

# Vancouver school board and conservative activist tussle over sex-ed program at Lord Byng



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Kari Simpson, president of the group Culture Guard, is involved in a tussle with the Vancouver school board over "Sex at Lunch", a voluntary program at Lord Byng Secondary School for students in Grades 10 to 12. *IAN LINDSAY / PNG*

The Vancouver school board and a conservative activist are tussling over "Sex at Lunch", a voluntary program at Lord Byng Secondary School for students in Grades 10 to 12 that sexual education advocates say is unique, inclusive and engaging.

The program is "not mentioned on the regular school calendar events listing that are published on the school's calendar," according to a statement filed Tuesday by Kari Simpson on her Culture Guard website.

Simpson included details of a session in mid-June that she attended and from which she recorded and posted excerpts online. There was a quiz show-like format, she said, where students and teachers competed to answer a series of "sexually charged questions" such as "if you don't want to masturbate, what should you eat for breakfast? Answer: Cornflakes or rice crackers — "both invented as anti-masturbation foods."

"If an adult neighbour or relative were caught inviting children to watch porn, discuss masturbation and engage in sex talk about people dressing up in animal costumes to enjoy sex, that person would be arrested. Being a teacher and engaging in this conduct within the school does not immunize that conduct," said Simpson.

Last week, the Vancouver school board asked Simpson to take down her posts, "as your recording of the presentation constitutes an unlawful collection of personal information, and your posting of images from it, an unlawful use and disclosure of that information. As well, you were aggressively handing out pamphlets to students on school property, without authorization, and containing content that is discriminatory and offensive."

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The board, working with a police department liaison officer, issued a ban prohibiting Simpson from being on the school's property.

Ellen Roberts, the school board's Director of Instruction said its: "non-discrimination policy was supplemented in 2004 with a specific policy and regulation regarding sexual orientation and gender identities. The policy was revised in 2014 to add clarity, update language and provide guidance to school staff on how to help Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Two-Spirit, Queer, students feel safe and comfortable in their schools."

Simpson said the quiz show questions didn't address sexually transmitted diseases. "Not one question addressed the mental health issues related to promiscuity. Not one question related to abstinence."

Saleema Noon, a Vancouver-based sexual health educator who does workshops with students and teachers in elementary and high schools across B.C., said it's likely that teachers were using humour to get teens talking. "When I teach in elementary schools, I ask the kids 'how heavy are the heaviest testicles in the world?' They lighten up. You get them laughing. And this helps us show how talking about sex does not have to

be scary or always serious.”

Noon said when she teaches children in primary classes, she invites parents with questions to an information session. She said sex education is mandated by the province for all students up to Grade 10, and described the lunch-hour program at Lord Byng as being voluntary and distinctive because “especially in high schools, sex education after Grade 10 can be hit or miss.”

“The teachers (at Byng) recognize the kids need information,” said Noon. “The (school board) program consulted with Options for Sexual Health, which is a member of Planned Parenthood, which is the biggest non-profit sexual health care organization.”

“When my stepdaughter went to Point Grey (Secondary School in Vancouver), I was feeling a little unsettled about what they might be getting in sex ed class, so I set up a meeting with the counsellor. I fully support parents advocating for kids.”

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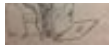
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**Mo Jones**  
 This was nothing but a creepy, dirty little secret, which was why teachers deliberately tried to bury any exposure of the game to parents or the public. I've seen the clips - the show deliberately grooms young students for sex using the combination of adult authority and then peer pressure. The school is quite literally normalizing, validating sex for young teens - ie. hey, are you in the 50% group who's doing it? Or not doing it? Through this creepy charade, this school completely hi-jacks the responsibility for sex ed from parents in complete secrecy, and then tries to crush the messenger who exposed them with high-priced lawyers, in a phoney attempt to justify their crime? Public education has become a dangerous game.

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 **Julian Levy** · Vancouver, British Columbia



Hey, um, kinda would love to point this out, as you know a former student at the school from grades 8-10. As someone who became sexually active like many of my friends did, during highschool, having this program was one of the most amazing things. This program had an honest and open conversation about sex, and sexual health, without stigma, and with a complete and utter focus on prioritizing safety during any forms of sexual activity. I'm loving all the adults here talking about how terrible this program is, but I can tell you, first hand, that the school I went to, was one of the best educated places in all of Canada when it came to sexual health, and that translates to the way that the student body approached consent, and safety. If it weren't for these lessons, I know I would have made some much less safe decisions with my own life, and I know many of the people I went to school with would have too.

