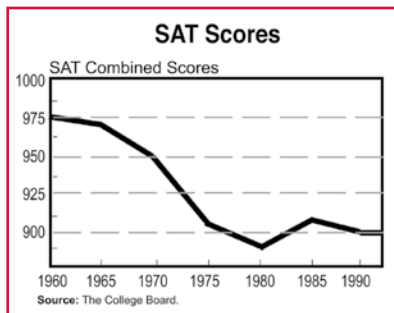


The Fall of The Family: The Roles Played by Media and Feminism

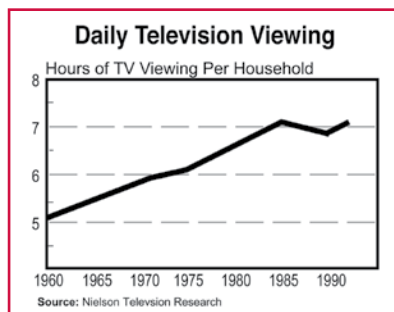
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Marriage and Family Issues

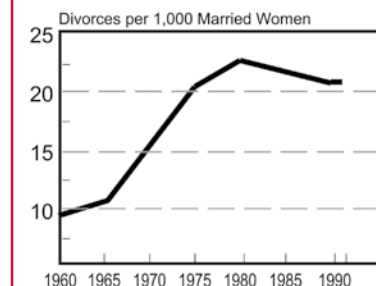
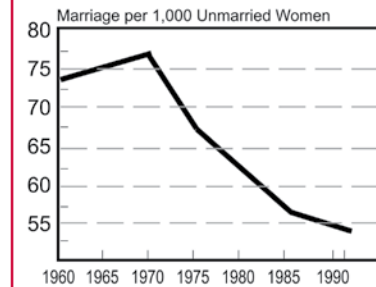
Ever since the Separation of Church and State ruling was made by the Supreme Court in 1962, Christianity has been taken out of the American classrooms. Public schools started to train students in a “moral-vacuum” environment, and the effect has been detrimental to the society. To illustrate the consequences, the following are a series of graphs called the Cultural Index, introduced by the former U.S. Education Secretary, William Bennett.



SAT scores dropped quickly while the time spent daily on TV viewing continued to rise. The marriage rate decreased while the divorce rate continued to rise.

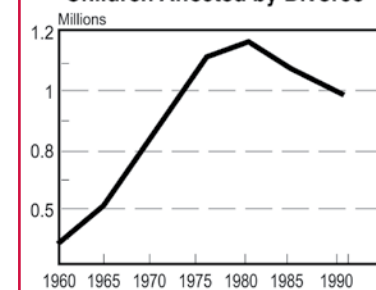


Marriage and Divorce Rate



Sources: National Center for Health Statistics.

Children Affected by Divorce

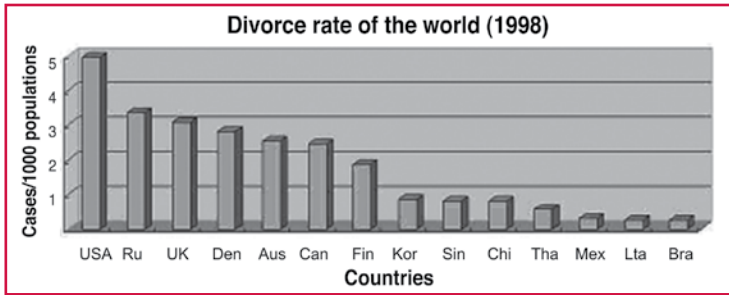


Sources: National Center for Health Statistics.

Every year about 1 million children are affected by the divorce of their parents.

Increase of single parent families and illegitimate births

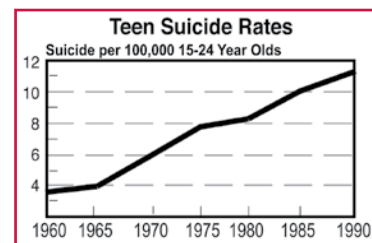
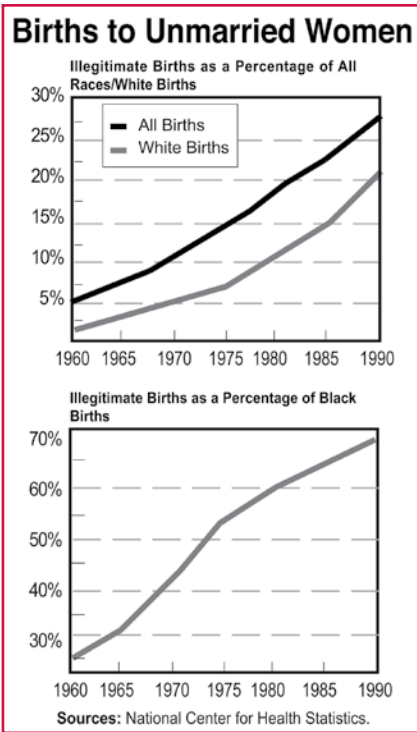
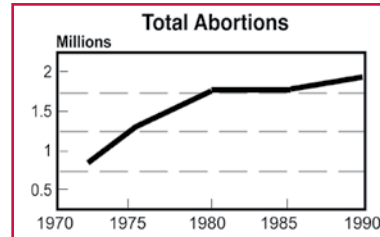
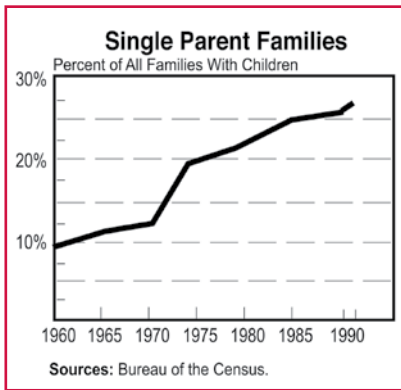
Professor Urie Bronfenbrenner of Cornell University said: “Children growing up in such households are at a



