Study says number of rape victims higher than reported

A government-funded study found 683,000 American women were raped in 1990–a far higher number than other government reports have said–and that 12.1 million have been rape victims at least once.

In addition, the National Women's Study said almost 62% of the rape victims said they were attacked when they were minors, with about 29% saying they were younger than 11.

"Rape does seem to be a tragedy of youth in America," said Dean Kilpatrick, who directed the research and is co-author of the report, "Rape in America."

The study, funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, involved female interviewers talking to some 4,000 women by telephone about rapes in the previous year and earlier.

The survey also found that:

• Of the estimated 12.1 million women who have been raped, about 6.8 million were raped once, 4.7 million more than once and about 600,000 were unsure of the number of times.

• Twenty-nine percent of perpetrators were non-relatives known to the victim, such as neighbors or friends. Twenty-two percent were strangers; 16% were relatives other than immediate family; 11% father or stepfather; 10% boyfriend or ex-boyfriend and 9% husband or ex-husband. Three percent were not sure or refused to answer. *Associated Press, 4/24/92*

Reflections...

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from. I began to get a little concerned. About five hours after I had figured out how much we owed, I received a call from a couple in Birmingham, Michigan. They called to encourage me and say that they had just written AFA a check for $2000.

About a year later, we were again behind. I again figured out how much we needed to get even. It was about $5000. The next day, I received a call from a friend in Sentobia, Mississippi. He chatted for a few minutes before saying he wanted to make a donation. He asked how much we needed. I told him $5000. He said that he had written a check just two hours earlier to AFA. It was for $5000!

The Jim Bakker situation hurt us financially, as it did nearly all ministries. We recovered with the help of our supporters.

I am often asked if I ever thought that AFA would become what it is today. You know, I never really thought about it. Since AFA began, my motivation has not been growth, but doing an effective job. Finding ways to address the problems we face. Finding people willing to face them together with us.

I probably spend about 1% of my time raising funds. I do not want to spend more of my time in that area. I want to be involved in fighting the battle.

Several years ago, after AFA had become a little influential, a group of successful individuals—with the interest of our cause at heart—tried to persuade me to move AFA to Washington, DC. I declined their invitation. I admire others who are willing to move to Washington, but as for me, Tupelo does just fine.

Our plans for the future? Just keep fighting the good fight to the best of our ability. Will we be successful? I do not know. But one thing I do know—God doesn't require that I be successful, just faithful.

That I can do.

Thanks; for your prayers and support. I hope AFA continues to deserve both in the years to come. Without them, we would be nothing.

Don

The Body of Christ...

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together in prayer and action, faith and works, concern and compassion. Instead of "my church is better than your church" or "my issue is more important that your issue" we need to acknowledge that God cares about all and He has placed a variety of calls on our lives.

My wife and I serve on the missions committee at our church. Recently we interviewed a husband and wife who are going to the Orient as Christian missionaries and taking their four young children along. As he showed his slides of suffering children without physical or spiritual food, God began to show me that the same devil who destroys lives in America through pornography and abortion is at work in that part of the world through communism and starvation.

When we finished the meeting the man—knowing of my work with American Family Association—told me how much he appreciated what we are doing. I told him I appreciated his devotion to our Heavenly Father and his willingness to go half-way around the world with his family to serve God. I remarked, "You know, we're both fighting the same darkness." He agreed, and warmly encouraged me to keep up the good work.

We're in the foxhole and the enemy rages. What will be our response?

AFA wins...

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million in damages.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit dismissed by Judge McKenna read like a Who's Who among leftwingers: American Civil Liberties Union, People for the American Way, The American Film Video Association, Inc., The New York Film/Video Council, Inc., The Association of Independent Video and Film Makers, Inc., The Independent Features Project, Inc., The Filmakers Library, Inc., The Judson Memorial Church, The Episcopal Mission Society of New York, Thursday Night Film Series, Channel Four Television Company Limited, Damned in the U.S.A., Inc., Devillier Donegan Enterprises, Inc., Paul Yule, Jonathan Stack, Berwick Universal Pictures, Ltd., Uptown Media Associates, and Human Rights Watch.

In early April, the group tried to get Judge McKenna to rule on the suit without giving AFA and Wildmon time to respond. McKenna refused and set a hearing for May 1. Following the hearing, he issued his ruling favoring AFA.

Serving as the attorneys for the leftwing group were Martin Garbus with the law firm of Frankfurt, Garbus, Klein & Selz; Leon Friedman of Human Rights Watch; and Elliot M. Mincberg and Deanna Duby with People for the American Way.

Wildmon agreed to grant a filmed interview with Paul Yule, a London-based filmmaker, concerning AFA's efforts in opposing the filth funded by the NEA with tax dollars. Yule approached Wildmon saying he wanted to do the story to show AFA's side of the story. Wildmon agreed to do the interview after Yule agreed to sign a contract stating that the film could not be shown anywhere except on Channel Four in London, unless Wildmon had given written permission in advance.

The completed film included many pornographic images and obscene language which Yule had not told Wildmon he was going to include in the film. Yule asked Wildmon for permission to show the film in the U.S., but after watching it Wildmon refused to grant Yule permission. Yule proceeded to do so anyway. Wildmon and AFA filed a breach of contract lawsuit. The contract calls for a payment of $500,000 for each violation of the contract.

"I grant very few interviews to people like Yule," Wildmon said. "He said he wanted to present our side of the story and never mentioned that the finished film would contain the pornography. However, to protect against such an incident, I required Mr. Yule to sign a contract which prohibited the film from being shown or material gained from the interview from being used anywhere except on Channel Four in London," he said.

