

WHY ARE YOUNG PEOPLE SO LONELY?

*"All the lonely people
Where do they all come from?
All the lonely people
Where do they all belong?"*

Those questions raised by the Beatles have never been more urgent.

All the surveys show that young people are the loneliest people in the nation.

In a recent poll by the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School, it was found that nearly half (47 percent) of 18-to-29 year olds (Generation Z) reported "feeling down, depressed, or hopeless," and a quarter of them (24 percent) have had thoughts that they would be "better off dead, or hurting themselves in some way at least several days in the last two weeks."

The poll further disclosed that 44 percent have been bothered by loneliness at least several days in the last few weeks; 46 percent reported "little interest or pleasure in doing things"; and 55 percent said they felt "nervous, anxious or on edge."

This is consistent with the findings of a 2019 survey conducted by Cigna. It found that a "loneliness epidemic" had gripped the nation. This obviously had nothing to do with Covid, as the lockdowns had yet to happen.

"Unfortunately," the researchers said, "it seems that the younger generations are feeling this the most. The study found that Loneliness scores [based on the UCLA Loneliness Scale]

rose among the younger generations, with the youngest generation, Gen Z, feeling the loneliest." Millennials were the runner-ups.

We know from many studies that the most lonely people are also the least religious, and vice versa (see Bill Donohue's book, *The Catholic Advantage: Why Health, Happiness and Heaven Await the Faithful*).

In a study conducted last year by the Survey Center of American Life of the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), it concluded that "Generation Z is the least religious generation yet." Indeed, 34 percent of them are religiously unaffiliated. Moreover, 18 percent identify as either agnostic or atheist (split evenly between the two). "In contrast, fewer than one in 10 (9 percent) baby boomers and 4 percent of the silent generation [those in their eighties and nineties] identifies as atheist or agnostic."

Not surprisingly, the AEI study also found that Generation Z was the most likely to say they were lonely, followed by Millennials.

The Cigna study revealed that social media is driving much of this mental health problem. "Gen Z and Millennials were identified as the loneliest generations and social media is thought to be the main contributing factor of loneliness in these younger generations." That's because they spend more time on social media than any other generation.

"Gen Z spends less time with their friends face-to-face and more time online and on social media. As we know from decades of research, people who interact with others face-to-face are less likely to be lonely. Recent research suggests that those who spend more time on social media, in contrast, are more likely to be lonely."

Virtually all of the research in this area shows that young girls are the most likely to use social media; they are also

more likely than boys to feel lonely.

It all comes down to bonds. Bonding with others, and bonding with God.

Humans are social animals. When, for whatever reason, a sense of community is absent, serious mental issues arise. In Donohue's study comparing Hollywood celebrities to cloistered nuns, he found that the nuns were healthier and happier, by far. Yet our society prizes the "freedom" that the celebs enjoy. But are they happy?

Parents, teachers and the clergy have to do a better job ensuring that young people spend more time interacting with each other face-to-face and less time on social media; the bonds they would form pay big psychological dividends. It would also behoove them to nudge young people to spend more time alone bonding with God.

If this were done, we would be less likely to ask who the lonely people are, and where they all come from.

CULTURAL CORRUPTION MARKS SILICON VALLEY

Silicon Valley has more than banking problems: the high tech industry is culturally corrupt. To be specific, all the talk about diversity and inclusion that the left-wing elites speak about is nothing but claptrap. In fact, it is one of the most bigoted places in America to work.

The left-wing obsession with anatomy and ancestry as markers of diversity and inclusion allows its proponents to completely

exclude people whose ideas they loathe. That means conservatives and Christians.

Lincoln Network, a community of free-market tech professionals, conducted a survey in late 2017 and early 2018 of tech professionals in Silicon Valley. The focus was on ideology and workplace norms. The findings remove any doubt about the extent of cultural corruption that exists. Here are six of the conclusions.

- A large majority consider their workplace liberal or very liberal.
- Most feel their views are at odds with the cultural norms in their workplace.
- Most do not feel comfortable sharing their views on political or cultural issues...
- A significant number cannot do their best work because their ideological views are at odds with their workplace norms.
- A large majority cannot bring their whole selves to work.
- Some know someone who did not pursue or left a career in tech because of perceived conflicts in viewpoints.

