The Perfect Storm

Shockless Society

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ENVIRONMENT MATTERS: WHEN SEXUAL HARM BECOMES NORMAL

THE PERFECT STORM

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25 YEARS FROM NOW......

- Researchers will speak of the historic mental behavior of imagining a scene, sketching it by hand and sharing the concept in something called an art gallery.

- Sociologists will refer to an odd behavior of people gathering for conversation over coffee.

- Anthropologists will describe the rare human behavior of youth to actually talk to each other at school rather than transmit their thoughts using hand-eye coordination devices.
**How Fast Are We Moving?**

**Number of Years It Took for Major Technologies to Reach 50% of Homes**

- **MP3 Players**: 6 years
- **DVD players**: 7 years
- **Digital TVs**: 10 years
- **Internet access**: 10 years
- **CD Players**: 11 years
- **VCRs**: 12 years
- **Cell Phones**: 14 years
- **Cable**: 15 years
- **Color TVs**: 18 years
- **PCs**: 19 years
- **Radios**: 28 years
- **Electricity**: 52 years
- **Telephones**: 71 years

*Sources: Census Bureau, Consumer Electronics Association, National Cable and Telecommunications Association.*
Reflects self-image; Narcissism is as high as 30% of Americans (twice as high as 25 years ago)

Generation Me / Generation X / have become mainstream terms and sexiness is the “name of the game”

Sex sells and role playing has become a walk of life in videogames, in virtual communities, in online chat, in the real world
SEXUALIZATION OF CHILDREN AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- When children are depicted as sexual objects, a percentage will begin to see this as their portrait in life.
- The American Psychological Association stated girls see themselves as only having value in sexiness – not in academics, arts or athletics.
- This leads to a self-portrait of sexual objectification.
Monogamy is marketed as passé

In a generation of heavily marketed gun violence and violence against women, sexual assault and exploitation is almost a rite of passage

Commercial sexual exploitation is not gender specific and may or may not masquerade as an entrepreneur endeavor
Thousands of young Swedes sell sex: study
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Around 20,000 young Swedes have sold sex, primarily over the internet, a new study shows.
The report by the Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs (Ungdomsstyrelsen) also finds that more boys than girls have been paid for having sex with others, results which echo a similar study carried out in 2004.
According to the study, 43 percent of young people between the ages of 16- and 25-years-old believe that getting paid for sex is acceptable, as long as the parties involved are in agreement, Sveriges Radio (SR) reports.

Internet contacts between young people were also found to be laden with sexual overtones as well as outright sexual propositions, with one in two girls receiving unwelcome overtures in the last year.
Most often, the girls receive requests to provide explicit images of themselves or are asked for sex.

According to the study, around 35,000 agreed to go along with the proposals in the last year.
“I know someone who sent pictures, and now she feels terrible since they’ve shown up everywhere. The whole school has seen the pictures,” Alejandra, a ninth grader at Södra Ängbyskolan in Bromma near Stockholm, told SR.
“I’ve received questions which asked, ‘can’t you make a video or something’ – lots of really disgusting things.”
The Youth Board’s Inger Ashing explained that young people interested in selling sex often suffer from serious emotional problems.
PORTRAIT: NATURE, NURTURE, NEURONAL OR NEUROPLASTICITY
THE LANDSCAPE: TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA, AND ADVERTISING WHERE CHILDREN ARE NATIVES AND ADULTS ARE THE IMMIGRANTS!

HOW TO UNDERSTAND THIS LANDSCAPE IN THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE
ONLINE DATING STILL HAS SIGNIFICANT RISKS
A 14-year-old girl was raped on Wednesday evening by at least two people in a bush by Grönkullagatan in **Helsingborg**.

The girl, who comes from outside of the city, had arranged on the internet to meet a boy.

But when she and a 14-year-old friend came to Helsingborg to meet the boy they were instead met by a gang of five men, all around 18-years-old.

According to initial reports the 14-year-old was raped by at least two of the men. Her friend witnessed the attack and called the police.

The police, with the help of dogs, managed to trace and locate the gang of men a short distance from the scene of the crime. The five men have been taken in for questioning and are all suspected of **rape**.

"We have secured samples and when the analysis is complete the various roles played by the men will become clear," Peter Martin at Skåne police told the TT news agency.
ONLINE GROOMING ~ A PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN

Youths meet predators on the average 2 times for sex, knowing their general age, before there is an arrest (Finkelhor, Wolak, Mitchell, 2006)
Police Charge Teen In Face book Sex Assaults
Anthony Stancl allegedly tricked students into providing nude pictures.

