

## Homosexuality and the Church Crisis

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*Abstract:* Due to clergy sex abuse scandals centered primarily in the Northern hemisphere, the moral authority of the Roman Catholic Church has been subjected to an opportunistic siege by prominent individuals and organizations who see the chance to advance their goals, including the ordination of women and the suspension of the requirement for priestly celibacy.

There is also a strongly defensive element to this strategy. Opponents of the Church know that there is a well-documented and strong correlation between male homosexuality and child sexual abuse, but claim that there is no evidence supporting this connection.

And, of course, those who are currently attacking the Church hope that they can undermine its moral authority to preach on the sinfulness of homosexual behavior and weaken its opposition to ersatz homosexual "marriage."

This paper demonstrates that there is indeed a very strong link between male homosexuality and child sexual abuse. It also shows that there is a similar rate of child sexual abuse among other very large groups of adult males (e.g., Protestant clergy, who are usually married), thus proving that celibacy is not the root of the problem – *homosexuality* is.

### Introduction.

A very small number of Catholic priests and other leaders have taken advantage of their positions of authority and influence in order to gain sexual favors or to take advantage of the helpless. The problem of clerical child sexual molestation, particularly in the United States and Europe, has been widely exposed and publicized over the past decade.

During the crisis currently being discussed, homophile activists within and outside the Catholic Church have done everything they can to divert attention away from even the *possibility* that there may be a higher percentage of homosexuals among the priesthood than in the general public, and that this may be the root cause of the problem of child sexual molestation within the Church. These activists particularly seek to deny the link between homosexuality and child sexual molestation.

For example, the dissenting organization "Dignity USA" kicked off its "Stop Blaming Gay Priests" campaign in 2002. The group said "DignityUSA [sic] is calling on the U.S. Catholic bishops to stop blaming gay priests for the clergy sexual abuse scandal. All credible evidence discounts any link between the molestation of children and homosexuality."<sup>1</sup>

More recently, Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone, the Holy See's Secretary of State, suggested that there is a link between homosexuality and child sexual abuse. "Gay" groups all over the world reacted with horror and fury, and echoed what Dignity USA had said years before. As one

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<sup>1</sup> Dignity USA Web site, February 6, 2004. This campaign was begun during the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops annual meeting in Washington, D.C., November 10-13, 2002. We should point out that the very existence of a group that supports sexually active "gay priests" is a great source of scandal.

example, Rolando Jiminéz, president of Chile's Movement for Homosexual Integration and Liberation, said that "No reputable study exists to support the cardinal's claims."<sup>2</sup>

The situation has become so charged that anyone who even *suggests* that there may be a connection between homosexuality and child sexual abuse is instantly and reflexively labeled a "homophobe" and a "gay basher." The powerful homosexual lobby reacts instinctively to negative publicity and information by "ritually defaming" those who dare raise their voices. Organized homosexual groups and their supporters first attempt to ignore the evidence, or, if it simply cannot be disregarded, aggressively smear and discredit those who produced it.<sup>3</sup>

Such wholesale dismissal of documented facts, and the accompanying refusal to even *discuss* the possibility of a link between an active homosexual lifestyle and child sexual abuse, is a grave disservice not only to the victims, but to society at large. Obviously, a proven link between homosexual orientation and child sexual molestation would badly damage the carefully crafted public relations image of the "gay rights" movement. Therefore, instead of calmly and rationally discussing the issues, homosexual rights leaders subscribe to the axiom "the best defense is a good [and loud] offense." They remain in a permanent attack mode.

In general, the media and liberal groups seem almost pathologically careful to avoid stereotyping an entire group of people because of the actions of just a few. For example, we are told repeatedly that we must not perceive jihadists as representing Islam. Yet, when dealing with the Catholic Church, the media and others cast even the vestiges of decency and restraint to the wind. As one example, a writer described the Vatican as "an international criminal conspiracy to protect child rapists."<sup>4</sup> Naturally, the Pope is singled out for the most vicious and ridiculous abuse. According to *The Irish Times*, "Pope Benedict has made worse just about everything that is wrong with the Roman Catholic Church and is directly responsible for engineering the global cover-up of child rape perpetrated by priests."<sup>5</sup>

The only way to get at the root of the problem of priestly child molestation is to ignore this smear campaign and proceed methodically. We must first objectively study all facts relating to the situation, and then muster the courage to respond by taking the appropriate steps. If this is not done, any effort to address the problem, no matter how well intentioned or vigorously pursued, will be utterly squandered.

Certainly we owe it to the victims – and to the Catholic Church itself – to determine the truth behind this volatile topic.

<sup>2</sup> Rory Carroll. "Vatican Attacked over Cardinal's Claim of Homosexuality and Paedophilia Link." *The Guardian*, April 13, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> Laird Wilcox. "The Practice of Ritual Defamation." Editorial Research Service Web site at <http://www.lairdwilcox.com>. Homophiles will inevitably use these tactics in attempts to discredit this report. Defenders of the Catholic Church must ignore these attacks and emphasize the quotes, statistics and conclusions contained in this work.

<sup>4</sup> Perhaps the best general article on the bigotry of the "Pope-hunters" is by atheist Brendan O'Neill. "The Pope-Hunters' Pathological Campaign." *The Australian*, April 15, 2010.

<sup>5</sup> Hans Küng. "Church in Worst Credibility Crisis since Reformation, Theologian Tells Bishops." *The Irish Times*, April 16, 2010.

## Studies on the Frequency of Homosexual Child Molestation

Dignity USA and other homosexual groups strenuously deny any connection whatever between a homosexual orientation and child sexual molestation. They repeatedly claim that "All credible evidence discounts any link between the molestation of children and homosexuality."<sup>6</sup>

Yet these groups seem curiously reluctant to cite this "credible evidence."

In fact, a number of studies performed over a period spanning more than half a century – *many of which were performed by homosexuals or their sympathizers* – have shown that an extremely large percentage of sexually active homosexuals also participate in child sexual molestation.

This is not "homophobia" or "hatred." This is mere scientific *fact*.

