

A Question for a PEER-REVIEWED article in VIEWPOINT

Topic: Sexual Ethics and the Senate Inquiry into the Sexualisation of Children

Length: 3000-3500 (not including references).

Question

The recent *Senate Committee Inquiry into the Sexualisation of Children in the Contemporary Media Environment* recognised the challenge of defining clear boundaries to prevent premature sexualisation of children.

Many of these recommendations address the symptoms of a sexualised culture but deep concerns remain: it is difficult to endorse a single approach to sex education in a pluralistic and diverse culture; and the inconsistency and uncertainty of broadcasters, publishers, advertisers, retailers and manufacturers taking into account and interpreting community standards.

In the lead up to the next federal election, briefly describe your views about the sexualisation of culture and what advice you would give to politicians about adopting, rejecting or amending the Senate Inquiry recommendations in general?

What advice would you give to Federal and State Governments about Recommendation 13, the development of a consistent national approach to sex education in schools?

It is easy to make this recommendation but the Devil is always in the detail.

What are the basic elements or principles that you would want taught about sexual education in schools? In today's Australian culture, is there a place for a traditional values-based approach to sex education which includes things like abstinence, monogamy in marriage and a discouragement to watch pornography?

Considerations

In your article could you please address the questions above in the context of the following:

- It is recommended that you reference key journals, academics, philosophers, government agencies, NGOs or other credible sources that support your view.
- You should use relevant and contemporary examples to justify your position and critically respond to the main concerns and arguments against your position.
- Articles should contain clear recommendations or suggestions to policy makers with a particular eye towards swaying an equivocal politician towards your point of view.