One would not realize how grave the situation is until one compare the divorce rate of the US against that of the world.

greater risk for experiencing a variety of behavioral and educational problems, including extremes of hyperactivity and withdrawal; lack of attentiveness in the

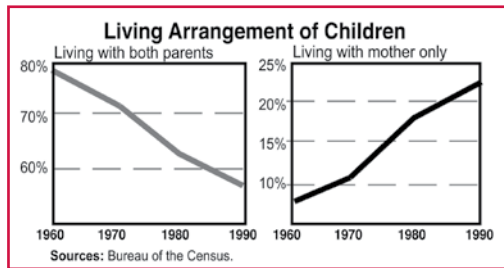
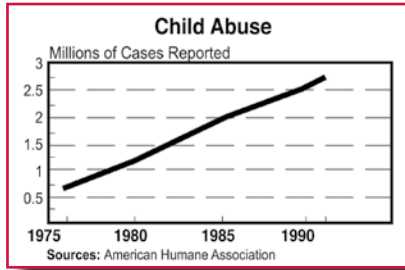
classroom; difficulty in deferring gratification; impaired academic achievement; school misbehavior; absenteeism, dropping out; involvement in socially alienated peer groups, and the so-called ‘teenage syndrome’ of behaviors that tend to hang together—smoking, drinking, early and frequent sexual experience, and in the extreme cases, drugs, suicide, vandalism, violence, and criminal acts.” Without a father at home, many teenage girls trade their virginity for male attention.



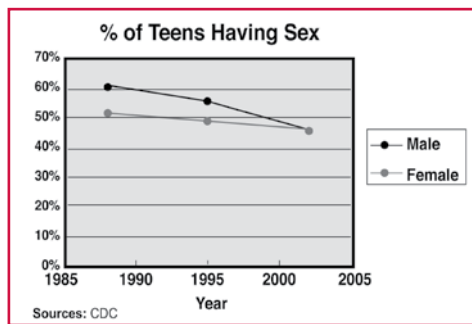
The breakdown of families led to the increase of children’s social problems

The number of unmarried teens getting pregnant has increased almost 100% in the past 20 years. The number of illegitimate births increased even more dramatically, by 400%. In 1960, only 5.3% of all births were illegitimate. By

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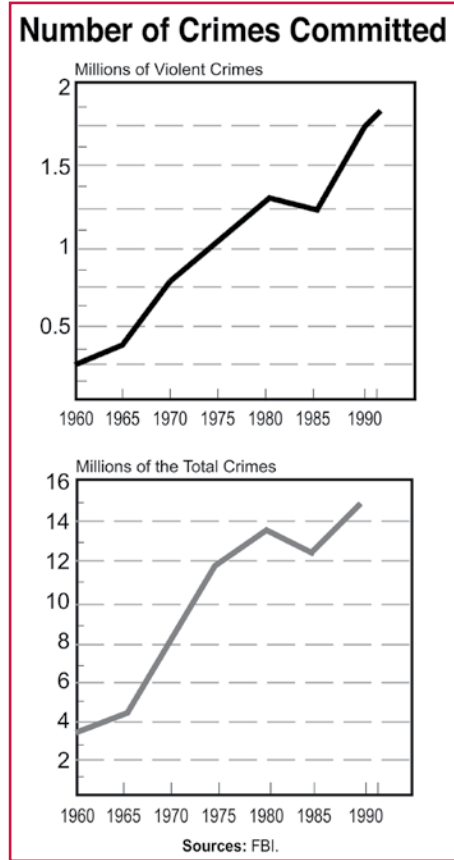


1990, the rate rose to 28%. In 1990, 55% of teenage mothers were single, and 25% of all pregnancies ended in abortion. In Dec. 2004, Center of Disease Control reported a dropping of sexual activities of teenagers. Male teen's sexual activity dropped from 60.4% in 1988 to 45.7% in 2002. Black males were most sexually active (63.3% in 1988) and the white teens were the least (40.8% in 2002). The

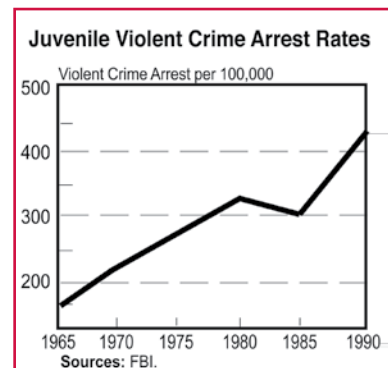


female teen's sexual activity dropped from 51.1% in 1988 to 45.5% in 2002. The black females were most active while the Latino females the least. The teenage birth rate also dropped from 62 per 1000 females between 15 and 19 (in 1991) to 43 per 1000 (in 2002). Researchers cred-

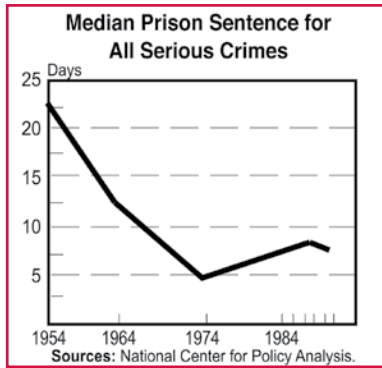
ited the drop to both abstinence education and condom distribution in schools. Yet in this period, oral sex among teenagers increased.