Tim Ferriss is an investor and an author who describes himself as “very socially liberal.” He moved from Silicon Valley to Austin, Texas because “Silicon Valley [...] has an insidious infection that is spreading—a peculiar form of McCarthyism [...] masquerading as liberal open-mindedness.” Sam Altman, a venture capitalist, concurs, saying he “felt more comfortable discussing controversial ideas in Beijing than in San Francisco.”

“I have been retaliated against, bullied, verbally intimidated and subject to ridicule for my own opinions that are not accepted by corporate majority rule.” Those are the reflections of a middle-age tech libertarian woman whose experience in Silicon Valley is commonplace.

A male Google employee said he moved from very liberal to

conservative after undergoing a “reign of terror” by senior left-wing staff. One of his co-workers admitted that “I have lost multiple talented colleagues who resigned rather than continue in the face of increasingly extreme, narrowminded, and regressive environment here at Google.”

Roughly half (48 percent) of those who work in Silicon Valley are self-described atheists or agnostics. Many don’t like Christians.

Those who are religious attribute the animus to a “postmodern secularist Silicon Valley viewpoint.” Others note that the “quietest” employees are “conservative Christians that don’t want to risk the perceived ire of an obviously non-Christian non-conservative majority.” Another worker confessed, “I would definitely be worried about professional repercussions if people knew my political and religious views.”

Religious employees are careful about wearing their religion on their sleeve. Here’s how one worker put it. “People in my workplace certainly can’t know who I really am.” He said, “a lot of people have this mindset that intellectually capable, smart people are atheist and rational.”

Similarly, a tech employee at LinkedIn opined, “When colleagues go off on jeremiads about how terrible Christians are, I infer that if they knew I was a Christian, they would not like it.” A software developer who is gay, Christian and a lifelong Democrat said he avoids sharing his views because “any sort of disagreement would make them wonder if I’m a secret Trump supporter.”

There is plenty of evidence beyond the Lincoln Network survey that shows how things work in Silicon Valley. In a piece posted on Vox, the reporter said, “Silicon Valley is a young atheist’s world,” but quickly noted, “that’s becoming a problem.” Specifically, it’s a problem for older employees who “belong to a traditional religion.”

It's wise for such people to keep their mouth shut. As one woman put it, her colleagues are shocked to learn she is religious. "What, really?" is a typical response. That is why she avoids mentioning her religion. When she does, "she feels the need to explain her faith to reassure previously skeptical parties that she is 'rational.'"

HBO's "Silicon Valley" satirized the intolerant tech sector. In one episode, it depicted a gay man who is religious. They were "shocked to learn that he goes to church." Another character admitted that Christianity "freaks people out in the Valley."

Peter Rex, a CEO who worked there, said there is truth to the satire. He said, "I've experienced a combination of hesitation and hostility toward my Catholic faith." He flatly says, "There is discrimination against Christians in Silicon Valley."

Is it any surprise that Daniel Dennett is one of Silicon Valley's most popular guest speakers? He is one of America's most influential atheist writers.

Why is it that everywhere the left-wing elite exist—the university, the foundations, Silicon Valley, the media, the entertainment industry—the last thing they prize is diversity of thought? Are they that insecure of their own convictions that they must trample on freedom of speech, freedom of association and freedom of religion? Must be so.

SEXUALIZING CHILDREN IN

SCHOOLS

PARENTAL ALERT!

This report contains subject matter that is not appropriate for children, even though children are the target audience of what is going on in some public schools. Please use discretion. We hesitated to even publish this, but if you don't know what is happening to our schools, you won't be able to combat it.

April 2023—Newton North High School, in Massachusetts, hosted a drag show for students as part of Transgender, Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness Day. Students gave up 30-minutes of class time to watch drag performer Missy Steak. While the event was optional, students who chose not to participate were sent to the cafeteria ostracizing them from their peers.