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### Marlene Johanson

I find it odd that not one "student" has made a "comment" here. Honestly after reading some of the rather bizarre comments here, who really are the children really involved here, you or those attending high school? So I'm taking it some of you would be ok when the anti-abortionists show up with dead baby photos on school property?

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### Tanya Gaw

It is mind boggling to think that it is not extremely obvious to all parties involved that this matter surpasses the downright outrageous to outright appalling behaviour on the part of the school and 'adults' involved in this activity. A sad reflection on the state of our society and the citizens who naively believe they can continue to trust our elected officials and current leadership with the welfare of our children. It is time to wake up and take action. Thank you Kari Simpson for daring to put on the armour and fight for the innocence, the well being and the rights of our kids.

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### Leandra Balisky Loewen · Grande Prairie, Alberta

Major school over-reach. Glad this has been brought up for scrutiny

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### Hildegard Krieg · Salmon Arm, British Columbia

Sex at Lunch is a disgusting display of ignorance. The presenters are leading the youth to self destruction---emotionally and physically. They should be charged with spreading false information.

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### Robert McCormick

I don't know about this programme; however, I do trust public educators. Unless they communicate the realities with kids as honestly and up front as reasonable, they won't reduce harmful behaviour!

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### Kari Simpson · Co-host (radio) at RoadKill Radio



This version of "Sex Ed" has resulted in a 30 record high rate of Syphilis in Vancouver. I am sure Big Pharma approves. Sexually transmitted diseases are a Billion dollar++ business in BC, and for the most part 100% preventable. Follow the money!

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**Sheldon Johnston** · Vancouver School of Theology

Robert, I think the days of giving a pass to any publicly funded agency are over. If you could hear the recording, this would make high school locker-room talk sound like a Sunday School. This isn't teaching or instruction. Its social engineering traditional values out of education. Our school boards must be held to account for this.

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**Peter Junger** · Owner Operator at MRC Liquids + Solids Culinary Innovations Inc

I bet she delivers a well thought out argument. She might have some points that are worth listening to. Her statement of intention on the title age was explicit and clear.

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**Isabelle Hui Bon Hoa**

The event is mentioned on the school calendar given to students as well as in the monthly email of events that parents and students receive.

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**Paul Dirks** · Lead Pastor at New West Community Baptist Church

Interesting. That is not what I heard. I may stand corrected.

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**Kari Simpson** · Co-host (radio) at RoadKill Radio

The event was NOT posted on the school calendar. I have a copy.

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**Molly Mckenzie**

I hope that someday you can find it within yourself to stop trying to force your old-fashioned (and frankly harmful) views onto today's youth, the majority of which stand with the progressive direction that our society is headed. As a student who attends Lord Byng and was present at that assembly, I appreciate the available sources of health education at our school, because I, as well as many of my peers, understand the value of learning about how to properly care for ourselves and avoid STIs. It has been proven that abstinence-only sex education does not prevent unwanted pregnancies or STIs, because frankly, most teenagers aren't going to practice abstinence, no matter how much they are taught about it. Prohibiting someone from doing something does not mean that it will stop them from doing it anyway. What works is giving teenagers preventative strategies to avoid STIs and pregnancy while they ARE sexually active, because if they're going to do it, they might as well do it safely. This does not encourage teenagers to be irresponsible, but encourages safe ways to go about being sexually active, because, as mentioned

above, teenagers are not going to simply practice abstinence because you said so. On a similar note, it is actually quite condescending for you to claim that our teachers are 'grooming us for their perverted needs'. We are not mindless drones who can be programmed to believe anything that is told to us, nor are we naive lambs who question nothing and simply follow the herd. We have analytical capabilities and can formulate our own opinions and make our own decisions, autonomous to the opinions and teachings of others. We don't need someone to hold our hands and guide us towards what you deem is right, because we are perfectly capable of deciding what is right to us. Every student at that assembly was there voluntarily. It seems, Kari, that you have little to no understanding of how teenagers really think and behave, nor do you have a desire to try to understand. I respect your own opinions and understand that it is perfectly okay for you to believe and practice those opinions, but you cannot simply decide what is right for us. That is up to us to decide. I'm proud to be a part of a school which cares so much for its students and provides them with informative, useful, and engaging sexual health education, and if you think that is wrong, we don't want to hear it. In my opinion, and many of my peers' opinions, the way you went about this attempt to 'expose' Lord Byng was extremely immature and disappointing.