With increase of teenage single parent families, child abuse increased and since 1960, the teen suicide rate rose more than 300%. Children growing up in broken



families also contributed to a rise of crimes.



William Bennett wrote: “While population has increased only 41% since 1960, the violent crimes have increased more than 500% and total crimes have increased over 300%.”

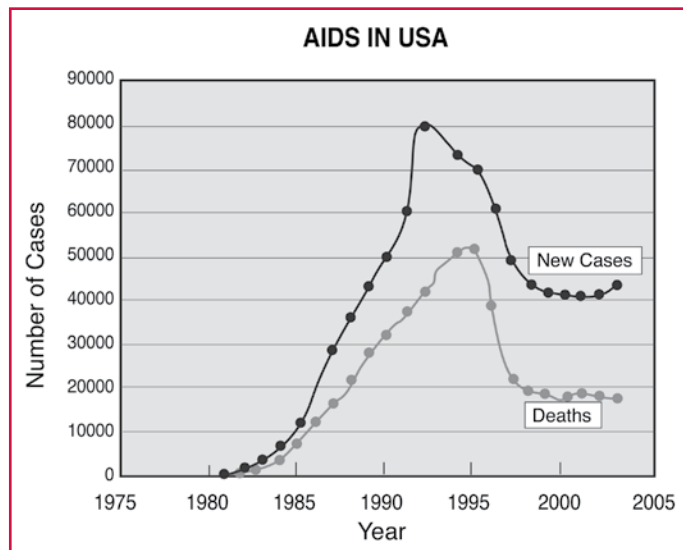
Higher crime rate, less prison terms and increase of AIDS

The above graphs show the increase of social problems since 1960’s, when the moral climate of the country began to decay. When school prayers and the Bible were removed from schools, the moral values of students went down a slippery slope. Instead of learning ethics and social responsibility, the students grew up with a liberal world view. Gradually, the foundation of marriage and the family deteriorated. In 1999 there was 1 divorce for every 2 marriages in the US. Most of the divorces were among couples between 25 to 39 years old. Since then, over 1 million of children are affected by their parents’ divorce each year.

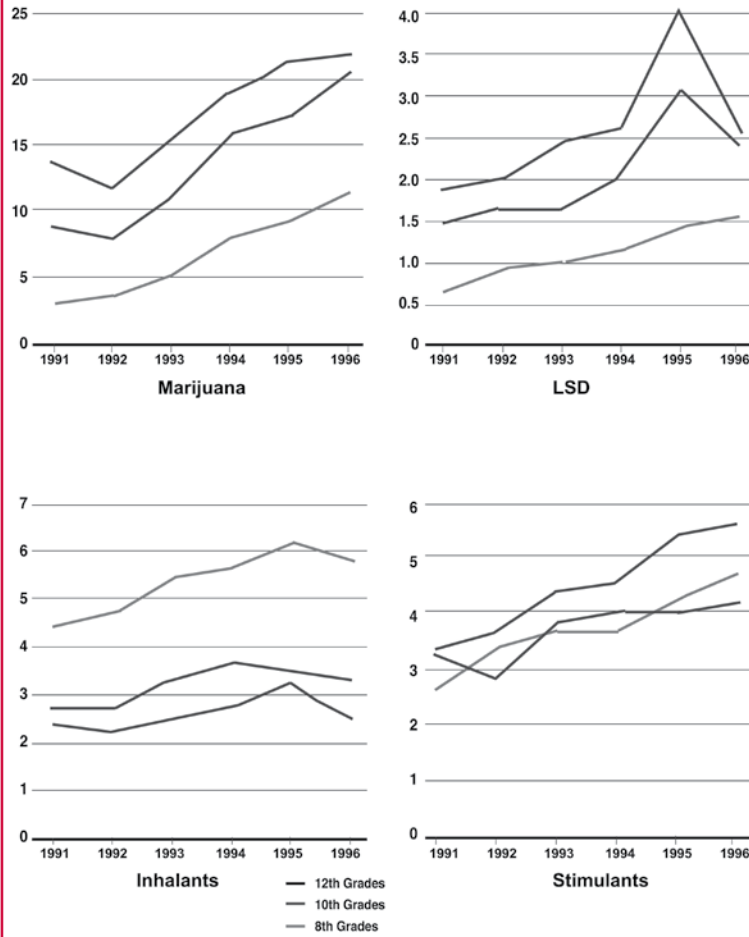
The sexual revolution in 1960’s not only ushered in higher divorce rates, it also brought in higher teen pregnancy, abortion, crime, drug

abuse, and sexually transmitted diseases.

