

Town Square

You call this 'Healthy'?

HIV manual another reason to abstain from 'Nobody's Fool'

It's July. Judging from dueling yard signs that dot our city, the attention of many in our community has turned to the Nobody's Fool youth program delivered by Planned Parenthood Waco.

In past years, Pro-Life Waco has challenged Nobody's Fool based on the views of the Planned Parenthood founder, Margaret Sanger; the "It's Perfectly Normal" book given to children at Nobody's Fool in past years; and to various Planned Parenthood websites.

Here, I point to a publication released last January by International Planned Parenthood Federation. The title is "Healthy, Happy and Hot." To appeal to children of the world, IPPF has produced a visually attractive piece with bright colors and silhouettes of youths jumping and dancing in a happy, carefree manner.

The 18-page publication "is a guide for young people living with HIV to help them understand their sexual rights and live healthy, fun, happy and sexually fulfilling lives."

The content is so outrageous it is difficult to share in a family-oriented newspaper. I aim for a PG-13 rating. Keep in mind that the following quotes would be far worse if presented more fully.

■ "Young people living with HIV may feel that sex is just not an option, but don't worry — many young people living with HIV live healthy, fun, happy and sexually fulfilling lives. You can too, if you want to!"

■ "Many people think sex is just about . . . intercourse . . . But, there are a lot of different ways to have sex . . . There is no right or wrong way to have sex. Just have fun, ex-

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plore and be yourself!"

■ "Some countries have laws which say people living with HIV must tell their sexual partner(s) about their status before having sex. . . . These laws violate the rights of people living with HIV."

■ "There are many reasons that people do not share their HIV status... They may worry that people will find out something else they have kept secret, like they are using injected drugs, having sex outside of marriage or having sex with people of the same gender. . . . Get involved in advocacy to change laws that violate your rights."

■ "Some people have sex when they have been drinking alcohol or using drugs. This is your choice."

You might question the relevance of "Healthy, Happy and Hot" because the publication is not directly from Planned Parenthood Waco. Planned Parenthood Waco, however, is an affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which is in turn an affiliate of IPPF.

Whether local, national or worldwide, Planned Parenthood has the same name and a unified vision. "Healthy, Happy and Hot" is consistent with so many other sources which clearly reveal the Planned Parenthood sexual agenda for children.

The "character" of Planned Parenthood, justifies the message on Pro-Life Waco yard signs: "Just abstain from Nobody's Fool."

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