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### Jannick Slavik

It simply sounds like an opportunity for post-modernist ideologues to banter about phallocentrism and male oppression. Combined with Canada's new Compelled Speech Law (bill c-16), sounds like a bad environment for kids and a further waste of tax payer dollars.

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### Jannick Slavik

Since too many teachers (read Females - teachers are overwhelmingly female) have been corrupted by post-moderism and its offshoots, they are really the last people I want teaching kids sex-ed

Combined with the post-modernist culture (hostility towards men), no wonder people are trying to find affordable private schooling

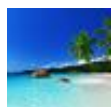
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### Julian Levy · Vancouver, British Columbia

What are you even saying? Like is this just subtle misogyny discussed as a point? Or are you outright saying women are trying to corrupt children, to hate men??? What are you even saying??

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### Declan Carroll · Victoria, British Columbia

Here here! about time someone speaks up about the insanity at the schools. Utter disgrace. The current sex education programs in elementary school are grooming. Grooming small children is pedophilia. Just because the state is engaging in the reprehensible behavior does make it right or legal. Shame shame double shame!!!!



regal. Shame shame double shame !!!!

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**Nick Douglas** · Barista at Starbucks

Maybe you should have gone to high school to learn to spell pedophilia properly.

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**Declan Carroll** · Victoria, British Columbia

Doesnt matter about the spelling I speak the truth. 6 year old children do not need to be having gender bender Thursdays and 6 foot tall drag queen's teaching sex ed. You dont need to be an spelling bee champion to know thats plain wrong. Nothing good will come from this and I dont need to be a phyciatrist to know that either.

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**Declan Carroll** · Victoria, British Columbia

If you want to be gay thats great good for you I have no problem with that. You dont push it onto children. Herto or homo, neither thats pedophilia. Totally insane !!!

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**Declan Carroll** · Victoria, British Columbia

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Child Lurings. 172.1 of the Crim. Code  
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### Luring a child

172.1 (1) Every person commits an offence who, by means of a computer system within the meaning of subsection 342.1(2), communicates with

(a) a person who is, or who the accused believes is, under the age of eighteen years, for the purpose of facilitating the commission of an offence under subsection 153(1), section 155 or 163.1, subsection 212(1) or (4) or section 271, 272 or 273 with respect to that person;(b) a person who is, or who the accused believes is, under the age of 16 years, for the purpose of facilitating the commission of an offence under section 151 or 152, subsection 160(3) or 173(2) or section 280 with respect to that person; or(c) a person who is, or who the accused believes is, under the age of 14 years, for the purpose of facilitating the commission of an offence under section 281 with respect to that person.

### Punishment

(2) Every person who commits an offence under subsection (1)

(a) is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than 10 years and to a minimum punishment of imprisonment for a term of one year; or(b) is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction and is liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than 18 months and to a minimum punishment of imprisonment for a term of 90 days.

### Presumption re age

(3) Evidence that the person referred to in paragraph (1)(a), (b) or (c) was represented to the accused as being under the age of eighteen years, sixteen years or fourteen years, as the case may be, is, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, proof that the accused believed that the person was under that age.

### No defence

(4) It is not a defence to a charge under paragraph (1)(a), (b) or (c) that the accused believed that the person referred to in that paragraph was at least eighteen years of age, sixteen years or fourteen years of age, as the case may be, unless the accused took reasonable steps to ascertain the age of the person.

2002, c. 13, s. 8; 2007, c. 20, s. 1; 2008, c. 6, s. 14; 2012, c. 1, s. 22.