In 1996 alone, there were 15.3 million new cases of sexually transmitted disease in the US. It is estimated that 1 out of 5 Americans is infected with a type of a sexually transmitted disease. This became a “silent epidemic” because people do not talk about it. About 56 million Americans are infected and it would cost tax payers \$10 billion to treat the STDs, and this number does not include the cost of treatment for HIV/AIDS. In 1992, the cost of treating HIV/AIDS alone was around \$10.3 billion. In 1994 the “cocktail therapy” of treating AIDS was introduced and it cut the death rate by 70%. The annual cost of such therapy, however, was around \$30,000 per patient. In many states, the state healthcare departments provide generous free treatments to AIDS patients who cannot afford the treatment. As of November 2003, 15 states declared that the free AIDS treatment have depleted their financial reserves. In the same year, new AIDS cases in America were found to rise again. In July 2004, California reported that the state’s AIDS patients have increased by 1000% in

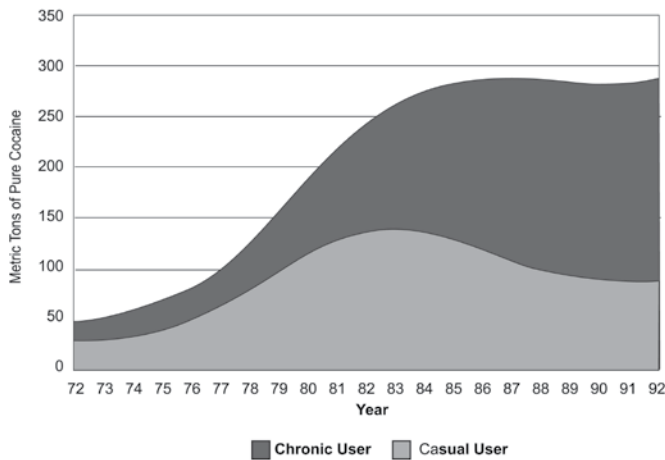


Past 30 Days Use of Selected Drugs Among 8th, 10th, 12th Graders, 1991-96



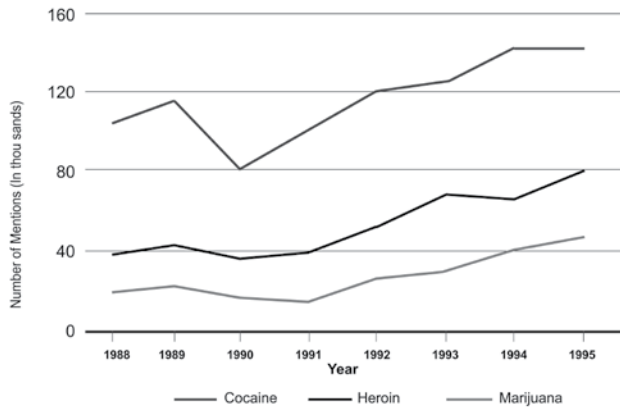
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Annual U.S. Consumption of Cocaine by Type of User, 1972-92



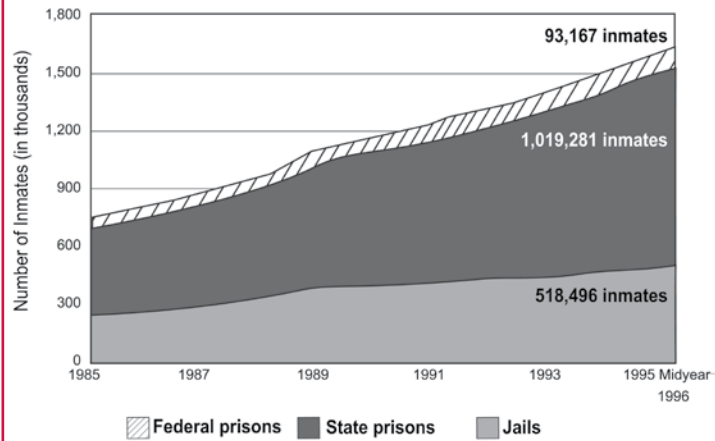
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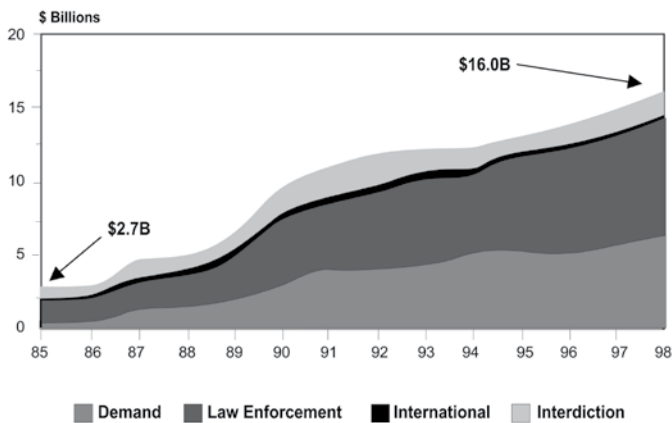
Sources: Drug Abuse Warning Network, National Institute on Drug Abuse (1988-91) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (1992-95)

Number of Persons in Federal and State Prisons and Local Jails, 1985-96



Sources: Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1997

Federal Drug Control Spending by Function, FY 1985-98



the past 7 years. Anal sex among male homosexuals is the single most prevalent cause of the rise in AIDS. In February of 2005, a new strain of HIV is discovered that has a 2-month latency period rather than the 10-year period once known to the health authorities.

The increase of broken families also brought increase of drug abuse among children. The above graphs show the trend of drug use in children and in the general population.