For example;

- Homosexual Alfred Kinsey, the USA's preeminent sexual researcher, found in 1948 that 37 percent of all male homosexuals admitted to having sex with children under 17 years old.<sup>7</sup>
- A recent study published in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* found that "The best epidemiological evidence indicates that only 2-4% of men attracted to adults prefer men. In contrast, around 25-40% of men attracted to children prefer boys. Thus, the rate of homosexual attraction is 6-20 times higher among pedophiles."<sup>8</sup>
- Another recent study in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* found that "... all but 9 of the 48 homosexual men preferred the youngest two male age categories." These age categories were fifteen and twenty years old.<sup>9</sup>
- A third study in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* found that "Pedophilia appears to have a greater than chance association with two other statistically infrequent phenomena. The first of these is homosexuality ... Recent surveys estimate the prevalence of homosexuality, among men attracted to adults, in the neighborhood of 2%. In contrast, the prevalence of homosexuality among pedophiles may be as high as 30-40%."<sup>10</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Dignity USA Web site, February 6, 2004.

<sup>7</sup> Alfred Kinsey data described in P.H. Gebhard and A.B. Johnson. *The Kinsey Data*. Saunders Publishing, 1979. Table 443, "Homosexual Sample: Age at First Postpubertal Homosexual Contact," and Table 444, "Homosexual Sample: Age of Partner in First Postpubertal Homosexual Contact." Even though much of Kinsey's research has been thoroughly discredited, his enduring primacy in the field of 'sexology' means that sex educators and others involved in human sexuality study his material intensively, and have therefore been aware of the strong link between homosexuality and pedophilia for more than six decades.

<sup>8</sup> Ray Blanchard, *et al.* "Fraternal Birth Order and Sexual Orientation in Pedophiles." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, October 2000 [Volume 29, Number 5], pages 463-478, p. 464.

<sup>9</sup> A. Zebulon, Z.A. Silverthorne and Vernon L. Quinsey. "Sexual Partner Age Preferences of Homosexual and Heterosexual Men and Women." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, February 2000 [Volume 29, Number 1], pages 67-76, p. 73.

<sup>10</sup> Ray Blanchard, *et al.* "Pedophiles: Mental Retardation, Maternal Age, and Sexual Orientation." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, April 1999 [Volume 28, Number 2], pages 111-127, p. 112.

- A study in the *Journal of Sex Research* noted that "... the proportion of sex offenders against male children among homosexual men is substantially larger than the proportion of sex offenders against female children among heterosexual men ... the development of pedophilia is more closely linked with homosexuality than with heterosexuality."<sup>11</sup>
- A study of 229 convicted child molesters published in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* found that "eighty-six percent of [sexual] offenders against males described themselves as homosexual or bisexual."<sup>12</sup>
- A study by The Institute for Sex Research, which was founded by Alfred Kinsey, determined that 25% of white homosexual men have had sex with boys sixteen years and younger.<sup>13</sup>

There are occasional desultory attempts to deny or obscure the fact that a disproportionately high percentage of active homosexuals sexually molest children. These studies are invariably afflicted with one or more fatal flaws.

A typical example, oft-quoted by "gay rights" activists, is the July 1994 *Pediatrics* article by Jenny, Roesler and Poyer that says "Using the data from our study, the 95% confidence limits of the risk children would identify recognizably homosexual adults as the potential abuser, are from 0% to 3.1%. These limits are within current estimates of the prevalence of homosexuality in the general community."<sup>14</sup>

The fatal flaw of this study is that it examined sexually abused children with a mean age of just 6.1 years. Children this young are usually targets of true pedophiles, those persons with no sexual attraction to adults of either sex. By contrast, homosexual pedophiles are usually classified as "ephebophiles," persons sexually attracted to pubescent or post-pubescent children.

### **Definitions and Calculations**

The John Jay study on the sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church in the United States defines "pedophiles" as people who "exhibit recurrent, intense, sexually arousing fantasies, urges or behaviors related to sexual contact with a prepubescent child over a period of at least six months duration."<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Kurt Freund, Robin Watson and Douglas Rienzo. "Heterosexuality, Homosexuality, and Erotic Age Preference." *Journal of Sex Research*, February 1989 [Volume 26, Number 1], pages 107-117, p. 115.

<sup>12</sup> W.D. Erickson, *et al.* "Behavior Patterns of Child Molesters." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, February 1988 [Volume 17, Number 1], pages 77-86, p. 83.

<sup>13</sup> Alan P. Bell, *et al.*, Institute for Sex Research. *Homosexualities: A Study of Diversity Among Men and Women* [New York City: Simon and Schuster], 1978. Appendix C, Table 7, "Sexual Partnerships," page 311.

<sup>14</sup> C. Jenny, T.A. Roesler, and K.L. Poyer. "Are Children at Risk for Sexual Abuse by Homosexuals?" *Pediatrics*, July 1994 [Volume 94, Number 1], pages 41-44.

<sup>15</sup> John Jay College of Criminal Justice. *The Nature and Scope of the Problem of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Catholic Priests and Deacons in the United States*. April 2004, Section 3.1, "Introduction to the Problem of Child Sexual Abuse by Adult Men."

When people speak of the current crisis being a problem involving "pedophile priests," they are addressing only a small portion of the situation. According to the John Jay study, most of the sexually offending priests are not true pedophiles. They are in fact "ephebophiles," who "exhibit these same fantasies, urges or behaviors towards post-pubescent youths."<sup>16</sup> Generally, the John Jay study recognized that pedophilia can be defined as the sexual molestation of children aged ten and younger. The National Review Board study defines "ephebophilia" as "homosexual attraction to adolescent males," a definition that certainly is validated by the quotes of "gay rights" activists later in this article.<sup>17</sup>

Table 3.5.4 of the John Jay Study is reproduced below. It clearly demonstrates that, as the age of the victims rises, the percentage of victims decisively shifts from primarily female to overwhelmingly male.

