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IN BED WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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WARNING: This edition of *Special Reports* is an examination of the programming that appears on Music Television (MTV). Consequently, some text herein is not suitable for young people and it may be highly offensive to others. Please exercise the proper discretion.

When most people think of MTV they probably think of music videos. In the beginning that is what MTV was—a network that played music videos. But over the past several years, MTV has gone away from being a music channel and has become a literal porn channel for kids.

If you have not seen the programming on MTV in the past few years, you should count yourself blessed. I have continually watched and kept track of this channel for years to report on what they are up to. I am now so disgusted that I find it hard to continue monitoring the station. There are times that I feel dirty after witnessing some of what this channel promotes and airs.

There seems to be a money circle in MTV's programming. First air a sexually explicit program with ads for condoms thrown in between. Then air ads featuring a toll-free number to connect the kids to Planned Parenthood. It is a never-ending cycle that continues on MTV's website.

MTV programming includes many offensive and downright vulgar shows:

Real World

This is a show that places seven young people in a house, rigged with cameras in every room, to record their lives for six months. Nothing is sacred—not even the shower. In one of the recent opening shows they show the young adults discovering that the shower is a “double shower” so they can shower in groups, which they do. They have had episodes where the other roommates peak through the windows to witness group sex going on in the shower.

The latest group had to be 21 or over because MTV wanted to film the show in a casino in Las Vegas. In the first episode they showed them together nude in a hot tub and then three of them getting physical in the bath tub while others sat and watched. These scenes have been so graphic that they had to blur out sections of the screen to show them.

To welcome the “cast” to the house they are greeted with a large bowl of condoms.

Road Rules

This show is similar to the “Real World” except it takes place on the road in a recreation vehicle where the kids have to face challenges put to them. In a recent episode, the group all had to pose nude for a painting or they

would not get the money for the reward. Not only did they pose nude, they did so tangled together and the screen had to be blurred.

Undressed

This is a soap opera for kids set in schools and homes. I have not seen a single episode where parents, school faculty or any other adult is ever shown.

This show is based on only one subject—sex. Every story is about kids having sex in different situations, including their schools, homes (while parents are gone), and even in school parking lots.

No subject is taboo for this show. There are episodes about group sex, sexual partner swapping, sexual fetishes, homosexuality, and much more. The plots always seem to be promoting casual sex as the norm and any variation as a great thing.

Spring Break

This is just a collection of shows and footage of the wildest things going on when college and high school students gather in various warm weather locations during spring break. There are shows where they just send kids out on the town and film all their antics, which always seem to end up as pornographic footage.

They have had Jerry Springer do versions of his show on the beach. These have included students doing lap dances for each other, getting into the water and swapping bathing suits, being totally nude with the exception of whipped cream covering their genitalia, and men and women changing into each other's clothes in a small car. And this is just the beginning.

These are just a few examples of what MTV is promoting to kids, instead of music videos. If you read the above descriptions of shows you would think these were part of a porn channel. But no, this is a channel that is marketed to kids and is usually freely available as part of basic cable or satellite service. It is interesting to note that the same company that owns Nickelodeon—a kid's network—owns MTV.

Now, as if this pornographic programming were not enough, MTV also partners with Planned Parenthood. The commercials that run during these shows are often for condoms and a project called 1-800-BESAFE1 in which kids call for birth control and abortion information. Not only will they give this information to kids of any age, they send it out in a plain white wrapper so the kid's parents will not know about it. This number will also connect you to the nearest Planned Parenthood abortion clinic automatically.

Another MTV project is called, "Fight For Your Rights: Take A Stand Against Discrimination." This is in conjunction with Planned Parenthood and the Henry J. Kaiser Foundation. Here are just some of the main links the website gives out in the "Fight For Your Rights" section:

Find a Planned Parenthood Center

General Sexual Health

www.teenwire.com: Planned Parenthood Federation of America's website provides sexual health information, links to local clinics, opportunities for activism and other resources specifically for teens.

www.sxetc.org: A website by teens for teens; this site helps youth become sexually healthy people and avoid pregnancy and disease during their teenage years.

www.advocatesforyouth.org/teens: Advocates for Youth Teen Scene provides information on sexual health, opportunities for activism, online communities for people of color and young people who are homosexual, bisexual, transsexual and those who are questioning their sexuality, along with links to local clinics.

www.goaskalice.columbia.edu: Produced by Columbia University's Health Education Program, Go Ask Alice has loads of questions and answers on all kinds of relationship, sexuality, and sexual health.

www.teensource.org: A website designed for teens and young-adults providing sexual health information and resources. Site includes celebrity video clips, condom art contest, information about sexually transmitted diseases, a clinic search, and much more.

Other Resources

www.prochoice.org: The National Abortion Federation's website offers information about abortion, including referrals to abortion facilities.

www.lifebeat.org: This website features people in the music industry who are supposedly fighting AIDS.

MTV's partners in this project (as listed on the MTV website) are: Kaiser Family Foundation, Advocates for Youth, kaisernetwork.org, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Planned Parenthood Federation of America, teenwire.com, LIFEbeat, Rock the Vote, SEX, ETC., UNICEF, and SIECUS.

MTV is obviously not just a music network anymore. They have decided to join the likes of Planned Parenthood and are trying to take over the role of parent to today's youth. They have decided to sexually educate teens. They have become partners in the culture of death that is prevalent in modern pop culture.

Unfortunately, MTV is succeeding. They are instituting Planned Parenthood's sexual training and encouraging kids to live like animals with no self-control. I imagine that most parents think their kids are just watching music videos, which is far from the truth. Parents need to take the time to see what their kids are watching and getting involved in. It is a shame that most parents let MTV and other pop culture icons raise their children.

While I can find no direct financial donations to Planned Parenthood, you can see they are donating the youth of America to Planned Parenthood with their programming and website.

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