Same-sex marriage

Studies show that children who grow up in religious (Christian) families are less likely to have sex outside of marriage and have lower risks of social and behavioral problems. However, public schools and anti-Christian organizations still insist on keeping Christianity out of the curriculum and outside of school campuses. As if the country had not suffered enough from the breakdown of traditional marriage, liberal politicians teamed up with homosexual activists and introduced same-sex marriage in the late 1990's.

In 1996, Hawaii trial court ruled that the same-sex couples should be allowed to marry. But in 1998, voters in Hawaii passed a Constitution Amendment to restrict marriage to men and women only.

In May of 1998, Alaska trial court ruled that a person should be free to choose any marital partner regardless of sex. In November of 1998, Alaska voters passed a Constitutional Amendment to limit marriage to one man and one woman.

In 1999, Vermont Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples should be granted

same protection and benefits as heterosexual marriages. In 2000, Vermont legislature passed a law creating civil unions for same-sex couples. No marriage license was issued.

In 2001, homosexual couples in Massachusetts file lawsuit in state court seeking the right to marry. In 2004, the Supreme Court of Massachusetts ruled 4-3 to allow same-sex marriage, making this the first state in the US to legalize same-sex marriage.

In February 2004, San Francisco Major Newsom ordered marriage licenses to be issued to more than 4,000 same-sex couples, defying the California law passed in 2000 to limit marriage to one man and one woman. In April, 7,000 Christians rallied and protested on a main street in San Francisco demanding the city to honor the state marriage law. In the same year, similar protests by Christians sprang up in Los Angeles, Sacramento, New York and Washington D.C. In total hundreds of thousands of Christians showed up in these rallies. Finally, at the end of 2004, the Supreme Court of California ruled that San Francisco Major Newsom overstepped his authority in issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, and the marriage certificates were void.

In the fall of 2005, California senate and assembly passed bill AB849, introduced by gay assemblyman Mark Leno, to define marriage as between 2 persons, instead of between a man and a woman. Almost all democrats in the assembly voted for the bill and all republicans voted against it. But in October 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed the bill.



On April 25, 2004, more than 7,000 Christians from San Francisco Bay Area gathered in an open-air rally and declared their defense of “1 man and 1 woman marriage”.



Before the open-air rally, 30 multi-racial pastors visited San Francisco Mayor Newsom and urged him to stop issuing same-sex marriage certificates and repent to God. Afterwards, Rev. Thomas Wang spoke to the crowd in front of S.F. City hall.

Arguments for same-sex marriage

1. Same-sex marriage is a civil right. Same-sex couples should not be denied of the right to get married.
2. When two people are in love, they should be allowed to get married.
3. Scandinavian countries have legalized same-sex marriage years ago. We should be progressive and follow suit.
4. Homosexuality is a normal alternative lifestyle. Hence their marriages should be treated equally as heterosexual marriages.

Arguments against same-sex marriage

1. Same-sex marriage is not a civil right issue. Civil right is given to racial minority, not sexual minority by preference. People of color cannot change the color of their skin, but many homosexuals have been able to leave their homosexual lifestyle through religion, therapy and self-control. This proves that the homosexual behavior is not a trait by birth. Sex is an act and a behavior. If sexual minority can claim civil right protection, then could not criminals claim

they cannot control their urge to commit crimes? Or drug addicts claim they cannot control their craving for drugs? Should they be granted civil right protection also?

2. “Two people in love” is not an adequate reason to grant a marriage license. If it is, then incest families, child molesters, and people who practice bestiality should also be granted marriage licenses when they claim to be in love. What about marriage of 3 or 4 people if they claim they are in love? A marriage license is a sacred recognition for a man and a woman to form a family and give birth to children in a moral manner that is acceptable to the human culture.
3. Scandinavian countries, which legalized Same-sex marriage years ago, are showing a breakdown in marriage and family structure. Casual sex and babies born out of wedlock have increased throughout the years. In Northland county of Norway, 80% of their babies are born without a father. Their governments have had to take over the financial responsibility of

fatherhood. Also there is a break down of loyalty between spouses and the divorce rate is dramatically high. If the US should follow Europe's trend, we would also legalize prostitution, legalize drugs, and lower the age of sexual consent.

Media and Entertainment Industry

Television viewing is an integral part of families in the modern world. With the internet becoming easily accessible, information around the world is available at the click of a mouse. It is incumbent upon each individual to determine whether the reported information is objective. There are seven multi-billion dollars media giants that are the primary providers of information. (Please see the chart on p.76)

Media Bias

In the post-modern era, news and information are acquired less and less through the printed media. Cable, TV and the internet have become major channels of information transfer. Most of the major TV, cable network and Hollywood establishments, favor a liberal bias. In most of the presidential campaigns, the media and entertainment industry tend to support the liberal candidate. When Bill Clinton was campaigning for his election in 1992, he chose MTV and Michael Jackson to help promote his agenda to the young voters. The liberal candidate usually receives more political contributions from Hollywood, the media and even the pornography industry.

