

The Value Of Sex Education

A recent article by Dr. Anne Nolte in Foxnews.com contained some interesting comments about New York City's mandated sexual education in public schools. Most teenagers that Dr. Nolte counseled had ample knowledge about and access to sex and birth control, but the education had failed miserably. Would not a better option be to assume that teens really are capable of self-control and moral decision-making? Is it possible that teens would adopt more righteous behavior if they got a consistent message from parents, teachers, doctors, and the media that risk-avoidance, rather than simply risk-reduction, is possible and would maximize their happiness and eternal destiny? In every other public-health intervention, an ideal is promoted: no-smoking campaigns, no-drinking campaigns, etc. Why not in the area of sexual immorality?

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