RELIGIONS IMPOSE VIEWS ON SEX

How many times have you heard it said that the Catholic Church seeks to "impose" its views of sexuality on the nation? Every other day? Every day? But have you *ever* heard it said that religions which sponsor a promiscuous view of sexuality seek to impose their views on the rest of us?

The Sex Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) was chartered in 1964 by Dr. Mary S. Calderone, one of the most radical sexologists associated with Planned Parenthood. Now run by Debra Haffner, SIECUS tries to impose its extremist sex ed agenda on all Americans by working hand-in-hand with the public school industry. There isn't a form of sexual expression—from sodomy to mutual masturbation—that it hasn't recommended to young people.

Kooky though it is, SIECUS operates under a veil of legitimacy, owing mostly to its establishment connections. What's new about SIECUS is its "Religion Project," a new arm of the organization that seeks to elicit support from mainline religious figures.

On January 25, it took out a full-page ad in the *New York Times* stating its "Religious Declaration on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing." It came out in favor of abortion and "same sex unions" (read: gay marriages). It even went so far as to say that "It accepts no double standards and applies to all persons, without regard to sex, gender, color, age, bodily condition, marital status and sexual orientation." So "bodily condition" makes the cut but religion or creed does not. And this was signed by ministers and rabbis from all over, including a disproportionate number from the ranks of the Unitarian Universalist Church; as expected, many were professors.

So the next time some bigot tells you how the Catholic Church

"imposes" its views of sexuality on society, make sure to remind him that the ones who are in the public schools promoting the free love agenda aren't Catholics. And, oh yes, tell them that no one has yet died of venereal disease who has practiced the Catholic teaching on sexuality.