

Dear Gerry,

This is a misquote. I said 1/3 had exclusively male children victims, 1/3 had both male and female child victims, and 1/3 had exclusively female victims. This statement is accurate for those who were civilly committed to the Massachusetts Treatment Center. We have the data coded for those who were referred to the treatment center, but not committed, but I have not analyzed it yet. We did not have accurate data on the adult preferences of either group of offenders at the center. I could analyze the percent of each of these groups who had been married, if this information would be helpful for you. I never use the term "gay" professionally and would certainly not have characterized those offenders with exclusive preference for male child victims as having exclusive preference for adult males, because we did not have reliable data on this. I would certainly be willing to do what I can to correct this misquote and misuse of our data.

Ray Knight

On Jan 8, 2007, at 5:21 PM, LISeCHum@aol.com wrote:

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Dr. Raymond Knight
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Re: Your paper: "Differential prevalence of personality disorders in rapists & child molesters"

Dr. Knight,

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 being a child molester. In New York, the AFA is conducting a campaign to have the legislature study this issue and use your study, "Differential prevalence of personality disorders in rapists & child molesters" and quote from the study as follows:

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 (sic) of personality disorders in rapists & child molesters".

You can find this quote used numerous times on the Internet.

Does this quote accurately summarize findings in your study or in subsequent studies? In other words, have you found a strong or otherwise correlation between persons who engage in adult homosexuality and child abuse? I have not found this to be an issue in other writings of yours that I have found on the Internet where you do present other factors that may predict child abuse.

This inquiry was instigated when the AFA emailed a number of legislators, 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.

Thanks,

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