

Letters to the Editor, Times-Dispatch

The ACTION URGED ON TEEN PREGNANCIES story revealed the devastating impact that sexual activity by Richmond teens is having. The City's 'magic' solution is- less sex, more contraception. Their message boils down to- "hey kids, we really urge you not to have sex, but we know you are going to, so be sure to use a condom. Here is a package, let's talk about it and let me show you how to use them. Talk it over with you 'boy friend' beforehand. Don't leave home without them". What a program to insure disaster, the exact opposite of what you want.

Of the 1,000 teen pregnancies each year in the city schools, 450 results in the birth of the baby. No mention is made of the 550 babies that are aborted. If the condom fails, abort!

Richmond has a teen pregnancy rate nearly 3 times the State average. One cause is the devastating state of the black family. With no father to lead, teach and discipline, what would you expect of the kids? They see irresponsibility and lack of respect for sanctity of life, a world of adulterous religious leaders and homosexual priest.

The efforts of the City to teach their 5 core values- caring, respect, responsibility, trust and family are great. But, there is a key person missing- God. The secular mindset will never succeed. The sad fact is the majority of the American people have made it clear they do not want God mentioned in the schools.

Maybe the City program can bring the teen pregnancy rate down from 70 per 1,000 to 60 or 50. They can boast 'that the kids who are having sex are using contraception a bit more consistently and carefully'. But the fact remains that God demands sexual purity and abstinence until marriage.

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