<b>Table 3.5.4</b>					
<i>Alleged Victims of Sexual Abuse Incidents, Grouped by Gender and Age.</i>					
<b>Gender</b>	<b>1–7 Years</b>	<b>8–10 Years</b>	<b>11–14 Years</b>	<b>15–17 Years</b>	<b>Totals 11–17 Yrs</b>
<b>Total</b>	487	1,390	5,016	3,394	8,410
<b>Male</b>	203 41.7%	992 71.4%	4,282 85.4%	2,892 85.2%	7,174 85.3%
<b>Female</b>	284 58.3%	398 28.6%	734 14.6%	502 14.8%	1,236 14.7%

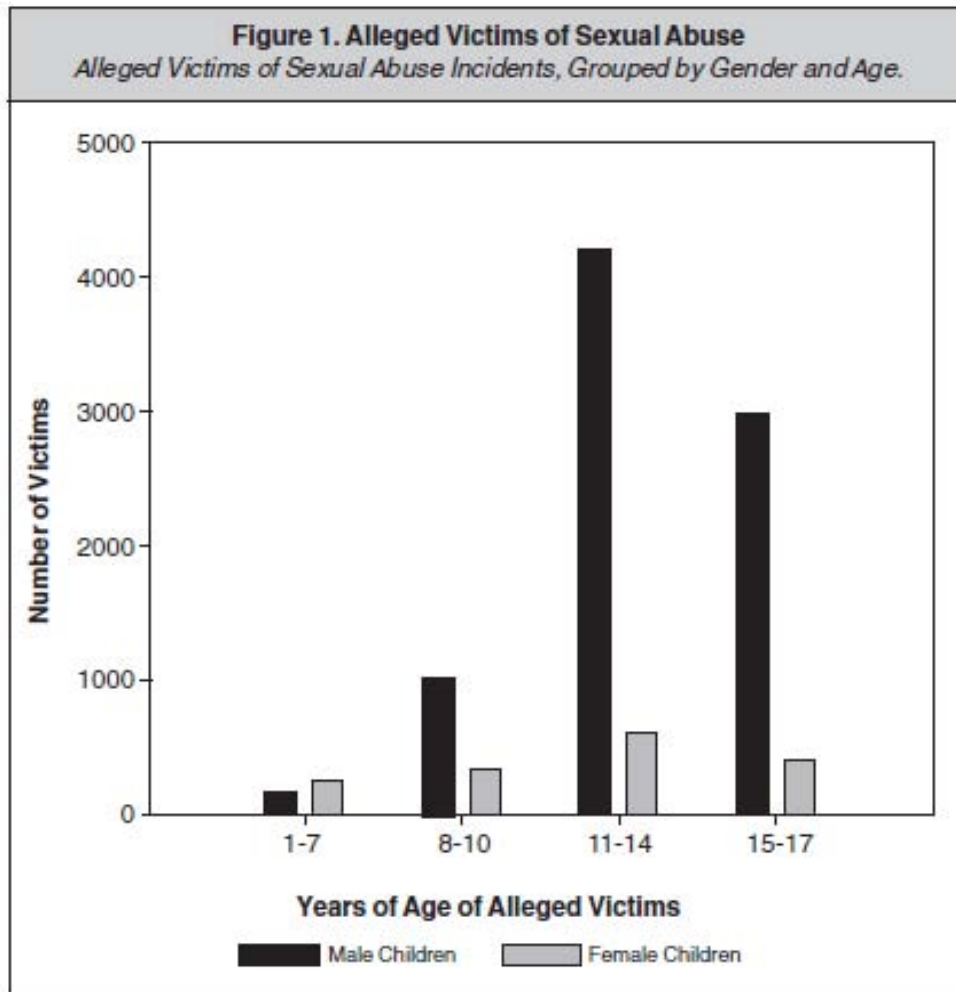
The results shown in Table 3.5.4 stand in stark contrast to United States Department of Health and Human Services statistics, which show that male-on-male child sexual abuse in the USA comprises only 14.4% of all sexual abuse committed by males. In other words, in the general population of males who sexually abuse minors, only *one in seven* molest boys. In the population of priests who sexually abuse minors, *six in seven* molest boys.<sup>18</sup>

Figure 1 graphically depicts Table 3.5.4, and shows the numbers of alleged victims of sexual abuse incidents grouped by gender and age. One can clearly see that the percentage of victims is overwhelmingly male.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>17</sup> National Review Board. *A Report on the Crisis in the Catholic Church in the United States*. February 27, 2004, page 27, footnote 15.

<sup>18</sup> United States Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. *Child Maltreatment* [annual reports, 1995 to 2008].



Many experts have claimed that there is a much higher percentage of homosexuals in the priesthood than there is in the general population. Let us assume for a moment that the concentration of male homosexuals in the priesthood is four times greater than it is in the general population – about ten percent.<sup>19</sup>

If we assume that this number is correct, using the figures given in Table 3.5.4, we find that a homosexual priest is

<sup>19</sup> One of the "articles of faith" of the "gay rights" movement is that ten percent of any population is homosexual. In fact, the numbers are much smaller. There have been a number of major studies gauging the percentage of homosexuals in the general population. The aggregated results of these studies surveyed more than 218,000 men in several countries and show that 2.6 percent of the male population has *ever* had a homosexual experience in their lives [for a list of these studies, see Brian W. Clowes and David L. Sonnier. "Child Molestation by Homosexuals and Heterosexuals." *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*, May 2005, pages 44-54].

$$(85.3\%/10.0\%)/(14.7\%/90.0\%) = 52$$

times more likely to molest a child than a heterosexual priest.

If we use the more reasonable assumption that five percent of all priests are homosexual (still about twice the average in the general population), we see that a homosexual priest is

$$(85.3\%/5.0\%)/(14.7\%/95.0\%) = 110$$

times more likely to molest a child than a heterosexual priest.

It is logical that homosexuals who sexually desire young children deliberately seek employment that will bring them into proximity with the greatest number of children possible. The most "promising" jobs of this nature include clergymen working in youth ministries, Boy Scout leaders and schoolteachers.

This is primarily why homosexual teachers have been involved in a hugely disproportionate number of all recorded cases of teacher/pupil sex. A nationwide survey of school principals showed that they received 13 times as many complaints about homosexuals sexually molesting students than they did about heterosexuals molesting students.<sup>20</sup>

Other studies have shown that homosexual teachers are from 90 to 100 times more likely to molest students than heterosexual teachers.<sup>21</sup>

### Supporting Quotes by Homosexual Activists

As further evidence of the strong connection between active homosexuality and child molestation, many homosexual leaders have openly admitted that there is a natural link between a homosexual orientation and child sexual abuse.

Many "gay" organizations and leaders not only admit to, but *support*, the sexual abuse of children by homosexuals.

An editorial in the *San Francisco Sentinel*, a member of the National Lesbian & Gay Journalist's Association, claimed that

The love between men and boys is at the foundation of homosexuality. For the gay community to imply that boy-love is not homosexual love is ridiculous. We must not be seduced into believing misinformation from the press and the government. Child molesting does occur, but there are also positive sexual relations. And we need to support the men and the boys in those relationships.<sup>22</sup>

The notorious North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA), one of several major organized pederast groups, always has a drawing or a photo of a pre-teen boy on the cover of its NAMBLA *Bulletin*, as well as many other such depictions within each issue.