MTV: Teaching Decadence to Teenagers

According to Nielson Media Research, MTV is watched by 73% of boys and 78% of girls aged 12 to 19. They are the target of the hard-selling of casual sex, drug and alcohol. Parents Television Council reported in their study that children on the average watch 9 sexual scenes per hour, 9 un-bleeped foul languages per hour, and 6 violent scenes per hour on MTV music programs. MTV reality shows have about 13 sexual scenes per hour. There were 52 obscene languages per hour in the program *Making the Band 2* and 32 sexual segments per hour in the program *Spring Break Fantasies*. Studies have shown that MTV is influential in changing the attitude of teenagers towards accepting promiscuity and homosexuality. With an hour of watching MTV, teenagers would have less inhibition in resisting sexual desires and temptations. Moreover, MTV is a prime station for beer commercials.

Pornography

Pornography is degrading to females. It is a major problem in a sexually-charged society and women are direct victims of pornography. Decades ago, pornography was only available in the red light districts of the cities, and there was a stigma of perversion about it. Now pornography is available not only in corner video stores, but also through the cables and internet. With big cable companies joining the profit chase, pornography is sugar-coated to be an adult entertainment. The easy access of pornography has opened a flood gate of mental perversion

targeting every age group. A decline of society's moral standard is unavoidable.

Studies have shown that in most of the sexual crimes committed against women and children, pornography is found to be a stimulating factor to the offender.

In Oklahoma City, when about 150 sexually oriented businesses were closed down, the rape rate decreased by 27% in the next five years. Meanwhile, rape increased by 19% in the rest of the state where there was no crack down. A 1979 study in Phoenix, Arizona, also revealed a 500% increase in sex related crimes in neighborhoods where pornography businesses moved in. Similar phenomena are seen in other countries when the restrictions on pornography are removed.

It is estimated that about 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 7 boys will be sexually molested before age 18. In almost all cases, pornography is found in the homes of child molesters. In many homosexual child molesting cases, pornography is used as a seducing instrument (see transcripts in Michael Jackson's case). An average serial child molester will attack an average of 360 victims in his lifetime. About 30 to 60 children would have been molested before he would be caught. UNICEF has reported that about 1 million children are forced into prostitution and pornography each year. Many women are lured into pornography by drugs and money. In the course of production, there are usually physical and mental abuse, resulting in the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS. When children are exposed to pornography, they easily become addicted for life. Some children would act out in raping younger children. Many grow up with a distorted view of

sex, human dignity and relationships. This type of deep rooted deviant psychology would later compromise their spousal relationships and family harmony. This multi-billion dollar industry is targeting males between 12 to 17 years old, with a goal of instilling a lifetime addiction. "Pornography is a victimless crime" is simply a false statement.

In spite of these facts, pornography is protected under the law as a form of free speech as long as the performers are above the legal age of 18.

During the Reagan administration, the pornography industry was under severe prosecution. With the aid of Dr. James Dobson, Attorney General, Edwin Meese, cracked down on child pornography. Under Bill Clinton, Janet Reno stopped prosecuting pornographers for the next 8 years. In addition, Clinton appointed Ruth Ginsberg, a high power ACLU lawyer, to the Supreme Court. It is a known fact that ACLU has a history of defending the pornography industry. Bill Clinton consequently performed extra-marital acts of pornographic nature in the White House. Under such a political environment, the pornography industry blossomed. It became a multi-billion dollar industry. In 1996, pornography revenue totaled about 8 billion dollars. By 2004, the number went up to 13 billion. Even companies such as AT&T, Comcast and Viacom, Marriott, Hyatt and Holiday Inn are interested in its promotion. Since 1991, hard core pornography titles have increased by 500% per year. Now there are more pornography outlets than McDonald's restaurants.

When George Bush took office, Attorney General John Ashcroft started to renew efforts to prosecute pornography.

When the attack of 911 occurred, he redirected his efforts to fighting terrorism. At the second term of Bush's administration, new Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has been active in prosecuting pornography.

“Until recently, the worst kind of pornography was mainly limited to red-light districts or restricted to adults or confined by geography, isolated by shame. With the Internet, pornography is now instantly available to any child who has a computer. And in the hands of the wrong people, in the hands of incredibly wicked people, the Internet is a tool that lures children into real danger. We don't accept this kind of degrading. It's unacceptable to America. We don't accept offensive conduct like this in our schools, in the commercial establishments, and we can't accept it in our homes. We cannot allow this to happen to our children. We're waging an aggressive nationwide effort to prevent the use of the Internet to sexually exploit and endanger children. That's what we're doing.” President George W. Bush, October 23, 2002

In Feb. 2005, the Justice Department sought death penalty for a Florida child pornography suspect charged with killing a Broward County sheriff's deputy during a raid at his home. A Northridge, California company, which produces rape and murder videos, is charged with violating the decency laws of the federal government. Unfortunately, it is expected that liberal judges in various courts would use

their judicial power to acquit pornography cases.

Looking ahead

While the US is worrying about the harmful effect of pornography, it would be more so in Canada and other European countries. In Canada, the legal age of sexual consent is 14. That means law enforcement cannot charge pornographers who use children as young as 14 years old in their production. In Holland, Spain and Portugal, the legal age has been lowered to 12. Parents of these children would be in distress when they see that they cannot do much legally to protect their children. Many more young teens would be subjected to the exploitation of the pornography industry.

In March 16, 2005, CNN reported that an international pedophile ring was broken by the police in 12 European and Central American countries. The headquarter was located in Spain and a total of about 500 pedophiles were arrested. They were involved in transmitting images of sexual acts on very young children through the internet.

