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GUEST COMMENTARY

TeenScreen Suicide Survey - A Prescription For Disaster

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In his 1972 keynote address to the Association for Childhood Education International, Dr. Chester M. Pierce said, "Every child in America entering school at the age of five is insane because he comes to school with certain allegiances toward our founding fathers, toward his parents, toward a belief in a supernatural being...It's up to you, teachers, to make all of these sick children well by creating the international children of the future."

Pierce has been a World Association of Social Psychiatry board member, as well as a board member of local and national voluntary organizations concerned with youth, human rights, and conservation.

Yes, conservation, but then "international children" are being taught to conform to United Nations Agenda 21 mandates, which include allegiance to global dictates and not Constitutional rights, allegiance to peer groups and not individual families, and a worshipful allegiance to Mother Nature, not God.

The Fascists overtaking our country are targeting our nation's youth, finding ways to make children conform even if it means labeling them as mentally ill and drugging them to do it.

In fact, a National Training Labs, Institute for Applied Behavioral Science Teacher Training Manual states that "Although they (nonconforming students) appear to behave appropriately and seem normal by most cultural standards, they may actually be in need of mental health care in order to help change, adapt, and conform to the planned society in which there will be no conflict of attitudes or beliefs."

Although several mental health-screening programs are finding their way into our schools, "TeenScreen" has been drawing lots of negative attention. Actually, TeenScreen is so controversial that it won't divulge names of school districts using its program in states that have welcomed "universal mental health screening" by accepting federal grants that help fund it. "Universal" means "entire", "total", "everyone", and Michigan appears to have welcomed it, as has Wisconsin and several other neighboring states.

A group of well-organized parents and other concerned citizens, working under the name "TeenScreen Truth", has dedicated itself to ferreting out school districts using the deceptive TeenScreen program. When they learn where it's operating, they do anything within their power to get the word out to that community's parents.

However, many children are victimized before an alarm is sounded because the program is being covertly operated in schools. A link to a Website map of known school districts subjecting children to the screening is provided below.

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The reasoning behind the secrecy, according to TeenScreen's director, Leslie McGuire, is because they fear there'll be an uprising against their program at these locations. Those who take the time to research it will understand why.

Parents who hear of it already in or coming to their community are encouraged to visit TeenScreen Truth's Website and report the information. (First link below)

TeenScreen's program, developed at Columbia University, is presented to schools as a so-called "diagnostic psychiatric service" that conducts computerized surveys to determine which children have mental disorders.

When found to be mentally unwell, as a great many are because of the asinine questions asked, children are labeled with any variety of psychiatric disorder and told to have their parents follow up with a "clinician".

Being labeled with a mental disorder creates a great deal of anguish for kids, but worse are the psychotropic drugs prescribed to treat a disorder in spite of the fact that many of these drugs are known to cause violence and suicide. At least eight of the last 13 school shootings were committed by teens taking prescribed psychotropic drugs, including 16-year-old Jeff Weise who killed nine persons and himself in Red Lake, Minnesota.

Regardless of the danger these drugs pose to children, they mean millions of dollars for big pharmaceutical companies that promote universal mental health screening by funding it, not just for all K-12 students, but for infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers, and new mothers, too.

TeenScreen's goal is to survey every child in America, and they're doing it out of sight, behind closed schoolhouse doors. They even offer enticements such as free movie passes and food coupons to kids who take the consent form home and bring it back. But many forms don't make it home or back to school, and sometimes kids who want the freebies sign the form themselves.

TeenScreen uses what's known as a "passive consent form", which means if parents don't respond, silence becomes the voice of consent. TeenScreen prefers this because it boosts their success rate. Think of that the next time Johnnie forgets to bring school notices home or you're too busy to look at them if he does.

Some survey questions asked are: "Have you often worried a lot before you were going to play a sport or game or do some sort of other activity? Has there been a time when you had less energy than you usually do? Have you often felt very nervous when you've had to do things in front of people? Has there been a time when nothing was fun for you and you just weren't interested in anything? If those questions are indicative of a psychiatric disorder, then many of us have been raving lunatics for years.

The last link below pertains to a lawsuit initiated by Mike and Teresa Rhoades of Indiana whose daughter, Chelsea, took the computerized TeenScreen survey at age 15 without them knowing about it. You'll find the survey in section 31.4 and Chelsea's disturbing statement in 31.5.

According to a May 2006 National Journal report by Neil Munro, Chelsea was told at school that she'd been diagnosed with "social anxiety disorder" and "obsessive-compulsive disorder". She was advised to have her parents take her to the local mental health clinic whose employees had administered the TeenScreen survey.

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In tears, she asked her parents about the diagnosis. Surprised and angry, her parents discovered that because Chelsea wasn't allowed to go out on school nights, she'd answered "yes" to the question asking if she felt cut off from friends; this resulted in the social anxiety disorder label. Chelsea was diagnosed as obsessive-compulsive because she'd answered, yes, she found herself repeatedly doing something she had little or no control over. The "something" turned out to be cleaning her room and doing daily chores around the house.

Obviously, whoever labeled this girl with two psychiatric disorders didn't bother to follow-up on why she replied as she did before they destroyed her sense of self and sent her back to classes for the rest of the day.

Parents and concerned citizens are advised to e-mail or write to their school board and/or district superintendent (keep it in writing) and ask if TeenScreen or any other mental health screening has been implemented in the school district or if there are plans to do so in the future. If the answer is yes, they're advised to alert other parents and, above all, voice their opposition.

If TeenScreen is in your school or coming there, please let TeenScreen Truth know by visiting their site. Your information will be verified and sent on to the TeenScreen location Website so their map can be updated. Parents are also advised to file a "parental informed consent notice" with their child's school, which should protect children in the event of any sort of survey. You have a right to do so – exercise it. A sample notice is available at TeenScreen Truth's Website on the "What You Can Do" page.

There are federal and state laws requiring "informed consent", meaning that before someone agrees to participate in any medical procedure or experiment, they must be informed of and must understand the medical facts and risks involved. TeenScreen ignores those laws.

"Fully informed consent" for TeenScreen would be consent given only after having received and understood all pertinent data involved. This includes, among other things, knowing that Psychiatry's "Diagnostic Statistical Manual" has over 300 behaviors that have just been voted on, according to whim, not tests or real facts, and that parents may lose their parental rights or even be criminally charged with neglect if they refuse to accept TeenScreen's diagnosis and see to it that their child receives psychiatric treatment.

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