<sup>20</sup> J. Dressler. "Gay Teachers: A Disesteemed Minority in an Overly Esteemed Profession." *Rutgers/Camden Law Journal*, 1978, 9(3), pages 399-445.

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>22</sup> Point of View. "No Place for Homo-Homophobia." *San Francisco Sentinel*, March 26, 1992.

Pedophile Philip Hutchinson's poem entitled "Choirboy" is entirely typical of the fare found in the *Bulletin*;

You look like a cherub, but you're worldly-wise.  
 You'd love to have me think you're newly-born,  
 but I can spot the twinkle in your eyes;  
 you know damned well how much you turn me on.  
 Between us, you're the satyr – I'm the saint,  
 so shed your sacred robe and bare your skin,  
 surrender to my touch without restraint,  
 and later, put your halo on again.<sup>23</sup>

One of NAMBLA's flyers says that

There is no age at which a person becomes capable of consenting to sex. The age of sexual consent is just one of many ways in which adults impose their system of control on children ... Amazing as it may seem in this child-hating and homophobic society, boy lovers find boys attractive and like their spontaneity and openness.<sup>24</sup>

Convicted pederast and NAMBLA member David Thorstad has said that "I think that pederasty should be given the stamp of approval. I think it's true that boy-lovers are much better for children than the parents are ..."<sup>25</sup>

NAMBLA is by no means on the fringe of the "gay rights" movement. For years, it was a member in good standing of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), and was only jettisoned by ILGA when the parent organization applied for United Nations consultative status in 1993. Years earlier, the ILGA itself had resolved that "Young people have the right to sexual and social self-determination and that age of consent laws often operate to oppress and not to protect."<sup>26</sup>

Homosexual defenders of NAMBLA declared that "man/boy love is by definition homosexual," that "man/boy lovers are part of the gay movement and central to gay history and culture," part of "the Western homosexual tradition from Socrates to Wilde to Gide," and part of "many non-Western homo-sexualities from New Guinea and Persia to the Zulu and the Japanese."<sup>27</sup>

In fact, one of NAMBLA's "gay" defenders got right to the point when he said that "Homosexuals denying that it is 'not gay' to be attracted to adolescent boys are just as ludicrous as heterosexuals saying it's 'not heterosexual' to be attracted to adolescent girls."<sup>28</sup>

<sup>23</sup> Pedophile Philip Hutchinson's poem entitled "Choirboy." *NAMBLA Bulletin*, January-February 1984, page 14.

<sup>24</sup> NAMBLA flyer, quoted in Shirley J. O'Brien. "The Child Molester: Porn Plays a Major Role in Life." *National Federation for Decency Journal*, May/June 1987, pages 9-11.

<sup>25</sup> David Thorstad, quoted in Joseph Sobran. "The Moderate Radical." *Human Life Review*, Summer 1983, pages 59-60. "Pederasty" is generally defined as the sexual molestation of a boy by an adult male not in his immediate family.

<sup>26</sup> Wikipedia entry on NAMBLA, April 14, 2010.

<sup>27</sup> Joshua Gamson. "Messages of Exclusion: Gender, Movements, and Symbolic Boundaries." *Gender and Society* April 1997 [Volume 11, Number 2], pages 178-199.

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*

“Gay” leaders and researchers have recognized and publicized the natural relationship between homosexuality and pederasty [adult male sexual molestation of boys] for decades. NAMBLA and similar groups may be in the forefront of promoting "gay" sex with young boys, but many other prominent homosexuals have transmitted the same message;

- Larry Kramer, founder of the homosexual group AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP), said that "In those cases where children do have sex with their homosexual elders, I submit that often, very often, the child desires the activity, and perhaps even solicits it, either because of a natural curiosity, or because he or she is homosexual and innately knows it. ... And unlike girls or women forced into rape or traumatized, most gay men have warm memories of their earliest and early sexual encounters; when we share these stories with each other, they are invariably positive ones."<sup>29</sup>
- Pat Califia, lesbian author and activist, wrote in the "mainstream" homosexual publication *The Advocate* that "Boy-lovers and the lesbians who have young lovers are the only people offering a hand to help young women and men cross the difficult terrain between straight society and the gay community. They are not child molesters. The child abusers are priests, teachers, therapists, cops and parents who force their stale morality onto the young people in their custody. Instead of condemning pedophiles for their involvement with lesbian and gay youth, we should be supporting them."<sup>30</sup>
- Steve Hanson wrote in the homosexual magazine *Bay Area Reporter* "Shame on us if our lesbian/gay voices remain silent while our NAMBLA brothers are persecuted once again, and shame on those lesbians and gay men who will raise their voices to condemn NAMBLA, insisting that boy lovers (and presumably the boys they love and who love them) are not part of this thing called the lesbian/gay community."<sup>31</sup>
- One of the authors of *The Big Gay Book* said that "Sex between youths and adults is one of the most difficult issues in the gay movement. When does a youngster have the right and the power to make his own sexual decisions? How are laws against intergenerational sex used specifically to target gay men? What are the issues that make the romantic image of the Greek teacher and his student in times of antiquity turn into something ugly and forbidden in the modern age?"<sup>32</sup>
- Lesbian Gayle Rubin wrote that "The recent career of boy-love in the public mind should serve as an alert that the self-interests of the feminist and gay movements are linked to simple justice for stigmatized sexual minorities. ... We must not reject all sexual contact between adults and young people as inherently oppressive."<sup>33</sup>

Like the "ten percent" myth, the modern-day concept that adults can legitimately have sex with children originated with the Alfred Kinsey team. Sex educator and Kinsey collaborator

<sup>29</sup> Larry Kramer, in *Reports from the Holocaust* [New York City: St. Martin's Press], 1991.

<sup>30</sup> Pat Califia, in *The Advocate*, October 1980.

<sup>31</sup> Steve Hanson. "Shame on Us." *B.A.R. (Bay Area Reporter)*, January 23, 1992.

<sup>32</sup> John Preston, quoted in *The Big Gay Book: A Man's Survival Guide for the '90s* [New York City: Plume], 1991.

<sup>33</sup> Gayle Rubin, quoted in *Leaping Lesbian*, February, 1978. This article originally appeared in an article entitled "Sexual Politics, the New Right, and the Sexual Fringe" in *The Age Taboo* [Alyson Press], 1981, pages 108-115.