– CCC

### Proof of OffenceEdit

172.1(1)(a)

The crown should prove the following elements:

accused communicated by means of a computer system (see s. 342.1(2))the accused

communicated to a person who is under the age of 18 or is believed to be under the age of 18 accused's "specific purpose" in communicating is to facilitate the commission of a specified secondary offence with respect to the under-aged person. (specifically section 153(1), 155 or 163.1, 212(1) or (4), 271, 272 or 273)

172.1(1)(b)

The crown should prove the following elements:

accused communicated by means of a computer system (see s. 342.1(2)) the accused communicated to a person who is under the age of 16 or is believed to be under the age of 16 accused's "specific purpose" in communicating is to facilitate the commission of a specified secondary offence with respect to the under-aged person. (specifically section 151, 152, 160(3) or 173(2) or 280)

172.1(1)(c)

The crown should prove the following elements:[1]

accused communicated by means of a computer system (see s. 342.1(2)) the accused communicated to a person who is under the age of 14 or is believed to be under the age of 14 accused's "specific purpose" in communicating is to facilitate the commission of a specified secondary offence with respect to the under-aged person. (specifically s. 281)

↑ R. v. Alicandro 2009 ONCA 133, R. v. Quinones, 2012 BCCA 94 at 5  
R. v. Legare, 2009 SCC 56 at 9

Interpretation Edit

The purpose of s.172.1 is to "shut that door on predatory adults who, generally for a sexual purpose, troll the Internet for vulnerable children and adolescents. Shielded by the anonymity of an assumed online name and profile, they aspire to gain the trust of their targeted victims through computer "chats" — and then to tempt or entice them into sexual activity, over the Internet or, still worse, in person." [1]

This is an "inchoate" offence that is separate and apart from the sexual offence that it precedes. It does not require the sexual offence to have happened. This includes not requiring that the accused actually go to meet the victim in person. [2] Nor is it necessary for the accused to be "objectively capable" to commit the secondary offence. [3]

↑ Legare at 2 ↑ R. v. Legare, at 25 ↑ Legare at 42

Purpose of Facilitating an Offence Edit

It is not criminal to engage in sexually explicit chats with an underage person unless the prohibited purpose is established beyond a reasonable doubt. [1]

The intent must be specific to the objective and must be determined subjectively.[2]

Facilitating can include actions that help “bring about or [make] easier or more probable the commission of such an offence, by grooming or reducing the inhibitions of a young person or by exploiting their curiosity, immaturity or precocious sexuality”.[3]

The contents of the messages can be used but are not determinative of a sexual purpose.[4] The issue must be determined on the evidence as a whole. [5]

↑ R v Pengelley↑ Legare at 32↑ Legare at 28↑ R. v. Legare, 2009 SCC 56 at 31↑ ibid.

Reasonable steps to ascertain ageEdit

Under s. 172.1, the accused can only claim to have believed the alleged victim was not of a prohibited age where he took reasonable steps to ascertain the age of the victim. This is to foreclose any any defence based on claims of the accused without any objective evidential basis.[1]

↑ R. v. Levigne, 2010 SCC 25 at 31, 35

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**Declan Carroll** · Victoria, British Columbia

If a private citizen engages in this behavior it clearly states above that thats bad. But somehow the teachers union has managed to bamboozle the public into thinking this is okay. Its clearly not

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**Paul Dirks** · Lead Pastor at New West Community Baptist Church

So thankful for the hidden agenda of Lord Byng to come to light. in the presentation grade 12's were referred to as "sex addicts", and there were questions about people dressing as animals for sex. That's sexual deviancy and a paraphilia in anyone's book. Not to mention that there are jokes

about the teachers masturbating. The transcript of the event is here:

<http://www.cultureguard.com/.../2017/06/Transcript-F.pdf> . I've had far-left liberals responding with disgust at this whole event.

But the biggest issue here is not the introduction or normalization of sexual mores that some people would consider immoral or deviant- the issue is the deliberate undermining of parental rights. The event was deliberately left off the parents calendar but on the teachers calendar. The students were specifically told to keep quiet about the event or else they could be shut-down. This should seriously concern you even if nothing in the event transcript is a personal problem for you.

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### Isabelle Hui Bon Hoa

"Far left liberals" do not exist. Liberalism is a fundamentally centrist political philosophy, though the BC Liberals are actually right-leaning.

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### Jannick Slavik

Isabelle Hui Bon Hoa

Classical Liberalism is probably centrist, (I.e. Mills' Liberalism)

Post-1960s Liberalism (colored by French Post modernism) is nihilist, so is probably not even on the political spectrum.

