

In a Nutshell

- ◇ The American Psychiatric Association (APA) is proposing subtle yet significant revisions to the 2013 edition of the *Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental*



Disorders (DSM). The DSM-V moves in the direction of normalizing pedophilia and other paraphilias.

- ◇ The APA's changes "reflect a consensus of current formulation of evolving knowledge in our field."⁷ Pro-pedophilia groups are flexing their political muscle to influence the "evolution."

- ◇ The term *paraphilia* encompasses a wide range of aberrant sexual urges and behaviors, including pedophilia, bestiality, exhibitionism, fetishism, sexual sadism, and masochism.⁸

- ◇ Pedophilia has been among the most common presenting problems in clinics that specialize in the treatment of paraphilias.⁹

Social Context

The normalization of pedophilia means the welfare of our children will be secondary to the needs of pedophiles. Pedophiles, and all who engage in deviant sexual practices, who are not "distressed or impaired" by their lifestyles may not seek treatment or be diagnosed as ill.

Groups like the APA are becoming complicit with radical fringe groups who seek to de-stigmatize crimes like pedophilia and bestiality.

What Can YOU Do?

- ◇ Pray for the spiritual direction of our nation, its return to Biblical values, and the protection of our children.
- ◇ Raise local awareness. Write a letter to the editor and distribute it to the local newspapers. For assistance, see Concerned Women for America's (CWA) "Turning Hearts Through the Power of the Press" brochure.
- ◇ Serve as a watchdog, watch for the issue in your state/local media. Respond immediately with a letter to the editor. Take the opportunity to expose the APA when addressing the issue.
- ◇ Refuse to be intimidated and silenced by false labels such as "bigot" and "homophobe."



Footnotes

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Who in Their Right Mind Would Normalize Pedophilia?

Highlights from Concerned Women for America's report, "Who in Their Right Mind Would Normalize Pedophilia?" Available at concernedwomen.org.

Background & History of the APA's "evolving knowledge"

- ◇ In 1973, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) removed homosexuality from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) after years of intense political pressure from same-sex activists who "resolved to disrupt future APA meetings until homosexuality was no longer regarded as an illness by psychiatry."¹ Since then, homosexuality has become a "normal" lifestyle. Groups supporting removal of other paraphilias from the DSM are now employing the arguments and tactics homosexuals used to pressure the APA in 1973.
- ◇ In May 2003, an APA-hosted symposium allowed psychiatrists to present conferees with a paper titled, "DSM-IV-TR and the Paraphilias: An Argument for Removal." The authors argued, "People whose sexual interests are atypical, culturally forbidden or religiously proscribed should not necessarily be labeled mentally ill."²
- ◇ In August 2011, the pro-pedophilia group B4U-ACT held a conference complaining about being stigmatized and arguing the case for the removal of pedophilia from the DSM.⁶ Using the "gay" activists' playbook, the B4U-ACT cohorts manipulate language and rhetoric to desensitize people. Instead of "pedophiles," they prefer the name "minor-attracted persons" (MAPs).⁴ People who oppose pedophilia and other deviant sexual behaviors, like bestiality, are called "bigots."

Let's Get Technical

- ◇ According to the **DSM-IV-TR**⁵, the most current edition of the DSM, the diagnostic criteria for pedophilia are:
 - A. Over a period of at least six months, recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving sexual activity with a prepubescent child or children (generally age 13 years or younger).
 - B. The person has acted on these sexual urges, or the sexual urges or fantasies cause marked distress or interpersonal difficulty.
 - C. The person is at least age 16 years and at least five years older than the child or children in Criterion A.

Note: Do not include an individual in late adolescence involved in an ongoing sexual relationship with a 12- or 13-year-old.
- ◇ The proposed changes to the criteria in the **DSM-V**⁶ are:
 - A. Over a period of at least six months, one or both of the following, as manifested by fantasies, urges, or behaviors:
 - 1. recurrent and intense sexual arousal from prepubescent or pubescent children
 - 2. equal or greater arousal from such children than from physically mature individuals
 - B. One or more of the following signs or symptoms:
 - 1. the person has clinically significant distress or impairment in important areas of functioning from sexual attraction to children
 - 2. the person has sought sexual stimulation, on separate occasions, from either of the following:
 - a. two or more different children, if both are prepubescent
 - b. three or more different children, if one or more are pubescent
 - 3. repeated use of, and greater arousal from, pornography depicting prepubescent or pubescent children than from pornography depicting physically mature persons, for a period of six months or longer
 - C. The person is at least age 18 years and at least five years older than the children in Criterion A or Criterion B.



Types Specified

Pedophilic Type — Sexually Attracted to Prepubescent Children (generally younger than 11)

Hebephilic Type — Sexually Attracted to Pubescent Children (generally age 11 through 14)

Pedohebephilic Type — Sexually Attracted to Both

Summaries & Implications

Summary: Pedophilia is no longer to be considered a mental disorder in and of itself, but only if it causes significant "distress or impairment" to the individual.

Implication: Under the proposed revision, an adult who unashamedly engages in intercourse with a five-year-old does *not* have a disorder.

Summary: As part of the DSM-V changes, the pedophilia subgroup will be renamed "pedohebephilic disorder." The criteria has changed to include molesting multiple children and being more aroused by child pornography than adult pornography before you are diagnosed as a pedo- or hebe- or pedohebephile.

Implications: Under such conditions, a person who molests the same child for years – exclusively – is *not* a pedophile. A person who molests two pubescent children is not a pedophile. A person who views child pornography, but does not get as aroused as when watching adult pornography, is not a pedophile.