Wardell Pomeroy said that "People seem to think that any [sexual] contact between children and adults has a bad effect on the child. I say that this can be a loving and thoughtful, responsible sexual activity."<sup>34</sup>

Interestingly, while the mainstream press and liberal groups systematically pillory the Catholic Church, they entirely ignore the well-organized and determined efforts by professional associations to decriminalize and normalize child sexual abuse.

For example, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) recently sponsored a symposium in which participants discussed the removal of pedophilia from an upcoming edition of the group's psychiatric manual of mental disorders. At about the same time, the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* published a special edition in December 2002 discussing whether pedophilia should remain classified as a mental disorder.<sup>35</sup>

As early as 1988, a leading American psychological journal, *Behavior Today*, claimed that "Pedophilia may be a sexual orientation rather than a sexual deviation. This raises the question as to whether pedophiles may have rights."<sup>36</sup>

### **Information Provided by a Diocesan Administrator**

It is clear, even without reference to the numerous reports throughout the recent years, that homosexuals have infiltrated the ranks of the clergy to an astonishing degree. In some corners of the Church, such behavior has long been seen as acceptable.

To cite just one recent example, Msgr. Richard Sniezyk, appointed to head the Diocese of Springfield-in-Massachusetts after its bishop resigned amid sexual abuse allegations, said in an interview that the recent scandal in the Catholic Church stems from a belief among some priests during the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s that sex with young men was "acceptable;"

Monsignor Richard S. Sniezyk, 66, the leader of the Springfield Diocese until the Vatican names a bishop to replace Thomas L. Dupre, said that as a seminarian and then a young priest ... he heard of priests who had sex with young men, but "no one thought much about it" because priests didn't recognize how mentally and emotionally damaging their behavior was ... "It was that era of the '60s – most of it took place from the mid-'60s to the early '80s – and the whole atmosphere out there was, it was OK, it was OK to do."<sup>37</sup>

This is not a statement by an anti-Catholic or homosexual activist, but rather an admission from none other than the duly-appointed shepherd of souls in this Massachusetts diocese.

<sup>34</sup> Wardell Pomeroy, quoted in Michael Ebert. "Pedophilia Steps Into the Daylight." *Focus on the Family Citizen*, November 16, 1992, pages 6-8.

<sup>35</sup> Lawrence Morahan. "Psychiatric Association Debates Lifting Pedophilia Taboo." *CNSNews.com*, June 11, 2003; *Archives of Sexual Behavior* article discussed in Linda Ames Nicolosi. "International Academy of Sex Research Joins the Debate: Is Pedophilia a Mental Disorder?" *NARTH*, June 26, 2003.

<sup>36</sup> *Behavior Today*, December 5, 1988, page 5.

<sup>37</sup> John M. McElhenny, "Monsignor Says Harm of Abuse Wasn't Recognized." *Boston Globe*, February 23, 2004.

It is easy to look back on the crisis in the Catholic Church in the United States and place blame on the Vatican, on the bishops, on the seminaries, or even on our society's permissive attitude toward sexuality in general. But much terrible damage has already been done – to the victims, to the Church, and to the souls of many whose faith has been shaken or even destroyed by the scandal.

Our primary responsibilities at this point are not blame and condemnation, but reparation and prevention. We must compensate the victims, and we must reassure them by making certain that there are no more future cases of child sexual molestation by clergy or other Church workers.

### **Does Pederast Equal "Gay"?**

Some researchers assert that just because an activity is homosexual in nature does not mean that the person committing the act is a homosexual. For example, criminologist Margaret Smith said that "The majority of the [clergy] abusive acts were homosexual in nature. That participation in homosexual acts is not the same as sexual identity as a gay man."<sup>38</sup>

This is like saying that someone who steals is not a thief, or that someone who races his car down a crowded city street at 200 kilometers per hour is not a reckless driver.

Men who sexually molest boys may *claim* not to be homosexual, but this assertion is disingenuous at best and deliberately deceptive at worst.

Many of the studies quoted above show that homosexual men are attracted to young boys. An *Archives of Sexual Behavior* study compared the sexual age preferences of people who described themselves as heterosexual men, heterosexual women, homosexual men, and lesbians. The results showed that "all but 9 of the 48 homosexual men preferred the youngest two male age categories," which included males as young as age fifteen.<sup>39</sup>

Sometimes homophile groups allege that men who sexually molest boys are generally not sexually attracted to adult males, and therefore should not be considered homosexuals.

Once again, research does not support such a claim. A study of sex offenders against male children in *Behavior Research and Therapy* found that male pederasts are sexually attracted to "males of all ages." Compared to non-offenders, the offenders showed "greater arousal" when viewing slides of nude males as old as twenty-four: "As a group, the child molesters responded with moderate sexual arousal ... to the nude males of all ages."<sup>40</sup>

In fact, a large percentage of pedophiles consider themselves to be homosexual. A study of 229 convicted child molesters in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* found that "eighty-six percent of [sexual] offenders against males described themselves as homosexual or bisexual."<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>38</sup> Jeremy Schulman. "Expert: Donohue's Claim that Most Abusive Priests are Gay is "Unwarranted." Media Matters for America Web site, April 2, 2010.

<sup>39</sup> Zebulon, Z.A. Silverthorne and Vernon L. Quinsey. "Sexual Partner Age Preferences of Homosexual and Heterosexual Men and Women." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, February 2000 [Volume 29, Number 1], pages 67-76.

<sup>40</sup> W.L. Marshall, H.E. Barbaree, and Jennifer Butt. "Sexual Offenders Against Male Children: Sexual Preferences." *Behavior Research and Therapy*, 26 (1988): 383.

<sup>41</sup> W.D. Erickson, *et al.* "Behavior Patterns of Child Molesters." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, February 1986 [Volume 17, Number 1], pages 77-86, p. 83.

### **Is Celibacy the Problem?**

Many opportunists claim that, if the Catholic Church would simply relax its rules on celibacy, the sexual abuse crisis would be greatly ameliorated.

This assertion simply makes no sense.

Those priests who sexually molest boys have just as much access to adult women as other men. In fact, since priests are admired and respected professionals, we might reasonably say that they have *more* ready access to women than do other men.

The most certain proof that there is no correlation between celibacy and child molestation comes from the fact that married men commit child sexual abuse at about the same rate as Catholic priests.