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### Isabelle Hui Bon Hoa

I am a student at Lord Byng Secondary. I attended the end-of-year Sex at Lunch special-edition-quiz-show.

This was an optional event for grade 11s and 12s. People at these assemblies choose to attend. Legally, as 16-18 year olds, these people can have sex. As a student at the school as well as someone who regularly attends these events, I can say that the most graphic information is only given to grade 12s and all of the assemblies are optional.

In no way did the school or its teachers condone furies or "sexual deviancy," they merely acknowledged furies' existance and informed us of what they are.

As previously stated, the assembly was limited to grades 11s and 12s, of which all students are of legal age for sex. Sex education does not encourage students to have sex at all. If anything, it encourages people to put it off until they're ready. If students do have sex, they have at least been taught how to perform it in the safest way possible in order to prevent teen pregnancies and STIs.

In cases of students taught abstienence-only sex ed, these two easily preventable things are not taught about, and more importantly, the way to avoid them is not taught. In some cases, both pregancies and STIs can ruin and even end lives. Do you care so little for youths that you would rather that they get sick and/or die than have them learn about sex?

Teen pregancies especially ruin lives, derailing educational and career paths and

therefore forcing people into low wage, low skill-level, entry-level jobs. Without a degree and the resulting higher skill level, it is nearly impossible to get a higher paying or higher level job. Especially in the developed world, growth is slowing and social, political, and wage inequalities are only beginning to close now. People born into low-privilege families are likely to stay at or near the same socioeconomic level. Though this does not always happen in cases on early and unwanted pregnancies, it is a very unfortunate and common story. Of course, this doesn't at all describe the mental strain put on young mothers or the social ridicule they often experience. This does not even take into account the persecution people face for making the choice to end a pregnancy, but I'm not willing to get into that right now.

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**Jennifer Mitchell** · University of Victoria

Students were asked not to post anything on social media - at no time were they told to keep quiet about it. Big difference. Your comment is a serious distortion of the facts.

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**Kari Simpson** · Co-host (radio) at RoadKill Radio

Isabelle Hui Bon Hoa Oh dear Isabelle, is that what they taught you at Lord Byng?! So much to learn. You are courageous to use your voice on forums like this, but please remember that the BC education system is driven by a union that is politically explained as a unhealthy combination of communistic socialism and radical left-wing ideology and indoctrinates teachers accordingly. Membership in the union is mandatory, that should cause any liberty driven, democratically inclined student, or voter to be highly suspect.

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**Katie Bug** · Vancouver, British Columbia

Isabelle Hui Bon Hoa you are very well spoken and defend yourself and your education well. Byng is clearly doing an excellent job and no matter what you say, however eloquently you are, the crazies won't listen.

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**Leslye Walker** · North Delta Secondary School

Sex Ed programs should be allowed to continue without religious interference.

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**Deanna Fernandes**

Responsible sex-ed programs - yes; porn and unhealthy, promiscuous behavior - definitely NO. Parents are the primary educators - definitely not the govt., not the BCTF.

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**Sheldon Johnston** · Vancouver School of Theology

Funny how you deem the involvement of parents in the education of their children as

"interference'. Parents are the primary educators of their children.

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**Leslye Walker** · North Delta Secondary School

Sheldon Johnston I said Religious interference. Funny how you deemed this as parental. If parents were doing a good job, there would be no need for sex education. What is educT

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**Leslye Walker** · North Delta Secondary School

Deanna Fernandes unhealthy promiscuous behaviour is what children are seeing every day and they need education to be able to learn the difference in a healthy sexual relationship.

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**Sheldon Johnston** · Vancouver School of Theology

Leslye Walker I say parents because I didn't see any "religious" involvement at all. I didn't see Cardinal Ouellet or any bishops or prelates involved. And the parents of Christian, Muslim and Jewish families are doing a good job re: teenage pregnancy and STDs. So maybe we need more positive promotion of faith, and not less.

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**Sandy McCrone** · Vancouver, British Columbia

'Sex at Lunch? We old folks used to call that a 'Nooner.'

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**Ken Abbott-Painter**

and we wonder why more and more parents are choosing private schools for their children's education. .

