E. Nash Interview:

**[Elizabeth Nash Interview 2/11]**

+What’s a good measure for sex education effectiveness? What do we know is correlated? Teen pregnancy rates? STI rates?

+[TIMELINE] What was the first state to mandate any kind of sex education be taught? When and what did it entail?

+[TIMELINE] What states followed and when?

+What does it mean to mandate sex education?

+For a state like Kansas, which mandates sex education but doesn’t fit into any other category, what exactly are they teaching then?

+What about private school students? How are they accounted for?

+How does enforcement work after legislation is passed? Is there a follow up? Is curriculum written specifically? How much liberty do educators have to change?

A good measure would be for people to be happy and healthy relationships. Not sure how to measure that.

I dont know if any state does this, but a lot of states are barred form doing this.

YRBS survey and did you even get sex education in school surveys

STi or teen pregnancy —both are pretty hard to change and not clear role that education plays

if sci rate decreases might be seeing that bc state decided to open up ten more health clinics that treat young people. more access ot health care services so that’s why rate went down.

seeing what information students remember form sex ed might be a decent proxy for are ppl getting good info, combined with health indicator (not teen prep rates. bc leaves out a whole bunch of ppl who aren’t having penis and vagina sex. STI might be better one, vary state to state and between each infection)

yrbs!!! what do students remember??

“**Those are the states that don’t invest in healthcare generally,” said Nash. “That means Medicaid or family planning.” The states that tend to enforce a stressing of abstinence are generally the states that lack investment in access to contraceptives**

**The last piece to this puzzle has to do with stigma. The south is notorious for having a bit of overlay around religion. “It puts a stop to conversations around sex, everything like dating violence and healthy relationships.”**

not surprising about stress abstinence

those are ststates that dont invest in healthcare generally. haven’t invested in medicaid. or family planning (MI LA). not same investment in access to contraceptives like CA NY

typically terrible other state programs so not surprising.

real stigma around abortion in a lot of those states primarily south midwest the plains.

other piece is there is a bit of an overlay around religion. puts a stop to conversations around sex, everything like dating violence and healthy relationships. a stop on a lot of that.

teen prep have been going down over time but some states dont have higher rates than others.

mandates work:

kansas literally says teach but dont tell u what to teach.

can teach comprehensive and nobody can say no so good

but if school decides to teach sex ed, must teach stressing abstinence. but dont have to teach sex ed.

up to each school district if not state mandated

\*even within school districts, sometimes content comes down to individual teacher. even with mandates, in CA, (some best requirements in country) wasn’t until few years ago until mandated. even so, in the valley, sex ed is different than whats taught in urban areas. abstinence is still stressed in parts of the state. vs other that follow all requirements. and providing edu supportive of everyone.

everything thats in place is in place but here are still differences.

**If a state doesn’t require any sex education be taught, it’s up to each school district to decide how to move forward. And sometimes even within school districts, sometimes it comes down to individual teachers.**

own experience i got pretty decent sex ed a long time ago but covered most stuff u want to cover and then i ws talking to someone who went to high school 10 years behind me and got the gum example.

im like ok i know policy didnt change in 10 years but the teacher did.

just saying even when there are requirements, sometimes individual teachers may include information that wasn’t supposed.

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ENFORCEMENT

depends on state

identify ciricullum meat standards

lot of states put out guidelines for markers ppl are supposed to hit for various grade levels.

then teacher has to find curriculum that will fit in with guidelines.

but some states literally have DEPT OF Ed have a link to BBC materials to STIs

so, some states DOE is active on trying to help teachers get reseouces for sex ed and some are not.

then in some school may be that they give teachers more leeway. part of that stems from

education is very much under local control in all states in that localities have a lot fo say over what the content is in schools. math english or sex ed.

quite a bit of say.

some in math and english has been taken away bc standardized testing. many teach to test, doesnt happen with sex ed bc never really tested.

bc ppl think sex is controversial or made sex controversial

ppl are so uncomfortable talking bout sex and giving skills they need. so it also gives teachers mor

allow teacher to be more conservative in their education.

pinrciples are afraid conservative parents will come to board meeting.

if contraception is being taught in class.

surveyed sex ed teachers, what ppl were teaching and what they wated to teach and couldn’t bc law or school district. that was last comprehensible survey 1990??

CONSENT:

for a lot of states, sex ed is put within health education and that is from K-12. for a lot of states sex education some components that are talked about 3/4/5 like BODY parts.

then start moving into good/bad touches.

then gets into puberty

then get into more relationships middle +

STI/preg middle +