March 2023—At Eliot K-8 Innovation School in Boston, Massachusetts, 6th and 7th graders were asked to fill out an explicit survey. One question asked, “Have you ever participated in oral sex? Oral sex is when a person puts their mouth on another person’s genitals or private area.” Another question asked, “A transgender person is someone who does not feel the same inside as the sex they were born with. Are you transgender?”

March 2023—Massachusetts’s sex education curriculum teaches middle school students to use cling wrap as a dental dam around their teeth for safe oral sex.

March 2023—Education officials in Fairfax County, Virginia, want to teach middle school sex education in coed classes.

January 2023—About 30 Missouri middle school students from Columbia Public Schools as part of a fieldtrip attended Columbia Values Diversity, a yearly event to mark Martin Luther King Day, which featured several drag performers from

Nclusion Plus. On the permission slip for the fieldtrip, parents were not notified that the event would include a drag show.

January 2023—As part of a health class at Churchill High School in Eugene, Oregon, students who missed course work could complete an assignment titled “Fantasy Story.” This involved writing a short story about a sexual fantasy, and the students had to include three items, such as candles, massage oil, feathers, and flavored syrup, in the story.

December 2022—A teacher at Saturn Elementary School, located in the Los Angeles Unified School District, who claims to be a “trans demiboy non-binary,” used “gender-fluid” stuffed animals to teach children how to use “proper pronouns.” As part of the lesson, the teacher explained that there are “many more genders out there in the universe” than just male and female. Additionally, the teacher wished to include third-graders in the school’s “rainbow club.”

October 2022—Pitt County Schools began working with East Carolina University to develop radical gender-theory curricula and policies to ensure students stop normalizing heterosexuality, use gender pronouns in classes, help teachers create LGBT-focused classrooms, and provide children with “support” behind their parents’ backs. Two of the stated goals of this training are “Promote LGBTQ ideology in schools” and “Reduce heterosexism and cisgenderism (heterosexual privilege) in schools.”

September 2022—At the KIPP Poder Academy, a charter school that celebrates “diversity, equity and inclusion” in San Antonio, Texas, 13-year-old students had to role-play as seducing hookers in their Social Emotional Learning class. The students were paired up and called to the front of the room to strike poses. One pose was as a “seducing hooker,” with a hand on one hip and the other behind their ear. The teacher explained what a hooker was and what seduce meant. Some

students felt uncomfortable by the game so the teacher gave them candy if they would participate. When a mother complained the school apologized but denied that this was an example of sexualizing children. It should be noted that San Antonio is a major hub for the sex trafficking of minors.

September 2022– The high school librarian in the Webster Groves School District, located outside of St. Louis, Missouri, hosted “Banned Book Week.” She encouraged students to read books that were commonly banned, and participating students were entered into a raffle for a “sweet prize.” One of the books for the event was “All Boys Aren’t Blue,” which has been removed from libraries in at least 29 school districts nationwide due to concerns about “sexually graphic material, including descriptions of queer sex,” according to *The New York Times*.

September 2022–Nonprofits such as Education, Training and Research, Planned Parenthood and others develop training materials that push the theory that sexual repression is to blame for sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancies. Instead, they recommend an approach that favors greater and earlier openness about sexuality and more inclusivity.

September 2022–A teacher, who appears to be confused about her sex, at San Juan Hills High School in California offered students in her class access to a “queer library.” She had over 100 books in this collection, some of which contained sex imagery, information on orgies, sex parties and BDSM. One book, “Juliet Takes a Breath,” contains extremely graphic imagery of sex between women. Another, “Everything you Ever Wanted to Know About Being Trans...,” discusses BDSM, fetishes, and a kink social media networking site. “This Book Is Gay,” another title in this collection, discusses the homosexual, casual hookup site Grindr, and includes detailed information on how to have anal and “girl on girl” sex, and explores sex parties and orgies. Another book, “The A-Z of Gender and

Sexuality," also discusses kink and fetishes as well as "tucking"—the process of hiding one's penis and "whorephobia"—stigma against prostitutes. When the principal of the school was asked about the "queer library," he said, "In my educational experience, books are always a good thing and any books that support our students, I'm for."