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**Nick Curran** · Columbia University in the City of New York

Exactly. Allow me to educate my kids on sexuality, the when the how and the with whom, as they are still my kids, and you must still get my permission when you want to do anything to them outside of providing standard education. If they want to talk about my kids regarding a subject that is not accademic(don't know where they find the time or resources) try finance. Try teaching them about money, saving money putting away for education, hey how about the type of educational opportunities they can seek and which are more marketable. Ohhh yeah that's right, most of them are economic ignoramuses

re more marketable. Over the years that's right, most of them are economic ignoramuses who don't know much more about money than the kids they instruct and would rather dabble in sexuality because it's cooler.

Yeah no wonder more of us are taking our kids to private schools.

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### Steve Person

Nick Curran

The whole reason school districts have included sex education is because the vast majority of parents **\*\*don't\*\*** teach their own children about it. Just like how they **\*\*don't\*\*** teach their own children about finances – which **\*\*is\*\*** included in the high-school curriculum — it's called Planning 10: Finances.

You out of touch fuddy-duddies may be averse to the concept of sex education, but most of the people who are actually having children now expect it from the public education system.

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**Paul Dirks** · Lead Pastor at New West Community Baptist Church

Steve Person The primary issue here is that the event was deliberately left off the parents calendar (but on the teachers calendar) and that the students were told not to post anything to media so that they wouldn't get shut down. If there is any topic, whatsoever, that would concern you about strangers teaching your kids about sexuality, this overreach by the school should be seen as an enormous problem.

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**Nick Curran** · Columbia University in the City of New York

Steve Person Steve even if the "vast majority" of parents don't teach their kids about it and you've yet to qualify this statement with facts, it's STILL theirs and not the school's responsibility to raise children and to teach them about how to become a man and or women which is what the parents and guardians must do and for which teachers are NO SUBSTITUTE. Steve there are just somethings in life which if you don't do, the doing doesn't automatically fall to someone else which is an assumption which you wrongly make in your position.

Most parents expect it from the public education system? Really son? Have you seen the protests in Ontario or in Alberta since about 2008? You should fact check your sweeping statements.

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**Kari Simpson** · Co-host (radio) at RoadKill Radio

Record rates, some private schools in BC have a three year waiting list. Home schooling is also exploding as a choice.

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**Sheldon Johnston** · Vancouver School of Theology

Steve Person As a parent of five, you certainly don't speak for me.

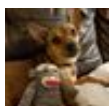
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**Julian Levy** · Vancouver, British Columbia

Nick Curran I went to both private schools and public schools, and honestly the amount of sex was equal at both, the only difference was that people at public school were having safe sex, because you know, they were actually being taught sex ed, which has been shown to highly correlate with having safe sex. Just food for thought (if you are able)

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**Shannon Carriere**

By grade 10 I'm sure most of these children have seen porn, masturbated and heard much more disturbing sexual content from their peers. I don't see the harm in giving them a judgement free place to ask questions and get information on subjects they might feel uncomfortable asking someone like say a judgemental conservative parent who is naive enough to think that their child hasn't already been exposed to sex or sexual information. Why wouldn't you want them to have access to information?

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**Nick Curran** · Columbia University in the City of New York

So if they are watching porn and engaging with each other at their own levels on such a topic sing such a medium am I supposed to feel more comfortable that adults are engaging them there? Maybe you but then maybe you fancy yourself as Linda Lovelace, that's on you. I personally do not want an adult talking to my kids about sex and sharing their views on the same with my KIDS. Its different when the kids banter with each other on the same level about the topic. Suppose my kids are "judgemental conservatives" you think having an adul ostracise them for their beliefs or try to instruct them to the contrary on this topic makes things better? If you like it, YOU book time for your kids and the local 20something year old teacher to talk to them about sex.

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**Jennifer Mitchell** · University of Victoria

Nick - I'm completely flabbergasted at your lack of knowledge as to what is going on in these schools. It's one thing to have a dissenting opinion based on some knowledge of the facts, but quite another to have one without even the most rudimentary understanding of what's going on in the schools. You really need to stop talking about things you don't know about.

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**Nick Curran** · Columbia University in the City of New York

Jennifer Mitchell NO Jenn, I know what I am talking about here, just as I know that you are driven by your personal ideology trumping not only reason but the choice of parents NOT to have this program in the schools. Teach your kids what you want to teach them

NOT to have this program in the schools. teach yur kids what you want to teach them regarding life and or social development, and I'll teach mine IAW my values. So keep yours to yourself kid!