There are about 260 reports each year of children under 18 being sexually abused by Protestant clergy, church staff, volunteers or congregation members. By comparison, 4,392 priests (out of 109,000) were accused of sexual abuse during the time period 1950 to 2002, an average of 84 per year.<sup>42</sup>

These numbers are backed up by a comprehensive study by Professor Philip Jenkins of Penn State, which found that between 0.2 percent and 1.7 percent of priests are pedophiles, and 2 to 3 percent of Protestant clergy are pedophiles, a somewhat higher rate.<sup>43</sup>

Since Protestant clergy are free to marry, it is obvious that allowing priests to marry will not solve the problem.

### **"Born that Way?" So What?**

We often hear from the homosexual-rights movement that "gays" are "born that way." This may or may not be true, depending on which of the hundreds of conflicting studies we choose to believe. Some experts believe that, in many cases, homosexuality is an acquired condition due to the lack of an effective male role model.

In the most fundamental sense, this point is irrelevant. We are *all* born with weaknesses, a direct result of our fallen natures.

We can deal with these weaknesses in one of two ways.

We can accept them as crosses given to us by God, and we can glorify His Name by struggling to overcome them with the aid of His grace. Or we can simply give in and use the "born that way" excuse, the weak and cowardly road that is a vote of no-confidence in God's grace and its ability to save us.

A person can have a genetic predisposition towards alcoholism. Yet our spouses do not accept the "born that way" excuse if we arrive home drunk every night. Kleptomania may indeed also be genetic, yet no court in the world has ever accepted the "born that way" excuse as a defense against shoplifting charges.

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<sup>42</sup> Rose French. "260 Reports of Abuse Yearly in Protestant Churches." *Chicago Sun-Times*, June 15, 2007. Also see the John Jay study for statistics on accused Catholic priests.

<sup>43</sup> Philip Jenkins. *Pedophiles and Priests: Anatomy of a Contemporary Crisis* [New York City: Oxford University Press], 1996, pages 50 and 81.

Alcoholics and those tempted to steal can be good and holy priests – just so long as they recognize their weaknesses, avoid near occasions of sin, and fight to overcome them on a daily basis with the help of God's grace. Men who are sexually attracted to women or to other men can also become saintly priests – but only if they do not give in to temptation and act out their desires.

A man who is living an active homosexual lifestyle, or who even experiences homosexual tendencies, should never be ordained a priest.<sup>44</sup> The danger to souls and to lives is just too great, as the sexual abuse crisis in the Church has amply demonstrated.

## **Conclusions**

Ephhebophilia, or the sexual desire for adolescent boys, has always been a hallmark of homosexuality, as shown by numerous scientific studies, and as admitted by "gay" leaders themselves on many occasions.

Homophile groups are exploiting the current crisis in the Church in order to achieve their goals, a classic strategy of infiltration and subversion. Many of these groups vocally supported "man-boy love" in the 1960s and 1970s. Now the same groups are attacking the Church because pedophile priests followed their advice and became "boy-lovers!"

The primary goal of those attacking the Church is to publicly destroy its moral authority so that people will not heed its teachings that homosexual behavior is sinful, and that homosexual "marriage" is a fraud.

A secondary goal of these groups is to eliminate the requirement for celibacy among priests. However, married Protestant clergy have a larger rate of child sexual molestation as Catholic priests, proving that celibacy has nothing at all to do with pederasty.

In summary, there are many attacking on the Pope specifically and the Roman Catholic Church generally because of the sex abuse crisis. However, these individuals and organizations are not motivated by a desire to enlighten mankind or protect the innocent, since the crisis has already largely subsided, and stringent means have been enacted to prevent the abuse from reoccurring. Rather, the motivation appears to be more one of bigotry and a desire to muzzle and sideline the Church's moral opposition to the "gay rights" movement.

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<sup>44</sup> Congregation for Catholic Education. Instruction "Concerning the Criteria for the Discernment of Vocation with Regard to Persons with Homosexual Tendencies in the View of Their Admission to the Seminary and to Holy Orders," November 4, 2005.

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## APPENDIX

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- <sup>8</sup> Ray Blanchard, *et al.* "Fraternal Birth Order and Sexual Orientation in Pedophiles." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, October 2000 [Volume 29, Number 5], pages 463-478.

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homosexual men have a higher mean birth order (i.e., more older siblings) than comparable heterosexuals. It has further been shown that homosexual men have a higher birth order than heterosexual men primarily because they have a greater number of older brothers. They do not differ with regard to older sisters, once their number of older brothers has been taken into account (Blanchard and Bogaert, 1996a,b; Blanchard *et al.*, 1998; Jones and Blanchard, 1998). This means that the probability a man will be homosexual increases only in proportion to his number of older brothers; older sisters neither increase nor decrease the probability of homosexuality in later-born males. This phenomenon has therefore been termed the *fraternal birth order effect*.

Virtually all this research has been carried out on men who are sexually attracted to physically mature partners. Only two studies have investigated whether sexual orientation also correlates with fraternal birth order in pedophiles. One study found that homosexual pedophiles do have a higher fraternal birth order (more older brothers) than heterosexual pedophiles (Bogaert *et al.*, 1997); the other failed to confirm this difference for men with sexual offenses against prepubescent boys or girls, but did confirm it for men with offenses against pubescent boys or girls (Blanchard and Bogaert, 1998).

The relation of fraternal birth order to sexual orientation among pedophiles is relevant to theories of pedophilia and of homosexuality. The best epidemiological evidence indicates that only 2–4% of men attracted to adults prefer men (ACSF Investigators, 1992; Billy *et al.*, 1993; Fay *et al.*, 1989; Johnson *et al.*, 1992); in contrast, around 25–40% of men attracted to children prefer boys (Blanchard *et al.*, 1999; Gebhard *et al.*, 1965; Mohr *et al.*, 1964). Thus, the rate of homosexual attraction is 6–20 times higher among pedophiles. One explanation of this discrepancy is that the factors that determine sexual preference in pedophiles are different from those that determine sexual preference in men attracted to adults (Freund *et al.*, 1984). A confirmed finding that fraternal birth order correlates with sexual preference in both groups would indicate that this explanation is incorrect or, at best, incomplete. Other hypotheses would have to be explored—for example, the possibility that the same factors increase the probability of homosexuality in men attracted to adults and men attracted to children, but they have a greater impact on the latter.