September 2022—At Norman High School in Oklahoma, a teacher, who appears to be confused about her sex, sought to provide students with books specifically banned by the state's Department of Education. The teacher gave her students QR codes to books that she had labeled "Books the State Doesn't Want You to Read." These books contained graphic images and explicit materials.

August 2022—Newport-Mesa Unified School District in California uses a textbook which instructs students that there are over 10 sexual orientations and eight genders. The list of sexual orientations include androsexual, polysexual, skoliosexual, demisexual, and gynosexual, while the genders include androgynous, bygender, gender-nonconforming, gender questioning, and nonbinary. Additionally, this same school district uses the "Genderbread Identity" man as a tool to indoctrinate children. One section includes a video on "what it is like to be trans in high school." The school district also uses another text book, "Comprehensive Health," which includes profiles of students, including their names, sexual orientation and gender identity, and asks kids to create their own. For example, "Kai" is 14 years old. She is gender-fluid and pansexual, according to her profile.

August 2022—The Wauwatosa School District in Wisconsin approved a curriculum that teaches 4th graders about "gender identity and expression." The learning targets and standards say students will be able to "Have awareness of different definitions for gender, including transgender, cisgender, and non-binary;" "Understand that individuals may identify beyond male and female;" "Understand the use of pronouns around

gender identity;" and "Understand that a label may not describe someone perfectly." Meanwhile, the curriculum for third-grade students also has a "gender identity and expression" with lessons that mainly focus on understanding the use of different gender pronouns.

May 2022—Spring Lake Public Schools, in Michigan, offered the book "Gender Queer" in school libraries. The book is a graphic novel memoir and features mature sexual content and images of nude individuals engaging in sex acts.

February 2022—At John F. Kennedy Middle School in Enfield, Connecticut, 8th graders received an assignment to "use pizza as a metaphor for sex." Students were asked to draw a pizza and list the toppings that they would prefer on their pizza and the toppings they do not like. The students were to then extend the metaphor to sex by writing what sexual activities they would prefer to engage as represented by the toppings they preferred while the toppings they do not like represented sexual activities they wished to avoid. As an example, the instructions said, "Likes: Cheese = Kissing Dislikes: Olives = Giving Oral."

October 2021—Fairfax County Public Schools, in Virginia, gave a survey asking detailed questions about sex to children as young as 13 years old. In addition to asking eighth-grade students "have you ever had sex before?", the survey also asked "How old were you when you had sex?"; "During your life, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?"; "During the past 3 months, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?"; "Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sexual intercourse the last time?"; and "The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?" Additionally, the survey gave students a list of options to choose from as a method to prevent pregnancy including "no method was used to prevent pregnancy;" "birth-control pills;" "condoms;" "an IUD ... or implant;" "A shot... patch... or birth-control ring;" "withdrawal;" and "not sure."

Students were also asked, "Have you ever had oral sex?" Furthermore, the survey solicited answers on transgenderism by asking, "Some people describe themselves as transgender when their sex at birth does not match the way they think or feel about their gender. Are you transgender?"

June 2019—The ACLU and Planned Parenthood partnered with school districts across California to make progressive sex education and gender theory instructional materials for teachers. One video coached teachers on ways to help students obtain abortions without parental knowledge or consent and how to conceal the absences from parents. A parent from Murrieta School District claimed the instructional videos discussed "mutual masturbation" along with "gender roles, the gender spectrum, and in the support materials ... they take it even further. They discuss everything, topics like roleplaying for different genders, blood play, dental dams ... fisting is mentioned. I mean, they mention it all." In another video an ACLU official tells teachers how to prevent parents from opting their children out of LGBT education going so far as to say "opting out of just LGBTQ stuff is illegal and should be impossible."

May 2018—Western Albermarle High School in Virginia worked with Charlottesville Sexual Assault Resource Agency to show freshman girls a video by Laci Grace, a self-described sex educator who frequently partners with Planned Parenthood to produce her videos. The video begins with Green offering viewers a discount to one of her sponsors, which describes itself as the "#1 adult toy superstore." Green goes on to discuss "penis pleasure," sex toys, and how "your butt can be a wonderful source of pleasure as well." Later in the video, she talks about oral sex, "butt stuff," "hand play," and giving an "awesome blow job."