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**Jennifer Mitchell** · University of Victoria

Thank goodness it's an optional program, right?? Now you don't have to worry!! And please, keep your patronizing 'kid' comments to yourself.

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**Sheldon Johnston** · Vancouver School of Theology

Jennifer Mitchell Its optional right now. With the NDP now in power, it probably won't be for long.

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**Steve Effox** · Maple Ridge, British Columbia

Thought we had heard the last of her years ago but like a cold sore, here she is again. Why is it that she feels she can shove her agenda down everyone's throat and why is she so scared about s e x?

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**Nick Curran** · Columbia University in the City of New York

Actually she's not pushing an agenda rather objecting to those who are pushing theirs. She's not advocating an abstinence or any sex ed program at all, rather she's trying to prevent any of these programs whereby adults who may or may not have the kid's best interests at heart including their values may be indoctrinating them.

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**Kevin MacDonald**

Glad they banned her from the school. Now get on with ignoring her.

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**Sheldon Johnston** · Vancouver School of Theology

With all the harms of SOGI entering with the NDP, we're just getting started.

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**Sheldon Johnston** · Vancouver School of Theology

Over 6,000 showed up for rallies against this radical programming in Edmonton and Calgary. Parents will not be silenced with our concerns.

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**Kevin MacDonald**

Sheldon Johnston Which programming do you mean? Both sides see it as programming.

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**Gerry Porter** · Carleton University, Ottawa

Donald is teaching in Vancouver?

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**Jennifer Mitchell** · University of Victoria

Kari Simpson is a liar - she's a horrible representative of what can happen to a person when their ideology overcomes reason and compassion. I'm so proud of the educators who ignore Simpson's brand of hateful, bigoted vitriol and every day make sure our children know they are valued, important, and most of all, not alone.

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**Steve Effox** · Maple Ridge, British Columbia

I wish I could give you million up votes!

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**Nick Curran** · Columbia University in the City of New York

Jenn, where did she lie? Just a question. You call this program "reason and compassion" and then proceed to say that her ideology has over come reaosn and compassion? Don't look now but you've just decsribed yourself beautifly and to a tee.

Nice post!

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**Jennifer Mitchell** · University of Victoria

Nick Curran Nick, I know exactly what went on that day - and yes, she lied. I know exactly what these kids go through and what it means to them to have educators who treat them with compassion and respect, not like infants. I suggest you keep your extremely uninformed opinions to yourself.

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**Nick Curran** · Columbia University in the City of New York

Jennifer Mitchell Sorry Jenn but you STILL didn't tell me what she lied about which suggests that you're lying about her lying. It also suggests that you're just as agenda driven as anyone else on this forum. You talk about treating kids with compassion and respect which s not at all at issue here. The issue is whether or not we require sex talk in public schools between teachers and their studentswho are mostly underaged. Whatever issues and or agenda you're on about is down to you.

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**Jennifer Mitchell** · University of Victoria

Believe whatever you want. I know what the truth is and I know people with your mindset are in the vast minority - thankfully.

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**Nick Curran** · Columbia University in the City of New York

Jennifer Mitchell "Truth"?? You can't even properly defend the statements that you make. You wouldn't recognize truth if it bit you n your @ss!

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**Jennifer Mitchell** · University of Victoria

You're adorbs, Nick. Truly.

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**Kari Simpson** · Co-host (radio) at RoadKill Radio

Jennifer Mitchell You seem to think you know me. Then you know I will sue you if you don't amend your comment. Welcome to the real world.

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**Kari Simpson** · Co-host (radio) at RoadKill Radio

Jennifer Mitchell you are what most informed people refer to as a "useful idiot." Delusion is not "truth", and relying on feelings as opposed to fact will not sustain you. As for your "vast minority" assertion; please stop embarrassing yourself.

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**Sheldon Johnston** · Vancouver School of Theology

Jennifer Mitchell There's a transcript and a recording of the event. No need for ad homenims. Just read the transcript. Since when does Kari communicate that children aren't valued? Its because she and other parents value their children that they speak up. I don't want my 15 y.o. to be taught the ins and outs about anal sex by libertine idealogues. And the fact that its 'optional' doesn't mean that vulnerable kids won't be urged by teachers to attend. SMH.

