



# Girl Scouts: Cookies, "Safe" Sex, & Lesbianism

For most of us, the mention of Girl Scouts evokes images of innocent, fresh-faced girls selling cookies, singing around campfires, enjoying arts and crafts, and doing good deeds. Alas, such idealistic reminiscences may be doomed artifacts of a bye-gone era, if the women in charge of Girl Scouts, USA have their way.

Sharon Slater, president of Family Watch International, has set off alarms with a report of a "highly sexually graphic booklet" produced by the International Planned Parenthood Federation that was available at a recent program sponsored by the Girl Scouts at the United Nations in New York. Mrs. Slater attempted to attend the "Girls Only" event during a March session of the UN's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), but was told to leave. However, she says, she waited outside the closed-toparents event and immediately at its conclusion entered the room to see what literature was being made available to the girls at the event.



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"After everything I have seen over the years," said Mrs. Slater, "I shouldn't have been surprised to see a stack of booklets on the table from none other than the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). But I was. Their blatant, in-your-face promotion of sexuality to children always takes me aback."

The <u>IPPF booklet</u> that really took her aback is entitled, *Healthy, Happy, and Hot: A young person's guide to their rights, sexuality and living with HIV.* 

Although we won't repeat here the explicit sexual content of the booklet, some of its tamer text reads:

Sex can feel great and can be really fun!... But, there are lots of different ways to have sex and lots of different types of sex. Sex can include.... There is no right or wrong way to have sex. Just have fun, explore and be yourself!

The colorful 18-page booklet, which features images of young homosexual and lesbian couples, repeatedly emphasizes "the right to sexual pleasure."

What about the possibility of getting HIV? Hah! Such antiquated worries are only for sex-repressed fuddy-duddies! The IPPF booklet tells youngsters: "Don't worry — many young people living with HIV live healthy, fun, happy and sexually fulfilling lives. You can too, if you want to! Things get easier (and



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sex can get even better) as you become more comfortable with your status."

Yes, according to Planned Parenthood, fear of HIV or other sexually transmitted disease is no reason to restrict one's libidinal impulses, or even reduce the number of one's sexual partners. The Girl Scouts have become <u>increasingly intertwined</u> over the years with Planned Parenthood and other organizations that promote sexual promiscuity and abortion.

These revelations, no doubt, will shock millions of parents who depend on the Girl Scouts to impart and reinforce moral values taught at home and church. However, for many parents this is simply a reconfirmation of the sad fact that the organization has wandered far from the morally straight path of their grandmothers' days. The Girl Scouts have been raising suspicions for some time, due to the organization's penchant for promoting radical feminists, Marxists, and lesbians as role models for young girls, as well as its decision to make the word "God" optional in the Girl Scout Promise, and its "neutral" stand on homosexuality. It was concerns such as these that led parents in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area to found the American Heritage Girls in 1995 as a Christian scouting program for girls. The organization is now active in more than 30 states, with more than 8,000 members.

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