *The Guardian* (07.09.06) quoted the extraordinary claim of the group’s chairman Gill Frances that: “ ‘It is becoming indefensible to argue against this.’ ” On the contrary it is impossible to agree with Gill Frances’ nonsense claim when one considers the incontrovertible evidence that ‘sex education’ directly causes and worsens the very problems it is ostensibly supposed to solve. Indeed it has long been indefensible to argue in favour of ‘sex education’ as the answer to unwanted pregnancy and disease!

The Government may start to ‘succeed’ in reducing the number of babies born to teenage mothers by means of increasing the pre-emptive application of long-lasting contraceptives [hormone implants or injections] and also by means of the desperate last resorts of ‘emergency contraception’ and abortion but none of these measures can be considered commendable or good. Furthermore because the Government continues to pursue a policy which positively incites early sexual debut and promiscuity the headline figures for teenage pregnancy may decline a little but the numbers will still remain unacceptably high and – with more Government-encouraged promiscuous teenage sexual activity taking place than ever before – the figures for teenage sexual disease will continue to rocket (and the Government can’t use contraception or abortion to reduce the figures for disease).