

Hearts, Not Body Parts, Rule Sexual Behavior Best

I don't know why Donna Freitas ("Sex Education," April 4) should be surprised that most college respondents make no connection between religious belief and sexual behavior (with the exception of the evangelicals). It is the exceptional congregation (or school) that gets beyond biology to sexual relationships and ethics. Usually we offer only silence or the equally dysfunctional one-size-fits-all "Just make it legal." In this matter we would do well to remember the admonishment of Bishop Gene Robinson, "It's about hearts, not body parts."

Until we begin to hold public conversations on what constitutes healthy sexual relationships, our young adults have only two choices: the morass of sexual objectification known as hooking up, that results in disgust and shame or the glittering, unrealistic story-book romanticism that results in the inevitable dashed hopes and sense of failure. Colleges simply reflect what infects the entire culture, the sexual miasma caused by fear of real passion.

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