

Dear Mr Dantone,

I have no idea where this quote came from but it was certainly NOT from my article that you cited. That paper was not concerned with homosexuality at all. To the best of my knowledge I have never said that "Of 91 offenders interviewed at the Kingston Sexual Behaviours Clinic were gay".

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Re: Your study - "Early onset and deviant sexuality in child molesters"

Dear Dr. Marshall,

I am writing to you from the Center for Inquiry; you can check us out here: www.centerforinquiry.net and also our local community on Long Island, NY which I coordinate here: www.centerforinquiry.net/li .

As you may be aware, you are often used as a citation by the American Family Association (AFA) and others as proving or giving evidence to a strong correlation between adult homosexuality and child molestation. In New York, the AFA is conducting a campaign to have the legislature study this issue and cites your study, "Early onset and deviant sexuality in child molesters" in the Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 1991.

Here is their entire citation: "Of 91 molesters interviewed at Canada's Kingston's Sexual Behavior (sic) Clinic, 42% were gay. "W.L. Marshall, "Early onset and deviant sexuality in child molesters", Journal of Interpersonal Violence (1991) , Vol. 6, pp. 323-336."

You can find this citation used numerous times on the Internet to promote anti-gay legislation.

Does this quote accurately summarize findings in your study or in subsequent studies, or is it misleading, or out of context?

This inquiry was instigated when the AFA emailed a number of editors, reporters, news media and gay activist groups challenging them on this topic of child abuse by gays using your above noted study among other items. I also received this email which I have copied below.

I am working on an article to be submitted to either Newsday, a very large and important local newspaper on Long Island, NY or to the Skeptical Inquirer <http://www.csicop.org/si/> which is published by my employer, the Center for

Inquiry. Skeptical Inquirer often features articles regarding the use of science, good and/or bad, in support of political and social issues.

Thanks,

Gerry Dantone
Coordinator, Center for Inquiry Community of Long Island

This is the email sent by Mr. Frank Russo Jr of the American Family Association of NY to local media and myself, all the typos are as per the original email:

December 27, 2006

David
Executive Director

RE: study on issue of any relationship between child abuse and sexual orientation

David,

I'm sorry for the delay in responding to your email, as we were visiting some of our kids & grandkids in Virginia.

You and I have very different opinions as to the relationship between child sexual abuse and homosexuality. This came up in our discussion/debate on the Channel 12 News Program "LI Talks", on the subject of "gay marriage", which took place on Nov. 29, 2006. Believing you were a sincere (but mistaken) person interested in knowing and stating factual truths, and knowing I am only interested in stating the truth as well, and considering the significance of the subject matter (whether sexual orientation is correlated to child sexual abuse) I suggested, as we were both leaving the Channel 12 News premises that we co-sign a letter requesting the government (state and/or federal) to fund a study conducted by researchers and academicians acceptable to both sides to resolve this issue once and for all. You told me you would do so. Now you seem to be backing off, claiming "there are a plethora of valid research studies that have explored the issue of child molestation and every study shows there is absolutely no link to being gay or heterosexual."

I have often cited my studies, but I have never heard yours cited. Let me again cite my studies, apparently none of which you are acquainted with, and I ask you to please cite your studies. Assuming you have such studies, and I presume you do, then since there appear to be studies on both sides (and I only assume this if you can cite 4 or 5 such studies on your side), would it not serve society's best interests to determine which findings are correct. I certainly do not want to allege such a connection between homosexuality and child abuse if such does not exist. Are you equally as interested in knowing the truth, or do you fear knowing it? I am beginning to suspect it is the latter. If I am wrong, then you clearly should be willing to join with me and request that we gather experts selected and agreed to by both of us to conduct the appropriate study to put this important question to rest once and for all. The implications of the outcome are critical in terms of the issue of child abuse. Or perhaps you are

banking on the "political correctness" of our media to avoid this important issue altogether?

Here are some of my citations, regarding the significant correlation between child abuse and homosexuality, and they are not "from the 50's" as you seem to mistakenly believe::

Re: having been abused and being gay:

The study, "Comparative Data of Childhood and Adolescent Molestation in Heterosexual and Homosexual Persons ", Archives of Sexual Behavior, Vol. 30, No 5, 2001 by Tomeo, Templer, Anderson and Kotler (all educators & psychologists with Ph.D.'s) shows that while 46% of gay men were sexually abused by a male as a child, only 7% of heterosexual males were so abused; for females, 22% of lesbians were sexually abused as a child by a female, vs only 1% of heterosexual females.

This is a recent study by 4 reputable academicians reported on in a reputable journal and the findings were strongly indicative of a high correlation to having been abused as a child and being gay.

Re: the related issue of any correlation between sexual orientation and being a child molester, here are some citations:

(1) "Pedophilia and Heterosexuality vs Homosexuality", Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy", 1984, Vol 10, ppages 193-200---- two studies by Drs Freund and Heasman of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto found 32% and 34% of molesters were gay; of some 457 pedophiles they personally treated, 36% were gay.

(2) Dr Adrian Copeland of the Peters Institute in Philadelphia, a psychiatrist who works with sex offenders, found that 40% of child abusers were gay (Boston Globe, Aug. 8, 1988).

(3) Of nearly 100 child molesters at the Massachusetts Treatment Center for Sexually Dangerous persons, 1/3 were hetero, 1/3 were bisexual and 1/3 were gay.

(Dr Raymond Knight, interviewed after speaking at Eastern Psychological Assn in NY (1991) on "Differential preference of personality disorders in rapists & child molesters".

(4) Of 91 molesters interviewed at Canada's Kingston's Sexual Behavior Clinic, 42% were gay. "W.L. Marshall, "Early onset and deviant sexuality in child molesters", Journal of Interpersonal Violence (1991) , Vol. 6, pp. 323-336.

(5) of the recent John Jay College study of the sexual abuse problem in the Catholic Church some 80% were cases of homosexual abuse, not pedophilia, that is abuse of post-pubescent boys, also known as ephebophilia. (I can email you a report of this major study by the John Jay College as recently published in Pastoral & Homiletic Review).

(6) In the study, "Adolescent Sex Offenders--Vermont-1984", by J. Wasserman, pub. in the Journal of the American Medical Assn (1986)-of 161 Vermont adolescent sex offenders, 22% were homosexual.

(7) The Kinsey Institute found 25% of some 565 adult gays admitted to having sex with boys aged 16 and younger. ("Homosexualities: a Study of Diversity Among Men and Women", pub. by Simon & Schuster, authored by Bell & Weinberg.)

David, perhaps some of these studies were done improperly. Perhaps your studies (the citations of which I am requesting from you) were invalid. If we jointly approved academicians and researchers who would then select appropriate professionals to do an authoritative study on this subject, we both would benefit---as would all of society-- from knowing the truth, and whoever is wrong will simply cease making false statements. If you are truly confident in your allegations, what have you to lose? In all honesty, I am quite certain there is a clear and distinct link between homosexuality and child sexual abuse,

and this linkage works in both directions---that is, being abused contributes to being gay, and gays are far more likely to abuse children than heterosexuals.

How about it David? For the last time, will you abide by what you told me leaving Channel 12 News, and in the interest of reaching the truth, join me in seeking government funding for research on this important issue of child abuse which affects so many hundreds of thousands of children every year. And, for the last time, please send me your study citations, if you have any, showing no linkage between child sexual abuse and sexual orientation, just as I have sent you some of my citations.

Regards,

Frank Russo
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American Family Association of New York