The correlation of fraternal birth order and sexual orientation in pedophiles is equally relevant to theories of homosexual development. No common feature has yet been identified in the family demographics or developmental histories of all types of homosexual men. The best established predictor of adult homosexuality—cross-gender behavior in childhood (Bailey and Zucker, 1995)—does not appear to characterize homosexual pedophiles (Freund and Blanchard, 1987; Freund *et al.*, 1982), although there is some evidence this group may be less masculine in boyhood without being more feminine (Freund and Blanchard, 1987). A finding that high mean fraternal birth orders characterize men attracted to boys as well as those

- <sup>9</sup> A. Zebulon, Z.A. Silverthorne and Vernon L. Quinsey. "Sexual Partner Age Preferences of Homosexual and Heterosexual Men and Women." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, February 2000 [Volume 29, Number 1], pages 67-76.

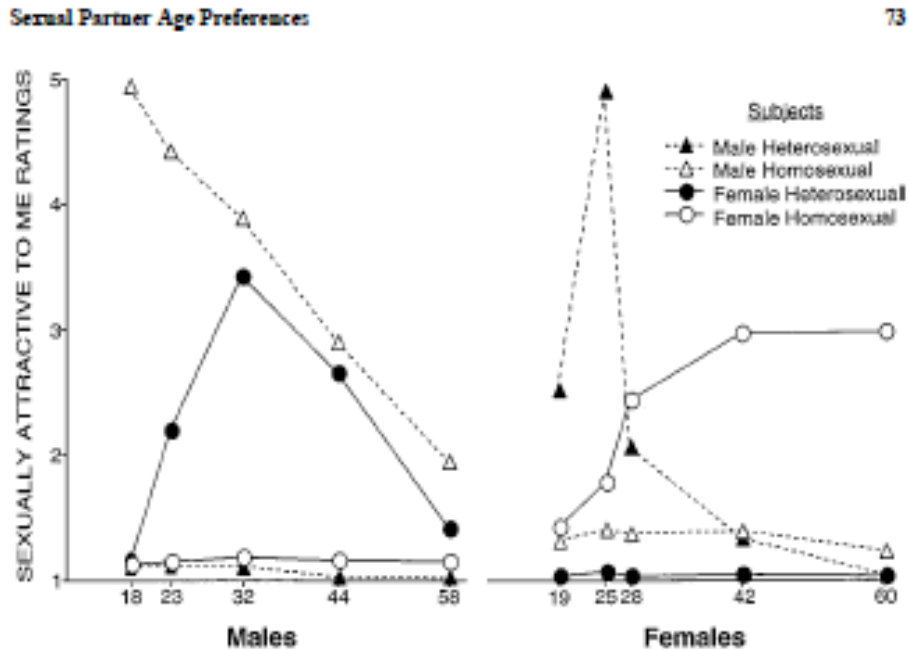


Fig. 1. Mean sexual attractiveness ratings as a function of rater sex, rater sexual orientation, and sex of stimulus person.

was to 32-year-old and the lowest to 18-year-old male faces. Homosexual male responses to male faces followed a linear trend [ $F(1,47) = 117.57, p < .001$ ]; the greatest response was to 18-year-old male faces and the lowest to 58-year-old male faces. Homosexual female responses to female faces also followed a linear trend [ $F(1,47) = 60.39, p < .001$ ]; the highest responses were to 42- to 60-year-old and the lowest to 19-year-old female faces.

The fourth and final set of analyses was designed to determine if participant age may have interacted with stimulus age preference. The only significant correlation between participant age and preferred age category within participants' preferred sex occurred among male homosexuals ( $r = .29, p < .05$ ), although all but 9 of the 48 homosexual men preferred the youngest two male age categories. The correlation between participant age and stimulus age preference was of a similar magnitude and approached significance among female heterosexuals ( $r = .27, p < .06$ ).

## DISCUSSION

Heterosexual men showed a strong sexual preference for young adult (twentyish) female faces and heterosexual women showed a strong sexual preference for somewhat older (thirtyish) male faces, as expected from past studies of heterosexual

- <sup>10</sup> Ray Blanchard, *et. al.* "Pedophiles: Mental Retardation, Maternal Age, and Sexual Orientation." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, April 1999 [Volume 28, Number 2], pages 111-127.

between those children who are attractive to pedophiles and those who are not, and many pedophiles occasionally sexually engage older children. Most clinical authorities distinguish between true pedophiles versus individuals whose basic sexual orientation is toward adults but who have molested a child in particular circumstances, for example, while intoxicated (Barbaree and Seto, 1997). Pedophilia is principally a disorder of males; it is unclear, at this point, whether true pedophilia occurs in females.

The prevalence of pedophilia is difficult to estimate. Few pedophiles come forward spontaneously to request treatment, and there is no way of knowing how many pedophiles simply resist the impulse to approach a child their whole lives, or else behave so discreetly—for example, limiting their activities to seemingly accidental touching of a child's genitals during horseplay—that they are never apprehended. It is at most, however, a tiny proportion of the adult male population.

Pedophilia appears to have a greater than chance association with two other statistically infrequent phenomena. The first of these is homosexuality. The terms *homosexuality* and *heterosexuality*, as used in this article, simply denote sexual interest in persons of one's own or the opposite anatomical sex, without regard to the age of those persons. It is customary to classify pedophiles as heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual, just as it is customary to classify persons attracted to adults as heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual.

Recent surveys estimate the prevalence of homosexuality, among men attracted to adults, in the neighborhood of 2% (ACSF Investigators, 1992; Billy *et al.*, 1993; Fay *et al.*, 1989; Johnson *et al.*, 1992). In contrast, the prevalence of homosexuality among pedophiles may be as high as 30–40% (Gebhard *et al.*, 1965; Mohr *et al.*, 1964). This apparent correlation of pedophilia and homosexual orientation raises many questions. The first that must be answered is this: Is that "homosexuality" that occurs in pedophiles the same phenomenon as the homosexuality that occurs in men attracted to adults? That question can be translated into researchable terms as follows: Are the factors that determine whether a man oriented toward children prefers boys or girls the same as, or different from, the factors that determine whether a man oriented toward adults prefers men or women? Only two studies have attempted to address this question (Blanchard and Bogaert, 1998; Bogaert *et al.*, 1997). Both focused on finding factors that might be the same for pedophiles and "adultophiles" to the exclusion of seeking factors that might apply only to one group or the other. There is therefore a need for much broader research to clarify the relation between sexual orientation and pedophilia.

