

# SEXUAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

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## SEXUAL EDUCATION

- Sexual education is split up into 2 main types:
  - Abstinence-only
  - Comprehensive Education

## HISTORY ON ABSTINENCE-ONLY SEX ED.

- In 1996, the Welfare Reform Act Provided \$250 million for abstinence-only education.
- From 1996 to 2007, more than \$1.5 billion was provided for abstinence-only education

## HISTORY ON COMPREHENSIVE SEX ED.

- From 1996 to 2007 no money was provided by the government to teach comprehensive sexual education
- Since 2007 atleast 23 states have decide to continue teaching comprehensive sexual education, dispite the lack of funding

## AGAINST SEX ED. AS A WHOLE

- 1) Sexual Education teaches teens about sex.
- 2) If the teens don't know about sex they are less likely to have sex.
- 3) Knowing about sex will cause teens to have premarital sex.
- 4) Therefore, teens should not be taught Sexual Education.

## FOR COMPREHENSIVE SEX ED.

- 1) Comprehensive Sexual Education, in schools, teaches teens how to use condoms and other birth control methods.
- 2) Learning about condoms and birth control helps teens prevent unwanted pregnancy and STD's.
- 3) Therefore, Comprehensive Sexual Education helps to protect teens.

## AGAINST ABSTINENCE-ONLY

- 1) States and schools teaching Abstinence-Only sexual education have a higher rate of STDs and unwanted pregnancies
- 2) Not teaching students about sexual prevention causes them to not know how to prevent STDs and unwanted pregnancy
- 3) Teaching abstinence-only sexual education when we know these results is morally impermissible
- 4) Sexual Education and promoting safe is morally permissible

## FOR ABSTINENCE-ONLY

- 1) Many teenagers believe contraceptives will completely protect them from STDs and unwanted pregnancy
- 2) Contraceptives are only 99% effective at most
- 3) Abstinence is the only way to prevent STDs and unwanted pregnancy 100%
- 4) Teaching teenagers about preventing STDs and unwanted pregnancy is morally permissible
- 5) Teaching teens abstinence-only sex ed. is morally permissible

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