On May 26, 2005, 5 men in Spain were arrested for raping 9 baby boys, some as young as 11 months. The sex crime was videotaped and sold through the internet.

Considering that one of the goals of the gay agenda is to “eliminating laws of limiting the age of sexual consent”, one can see the detrimental effect of the homosexual movement and the intent of a deviant segment of the society. Yet the liberal segment of the American society is pushing our culture towards that of

Canada and Europe.

Feminism and Abortion

The American feminism movement started in 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York, where Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton organized a 300-women rally. Their goals were to demand equal treatment under the law regarding property, marriage, divorce, child custody and education. Elizabeth Stanton was a Christian and her cause was based on Biblical principles. The passage of the

19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote, was a monumental achievement to the movement.

By the 1960's, feminists had achieved most of their goals for equal rights. At that time, they changed course and abandoned their moral and Christian heritage. It turned into a movement based on anger and resentment. The modern feminists took on Marxist ideas equating women as victims of men, analogous to the proletarians being oppressed by the capitalists. The emergence of lesbianism also helped to shape the new goals of feminism into radical hatred of men and strong desire to

THE FATHER'S HEART CRY

“Return, O faithless sons; I will heal your faithlessness.” —Jeremiah 3:22

“Return... How long will you wander, O unfaithful daughters!”
—Jeremiah 31:21, 22

“Choose for yourself this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”
—Joshua 24:15

“How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal is God, follow him.”
—I Kings 18:21

“Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”
—Luke 17:18

“But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”
—Luke 15:32

“Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old...”
—Lamentations 5:21

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| Company | TV/Movie | Radio | Print | Others |
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| Time Warner | CNN, HBO, TNT, Cartoon Network | | Time, Fortune, Money, Sports Illustrated, People, Golf Parenting, Sunset, Health, Asiaweek | AOL, New Line Cinema, Netscape, Amazon.com, connected to Comcast. |
| Comcast (largest cable TV company) | Comcast cable, E! Entertainment, Style, Golf, G4 | | | Philadelphia 76ers, Flyers, Phantoms, Charge, connected to AT&T. |
| Viacom (most profitable media company) | CBS, MTV, UPN, Nickelodeon, Showtime, Movie Channel, King World, Paramount Pictures, | Infinity Broadcasting (owns 181 radio stations) | Simon & Schuster | Blockbuster, Paramount Theme Park |
| Disney | ABC, ESPN, 10 TV stations, Touchstone, Miramax, Hollywood, Buena Vista, ABC Family, Soap Net, History Channel, Discover | 66 radio stations | Disney Books, Hyperion, Discover, ESPN News, Mammoth Records, Disney Music. | Disneyland, Magic Kingdom, internet international ventures |
| GE group | NBC, Universal Pictures, CNBC, MSNBC, USA, Sci-Fi, | | | Universal Park, Technology and financing businesses |
| News Corp | 34 TV stations, FOX news and sports, 20th Century FOX | | New York Post, HarperMarrow | UK and Australia media, sports team |
| Hearst Corp | 27 TV stations, A&E, AETN, Cosmopolitan TV | 2 radio stations | Major newspapers, Cosmopolitan, Country Living, Esquire, Good | Internet and business media |

overturn the male-established social order. The following table summarizes the philosophy and goals of early feminism and modern feminism.

In spite of their radical departure from early feminism, modern feminism has become a mainstream influence in the academia, politics and culture. Along with other progressive ideas such as sexual freedom and homosexual power, radical feminism is taught in many colleges.

of feminism, she preached that sexual liberation is the path to fulfillment. She had several abortions and became sterile. She married for 3 weeks and bragged that she cheated on her husband even in such a short marriage. Now in her 60's, she is single and unhappy.

Patricia Ireland: Last president of NOW, she led the organization to become a radical homosexual- dominated club. She is bisexual and has a husband. The

| Early Feminism | Modern Feminism |
|---|--|
| Look at the world with reason. Christianity supports womanhood. | See from an angle of gender exploitation. The Bible is oppressive. |
| Men are not enemies but allies to their pursuit of equal right. | Men are oppressors and enemies. Men cannot be friends. |
| Marriage and motherhood are positive aspects of womanhood. | Families are prisons. Wives and mothers are described as 'slaves'. |
| Abortion is degrading like a crime. | Abortion is a way to end exploitation. |
| Seek equal education opportunities. | Seek to rewrite history and science curriculum with "oppressor/victim paradigm". |

However, when one looks at the personal life of the modern feminist leaders, they are full of unhappy endings.

Betty Friedan: Mother of the feminist movement. She wrote the book, *The Feminine Mystique* and founded the National Organization for Women (NOW). She had several failed marriages and problematic children.

Gloria Steinem: A Phi Beta Kappa graduate and founder of *Ms. Magazine*. She coined two phrases "reproductive freedom" and "pro-choice". She helped propel so-called "sexual freedom" into the mainstream. Steinem declared that "a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle." She remained single until her 60's, but finally married a divorced man with grown children.

Germaine Greer: Known as the diva

image of her organization had damaged the feminist movement. A recent Gallup Poll showed that only 25 percent of women identified themselves as feminist, down from 33 percent in 1992.

Source: Concerned Women of America

Feminism partnered with sexual freedom and the homosexual movement resulted in the breakdown of families, escalation of sexually transmitted diseases, and millions of fatherless children.

