Sex, Schools, and Social Suicide

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Over the past three decades, social scientists, educational researchers, and pundits have probed for the reason why the U.S. is on the fringe of being a Third World country educationally. Why does the academic achievement of American students fall off during junior high and plummet during high school?

The “failure theories” are many: our schools are too big; our schools are too small; our school year is too short; our school day is too long; our teachers are undertrained or underpaid; our parents don’t care; we don’t give schools enough money. What’s missing from these analyses, however, is the elephant in the room: sex.

For many young people today, parents and churches have much less influence in teaching about sex than they once did. For these kids, the media and the schools are now the primary shapers of sexual values. The media long ago learned that the best way to sell soap, cars, and beer is to show a little skin. As a result, today’s screens are a virtual torrent of naked flesh. And galaxies of porn sites are just clicks away.

So, for countless American youth, this leaves our schools to pass on sexual wisdom. How are they doing? A casual stroll through the halls of many high schools reveals the sexual environment in which we are raising our children. F-bombs and sex-laced taunts ricochet in the halls, cafeteria, and locker rooms.

Nuzzling at lockers and fondling in the school’s dark corners are a staple. Girls appear to be competing in a stripper’s fashion show. Boys look like they are trying out for 1930-ish gangster movies.

Meanwhile, teachers and administrators drift through the halls like those see-no-evil, hear-no-evil monkeys. However, teachers and students alike are well aware of sexual bullying, swapping of porn sites, and cell phone sexting around the school.

How sexually active are U.S. students? Plenty active . . . .

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