By K.C. Jones, InformationWeek
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The same day Facebook claimed it was proud it had no legal cases involving registered sex offenders or members who met a minor on the social networking site, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported police accused a teen of using the site to extort nude photos and blackmail students into performing sexual favors.

The Waukesha County district attorney's office announced multiple charges against 18-year-old Anthony Stancl on Wednesday. Police and prosecutors accuse him of copying Facebook photos and using them to pretend he was a female so he could lure male students to send him nude photos.

Once he had the photos, Stancl told the male students that the girl would release the pictures to the rest of the school if they did not perform sex acts on him, police said.

So far, police believe Stancl obtained nude photos of 31 teen victims and they said that he coerced at least seven of the boys into sex acts in school bathrooms, a parking lot and in some victims' homes. The criminal complaint states that some of the boys were abused repeatedly.
LANDSCAPE: COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN
WASHINGTON  A Duke University official has been arrested and charged with offering his adopted 5-year-old son for sex. Frank Lombard, the school's associate director of the Center for Health Policy, was arrested after an Internet sting, according to the FBI's Washington field office and the city's police department. According to an affidavit by District of Columbia Police Det. Timothy Palchak, an unnamed informant facing charges in his own child sex case led authorities to Lombard. Authorities said that Lombard tried to persuade a person, who he did not know was a police officer, to travel to North Carolina to have sex with Lombard's child. The detective's affidavit charges Lombard identified himself online as "perv dad for fun," and says that in an online chat with the detective, Lombard said he had sexually molested his son, whom he adopted as an infant. The court papers say Lombard also invited the undercover detective to North Carolina to have sex with the young boy, and even suggested which hotel he should use. Lombard was charged in federal court in Washington with attempting to induce someone to cross state lines to engage in sex with a child. If convicted, he could face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.
As a society, grooming results in the acceptance of values and beliefs that:

- “boys will be boys”,
- that “sex sells” and
- “if she’s old enough to look like a woman, she’s old enough to be treated like one”
MUSIC VIDEOS
(AVERAGE LISTENING 1.5 TO 2.5 HOURS PER DAY)

- >3 hours/day exposure lead to 3X more likely to assault a teacher;
- 2.5X as likely to be arrested
- 2X as likely to have multiple sexual partners
- 1.5X more likely to acquire an STD, use drugs & alcohol


- Compared sexually explicit and degrading music lyrics to sexually explicit but non-degrading lyrics with adolescent (12-17 year olds) sexual behaviors
- Listening to sexually explicit and degrading music lyrics was associated with earlier sexual intercourse and more advanced levels of noncoital sexual activity

(Pediatrics, 2006)
LOVE IS NOT ABUSE

- The Liz Claiborne Foundation completed online research regarding teen dating violence and the association between age of onset of sexual intercourse.
- The findings revealed that the younger one has sexual intercourse, the more likely a girl will be a victim of all five types of intimate partner violence – at times, as early as on the first date.
TYPES OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

- Crack Prostitution
- Street Prostitution
- Computer assisted family prostitution
- Adult prostitution connection
- Call Operation
- Sexually oriented businesses (strip clubs, exotic dancing)
- Juvenile pimping
- Gang Related
- Placement related prostitution
- Male prostitution
- Brothel based prostitution (ethnic)
- Cab Operation
VICTIM BLAMING
AT ITS BEST

BEWARE OF MISINFORMATION
HOW DO KIDS GET THERE? AND RESCUE...

- Intrafamilial sexual exploitation
- Voluntary substance abuse leading to a need for money
- Survival sex on the streets (homeless youths, especially GLBTQ)
- Online solicitation with subsequent domestic trafficking
PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- Begin to remold the mindset of boys in America by stressing the right of girls to be respected, loved, cared for, and seen as peers.
- Foster community forums regarding bystander responsibilities to keep us all safe – so that a tolerance to violence against special groups will be change.
- Foster community action towards SV prevention by unlikely partners – sporting arenas, professional teams and trucking companies.
PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- Lobby that as a corporate practice and perhaps work with the USPHS Surgeon General, employers and employees learn of the addictive nature of MMORPGs
- Warnings should be included, not just regarding graphic content but of the brain response that can be even worse for children and adolescents
- Remember that “hope” is a verb and use this stance in our community efforts to decrease SV
PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- Universal Internet safety in school health, PE and computer science classes at all public schools and recommendations in private schools
- Movie trailers regarding sexual violence prevention
- Telecommunication companies to provide parental guidelines on cell phone cameras
- Proactive marketing to consumers of women and youth for sexual exploitation to attempt to decrease demand
- NEVER SAY NEVER IN THIS EFFORT!!