

seen in the law's eyes as responsible for their actions.

The laws of our nation are reflective of the society that makes them. How, therefore, can teens be held responsible for their actions regarding sex? It should not be society's job to deal with a problem it treats as beyond its control.

Society has tried to educate teens about sex and it has failed; otherwise it would not be a problem today. Sex education needs to come from families and mentors. It is a problem we must face as individuals. Responsibility is a vital attribute of freedom.

It is the parents' responsibility to inform their children about sex within their religion and moral teachings. The consequence for not doing so is that their child will die from AIDS or have to deal with an infant that their child cannot support. Responsibility is then placed on the teen's shoulders. Responsible teens will not have sex, and irresponsible ones are beyond help already. That is the reality!

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Teens held responsible

Teens who wind up pregnant or diseased because of their lack of personal control or moral understanding regarding sex deserve what they get. As a nation, we are not staying focused with regard to sex education. As teens, America's young people are not held accountable for their actions. If teens commit a crime, they are often given what amounts to a slap on the wrist because they "aren't able to control themselves." Only in the most severe crimes are these teen children