The other statistically infrequent phenomenon with which pedophilia appears to have a greater than chance association is mental retardation. Previous writers have noted a relatively high prevalence of mental retardation among pedophiles (Gebhard *et al.*, 1965). Precise numerical estimates of this prevalence are not available and might differ markedly from clinic to clinic, depending on their catchment

- <sup>11</sup> Kurt Freund, Robin Watson and Douglas Rienzo. "Heterosexuality, Homosexuality, and Erotic Age Preference." *Journal of Sex Research*, February 1989 [Volume 26, Number 1], pages 107-117.

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relativised mean scores for each of the age categories of the non-preferred gender.

Tables 2 and 3 demonstrate that for none of the age categories of the preferred gender did the three groups differ from each other in respect to the difference between the mean penile response to that category and the mean penile response to neutrals.

The androphiles, however, differed significantly from both gynephilic groups in respect to responses to mature persons of the non-preferred gender (see Tables 4 and 5). The androphiles responded more to physically mature females than the gynephiles responded to physically mature males. The response of the gynephiles to physically mature males was less than that to neutrals, indicating aversion, whereas the response of androphiles to physically mature females was positive.

In respect to the remaining age categories of the nonpreferred gender, the androphiles differed significantly only from the sex offenders against adult females, with the androphiles responding relatively more than the sex offenders. The Scheffé test did not differentiate in any category between the gynephilic volunteers and either of the two remaining groups.

### Discussion

The results of the present study suggest that the erotic attractiveness of male children (or pubescents) for androphiles is not greater than the erotic attractiveness of female children (or pubescents) to gynephiles. Thus, there must be another reason for the finding that the proportion of sex offenders against male children among homosexual men is substantially larger than the proportion of sex offenders against female children among heterosexual men (Cameron, 1985). Perhaps, the negative result of the present study supports an alternative hypothesis which focuses on homosexual pedophilia instead of androphilia, namely, that the development of pedophilia is more closely linked with homosexuality than with heterosexuality (Freund et al., 1984). However, since this explanation is still speculative, research needs to continue in this direction. From a more practical point of view, the negative finding in the comparison of gynephiles and androphiles (in respect to attractiveness of children of the preferred sex) indicates a reformulation of notions about sexual offenses against children. For example, those who blame androphiles for the relatively larger incidence of sexual offenses against male children, compared to the incidence of sexual offenses against female children, must come up

- <sup>12</sup> W.D. Erickson, *et al.* "Behavior Patterns of Child Molesters." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, February 1988 [Volume 17, Number 1], pages 77-86.

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**Table II.** Frequency of Behaviors Described in Cases of Child Molesting

Behavior	Male victims		
	<10 years (N = 16)	>10 years (N = 47)	Total (N = 63)
Anal contact	7	11	18
Attempted anal	0	3	3
Offender oral	4	22	26
Victim oral	7	11	18
Offender fondle	6	21	27
Victim fondle	1	4	5
Other	0	5	5
Total behavior	25	77	102

Bribery was more common than threat in eliciting children's submission, though age and size discrepancy between child and adult makes the issue of coercion moot. Very few of the children were described as having been physically injured. Sexual contacts with children in the home were often repetitive, with gradual progression from touch to penetration. This same phenomenon occurred less commonly in extrafamilial cases where opportunity, time, and privacy permitted. Perpetrators rarely disrobed, though intrafamilial perpetrators were sometimes nude after bathing or when sleeping nude. While it was not uncommon for child molesters to have more than one victim at any point in time, simultaneous contact with more than one victim in any given instance occurred only with young adolescent male victims. Eighty-six percent of offenders against males described themselves as homosexual or bisexual. The wives of incest offenders had a varying amount of knowledge about what was going on, but none participated directly. No extrafamilial offender had a female collaborator. The role of pornogra-

**Table III.** Frequency of Behavior Occurance in Offenses Against Male and Female Victims

Behavior	% of offenses	
	Male (N = 63)	Female (N = 166)
Vaginal contact	0	41.5
Anal contact	33.3	9.6 <sup>a</sup>
Offender oral	41.2	19.2 <sup>b</sup>
Victim oral	28.5	17.4
Offender fondle	42.8	54.2
Victim fondle	7.9	7.2
Other	7.9	9.6

<sup>a</sup> $\chi^2(1) = 15.9, p < .001.$

<sup>b</sup> $\chi^2(1) = 11.5, p < .001.$

- <sup>13</sup> Alan P. Bell, *et. al.*, Institute for Sex Research. *Homosexualities: A Study of Diversity Among Men and Women* [New York City: Simon and Schuster], 1978. Appendix C, Table 7, "Sexual Partnerships," page 311.

TABLE 7—(Continued)

	WHM	BHM	WHF	BHF	Pilot Study
<b>Proportion of Partners Who Were Younger Than R</b>					
	(N=573)	(N=111)	(N=225)	(N=64)	(N=455)
0: None	5%	15%	19%	15%	8%
1-3: Half or less	55	62	51	59	71
4-6: More than half	39	23	30	25	20
	$R^2$	$b$		$R^2$	$b$
Demographics	.19		Demographics	.10	
BHM-WHM	.19	-.11	BHF-WHF	.10	-.66
<b>Proportion of Partners Who Were 16 or Younger (When R was 21 or Older)</b>					
	(N=565)	(N=106)	(N=224)	(N=64)	
0: None	75%	86%	97%	94%	
1-3: Half or less	25	14	3	6	
4-6: More than half	0	0	0	0	
	$R^2$	$b$		$R^2$	$b$
Demographics	.01		Demographics	.00	
BHM-WHM	.01	-.56	BHF-WHF	.01	.26
<b>Proportion of Partners Who Paid R for Sex</b>					
	(N=574)	(N=111)	(N=225)	(N=64)	(N=458)
0: None	75%	62%	100%	88%	79%
1-3: Half or less	25	37	0	12	20
4-6: More than half	0	1	0	0	1
	$R^2$	$b$		$R^2$	$b$
Demographics	.03		Demographics	.01	
BHM-WHM	.04	.08 <sup>a</sup>	BHF-WHF	.10	.08 <sup>***</sup>
<b>Proportion of Partners Whom R Paid for Sex</b>					
	(N=574)	(N=111)	(N=225)	(N=64)	(N=458)
0: None	72%	84%	100%	94%	81%
1-3: Half or less	27	15	0	6	18
4-6: More than half	1	1	0	0	1
	$R^2$	$b$		$R^2$	$b$
Demographics	.07		Demographics	.01	
BHM-WHM	.07	-.00	BHF-WHF	.04	.03 <sup>***</sup>