Abortion

An important outcome of the feminism movement is the dramatic increase of abortion. Since *Roe vs. Wade* legalized abortion in 1973, more than 40 million

babies have been aborted. This number is equivalent to all the soldiers who died in all the wars in the 20th century. One third of all pregnancies have ended in abortion.

Even though abortion kills unborn babies, feminists sugar-coated the issue as “pro—choice” and turn it into a civil right issue. Their argument is that women should have a choice to do what they want with their body. However, biology tells us that the fetus, although located inside the womb, is not a part of the female body. It is attached to the womb through a placenta, which has rich blood vessels. The blood of the fetus goes through the umbilical cord to the placenta in close proximity to the blood in the mother’s womb. Oxygen and nutrients are diffused across the placenta into the blood of the umbilical veins and then back to the fetus. There is no contact or mixing between the blood of the mother and that of the fetus, so the fetus is a separate biological entity and is not a part of the mother’s body. The womb is just a temporary protective environment for the baby. By the same reason, when the baby is born, the mother does not suffer the loss of any body parts. She is as complete as before she was pregnant. If the fetus was a part of a woman’s body, then the departure of the baby, either through abortion or birth, would make the woman into a diseased or disabled person. Therefore, the claim of the pro-choice activist that “Abortion is the right of the woman to eliminate a part of her body” is false.

The followings are the stages of fetus growth:

1st trimester – (1 to 3 months)

7th week: It has its own blood and

muscle, and it moves

8th week: It develops brain waves

10th week: the heart develops, teeth form

12th week: It has a full brain, feels pain

2nd trimester – (4 to 6 months)

14th week: It is capable of kicking

15th week: It develops taste buds

16th week: It moves freely

20th week: It hears mom’s voice, sex organ develops (may survive outside womb)

3rd trimester – (7 to 9 months)

24th week: It develops lungs

32nd week: It dreams

Abortion risks:

1. hemorrhage,
2. damage to uterus,
3. infection,
4. may be difficult to get pregnant again.

Partial birth abortion is a late term abortion from 2nd to 3rd trimester. The fetus is killed after exiting from the uterus. Many babies, who could have lived outside the womb, are murdered by this medical procedure.

On this issue, the American College of Pediatricians has the following recommendations:

1. In recognition of the constitutional principles regarding the right to an abortion articulated by the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade*, but with higher regard for the advance of science and the values of medicine, we recommend that elective abortions not be performed. Although some abortions are said to be performed to preserve

the life of the mother, they are in fact, rarely necessary for those purposes. Maternal health factors that are said to demand termination of the pregnancy can also be accommodated without sacrifice of the fetus. When there is possibility of independent viability of the fetus, we argue for ending the pregnancy by appropriate delivery.

2. All pre-term deliveries should be done with the health and safety of both mother and infant in mind, and, whenever possible, with a second physician present to safeguard the life and health of the fetus.
3. Decisions regarding the provision of life-sustaining medical treatment for the newly born infant should then proceed as for any other infant or child.”

On Nov11/6/2003, President George Bush signed into law to ban partial birth abortion. Within an hour, however, a liberal U.S. District judge Richard Kopf of Lincoln, Nebraska obtained a temporary restraining order to block the law.

Boys entering crisis

In 1981, feminists widely published a study showing that schools treated girls less favorably than boys. It prompted an avalanche of government money poured into special programs for girls in school. As a result, an article in the July 2001 issue of *US News and World Report*, hinted that boys have now become the ‘weaker sex’. Surveys showed that 70% of students who got D’s and F’s in school are boys. They composed seventy to ninety percent of the individuals with learning difficulties because of their lack of attention, dropping out, drugs and alcoholism.

Girls are more likely to excel in schools and have better relationships at home. They are more confident and have less problems with depression. The article predicts that there will be only 2 boys entering college for every 3 girls by the year 2007.

All the boy bashing we see today is an adverse effects of the media in America. Starting in the 1980’s, Hollywood began to produce movies and TV series depicting a wide behavioral difference between the sexes. Even in the cartoons, girls were generally smart, strong, kind and victorious. Meanwhile, boys were portrayed as stupid, emotional, destructive, pathetic, violent, and hungry for sex. (An obvious example is in the animation movie *Mu Lan* produced by Disney.)

In the book, *Bringing up Boys*, Dr. James Dobson explained the biological difference between boys and girls. In the teenage years, boys produce large quantities of testosterone and less serotonin, which causes them to be adventurous, combative and restless. The male amygdale is larger than that in the female brain, thus allowing more stimulating signals going to the body organs. Therefore, boys are wired to have a rougher and riskier adolescence.

Taking advantage of their weakness, the entertainment industry produces large quantities of products designed solely to stimulate the senses of the boys. Now millions of boys are addicted to pop culture products such as computer and video games, rock music, online violent games, pornography and gambling. In spite of the morale decline in boys, the liberal ACLU and judges continue to block any banning or censorship of mentally-corruptive merchandise. The struggle to de-

pend the boys rests mainly on the family and the church.

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See You at the Pole

Over 100 years ago, when faced with the bloodbath threatening to destroy America, President Lincoln spoke these humbling, poignant words:

We've grown in numbers and wealth and power as no other nation has grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us. We've vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our own hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behoves us then to humble ourselves before the offended power, to confess our national sins and to pray for redemption and forgiveness.

—Abraham Lincoln