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**Flavius Tsai**

What will they do when Muslims ask for their views to be known regarding sex ed?

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**Nick Curran** · Columbia University in the City of New York

Good question. I doubt our liberal friends will want to field that question.

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**Jennifer Mitchell** · University of Victoria

Um, yeah. Let me take a stab at it. It's OPTIONAL!!!!

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**Jennifer Mitchell** · University of Victoria

And I'd like to remind you both that this is a Christian who's protesting against this, not a Muslim. You can't have it both ways.

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**Nick Curran** · Columbia University in the City of New York

Jennifer Mitchell Wow, I have to spoon feed it to you. The point being made is that a Muslim would have far more restrictive views on sexuality than would a Christian. The point being that if you think she's in the dark ages what happens when a parent who believes in Sharia Law gives his or her take on this. Believe me they're here and coming in larger numbers. Try and keep up love!

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**Nick Curran** · Columbia University in the City of New York

Jennifer Mitchell Optional sure .... where teachers are involved and other students, no pressure, not stigma, no coercion.

Jenn, love ya but you're simple.

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**Jennifer Mitchell** · University of Victoria

Nick - the only simple one here is you. You're a black-and-white thinker. Know many Muslims? I do - you're out of your league. But whatever, I'm done. I can't be bothered with people as ill-informed as you.

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**Nick Curran** · Columbia University in the City of New York

Jennifer Mitchell I know you don't know many Muslims nor their religious philosophy because if you did bother to check out the Quran you'd realise that they are far more socially conservative than are the rest of us to try to say otherwise demonstrates just how ignorant you are regarding Islam.

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**Jennifer Mitchell** · University of Victoria

Because all Christians are the same....because all Christians follow the Bible literally....all Muslims do the same? I am truly sorry to hear you think all Muslims think and feel the same way but that is what I'd expect from someone who can only see black and white.

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**Sheldon Johnston** · Vancouver School of Theology

Jennifer Mitchell What are the odds that the public system will do justice to teaching about forced marriage and female genital mutilation? But they will teach about wearing a hijab. I've seen the lessons plans. Because subjugation of women is a Canadian value. It's all about forcing traditional values out, so that in a generation or two, another value system can be brought in. And Sharia has such a more socially just way of dealing with homosexuality than the Catholics.

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**Andrew Caddyshack** · Field Operations Manager at Caddy Construction

Just another aging religious nut trying to peddle their beliefs on to others. These individuals pull out their 'Trump Card' and refuse to accept facts. Sex-Ed is an absolute essential. Period.

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**Jessica 'Casey' Stanley**

Actually the research fully supports the efficacy and protections associated with sex education.

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**Marissa Hadland** · State University of New York, USA

These programs are evidence-based.

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**Nick Curran** · Columbia University in the City of New York

How is sex ed an absolute essential? There is NO EVIDENCE to support that claim, its merely YOUR opinion.

In US cities where sex ed is taught, teen pregnancy and sti rates are STILL MUCH higher than jurisdictions where sex ed is not taught which suggests as many believe that there are other factors involved with regards to sexuality which really is not the reason why kids are at school in the first place. Culture and morality ALSO play a factor in sexuality, positively so where sexuality is healthy.

Asides from biology classes, one needs not talk to impressionable minors about their sexuality, that's for their parents and or guardians to do, whether or not they do so is their responsibility and business not that of the schools. Essentially all you need do is speak to the kids about CONSENT with respect to touching or engaging in sexual related activities. Beyond that this issue is waaay too controversial and rife with problems for school administrators and teachers to deal with. Yeah you liberal types would probably allow you kids to do anything with anyone but not all parents are of that same view. Their views also have to be taken into account. You can dismiss them as "Tump supporters" (Andrew don't bother telling us where that came from) just as easily as they can dismiss you as moral reprobates.

There's no need for this. The only responses you get from kids getting sex ed at school, is some giggle and laugh, most ignore it and never really fall back on the "lessons" when the moment arises, (we all remember our first time and don't tell me grade 9 sex ed tips came to mind), and some parents will be upset as is evidence. This is the result of sex ed, its a waste of time which nobody but irate parents take seriously.

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