AFA's lawsuit against Yule and the others for breach of contract is expected to be heard later this summer.

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stockholders in Kmart haven't done this, that all of you do so. And then please write me and all of your other stockholders and tell us why you are willing to cause stockholders to lose money so that people who want to buy magazines—like those on sale at Waldenbooks, that show women and women in a sex act and men and women in a sex act, among other things—can buy them at Waldenbooks.

"The Assistant Manager at the store showed me a letter from the Management stating that it had approved the sale of certain magazines so that those who wanted to buy them could do so at Waldenbooks. I gave her a note to read and give to the Manager which said that I am selling my mutual fund, as it includes Kmart stock...

"In case you aren't aware of it, Wal-Mart is sensitive to what the majority of their customers might find offensive and have, therefore, in the past, removed magazines like *Cosmopolitan* and *Vanity Fair*. Perhaps that sensitivity has something to do with Wal-Mart being the nation's largest retailer."

Mrs. Leifeste, a United Methodist, sent a copy of her letter to the General Board of Pensions of the United Methodist Church. The Board is preparing shareholder action, which could result in the withdrawal of millions of dollars in Kmart stock, against Kmart because of their refusal to get out of the pornography business.

AFA encourages individuals to check with their denominations and see if they have any money invested in Kmart. If they do, ask that they withdraw those funds.

AFA urges upcoming conventions and conferences being held by many Christian denominations and groups to pass resolutions in support of the Kmart boycott. Below is a sample resolution.

"We wish to express our concern to Kmart concerning the pornography sold in their Waldenbooks stores. We believe that pornography is detrimental to the moral fabric of our society. We are especially distressed that Kmart, through their Waldenbooks stores, is one of the largest retailers in America.

"We call upon Kmart to discontinue the sale of pornography and return the company to its historic image of a family-oriented company.

"Until Kmart takes such positive action in disassociating itself with pornography, we urge concerned individuals, churches and businesses to discontinue doing business with the Kmart Corporation including Kmart stores, American Fare Stores, Pay Less Drug Stores (located in the northwestern states), Bargain Harold's, Builders Square home supply stores, Office Max, Sports Authority and PACE Membership Warehouse stores."

AFA also urges those desiring Kmart to get out of the pornography business to call and register their complaint. The number is 1-800-63-Kmart. Please be polite when you call.

Individuals should call their local Kmart store and local subsidiary stores and tell the manager you are boycotting Kmart and asking others to do the same. You may be told that Kmart does not sell pornography in their stores. That is correct. The pornography is sold in Waldenbooks, owned by Kmart. Kmart has the authority to order Waldenbooks to get out of the pornography business at any time. All profits from the sale of pornography go to Kmart.

Also write Chrm. Joseph Antonini, Kmart Corporation, 3100 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084.

One listener...

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Mr. Kenney soon came to the phone. When I asked him if he could tell me specifically what was meant by the message he said. "I don't know but I will ask my disc jockey." I then told him I would not pretend to be naive enough not to know what was being suggested by the message, and that I thought it was very irresponsible and objectionable considering the listening age of their audience. I told him my teenage daughter, her friend, my husband and I were embarrassed by the message. I also told him I was a member of a social action committee and that I would not be the only one concerned when I shared this occurrence with them. Mr. Kenney told me he would talk with his disc jockey and get back with me later.

The next day, Mr. Kenney called me back and the only explanation he would give me was that the message had "sexual overtones." Two weeks of various conversations with Mr. Kenney followed where I tried to convince him that this type of broadcasting was not acceptable or responsible to me, other parents, and to the community. Finally, Mr. Kenney informed me he would not stop airing this message because he was in the business of "entertainment" and to him, the type of message to which I objected was "humorous." He also stated if he received any more phone calls or letters of complaint regarding his station's programming, he would simply ignore them as he would consider them being sent by either me, my friends, or members of the social action committee. At that point, I told Mr. Kenney he would not be hearing from me again, but that I would be contacting his sponsors. I decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Lord and prayed for His will regarding my next step. I also reported the situation to my committee chairman and our church's youth pastor.

Two weeks passed, and I neither heard from nor contacted Z93 again. The Social Action Committee was scheduled to meet within the next month and I planned to share the incident with the entire committee. Before we held our meeting, however, the news of the incident came to the attention of everyone due to the fact Z93, in a blatantly mocking action, had placed 15 billboards all over the Miami Valley making fun of my committee, my name, and the action I had taken in contacting their station and complaining about their programming. The billboards stated "Z93; Beavercreek's Social Action Committee has declared Z93 morally unsafe, Vice Chairperson, Erlene Hummer." At that point, I contacted Steve Koob with the AFA and asked for his help. Steve said he would help me in any way he could. This knowledge gave me great confidence.

On Monday, March 16, I started calling sponsors that advertised on Z93. My first call was to Rally's restaurant headquarters in Columbus. I asked to speak with someone in authority regarding advertising. I told the gentlemen that I spoke with exactly what my complaint to Z93 had been and that their response to me and my committee was to mock us on 15 billboards in the Miami Valley. I then told him I was a member of the American Family Association and I wanted to know if we were valued consumers to his business. He said we were very valued consumers and he wanted to get in touch with his advertising agent immediately. He then told me after he spoke with his agent he would call me back. Within 10 minutes he called me back and said that they had slapped a 60-day boycott on all Z93 advertising.

My next call was to Meijer's headquarters in Michigan. I talked to a gentleman who was very interested in the entire story. He told me he was going to call Z93 and request tapes of their programming. He said they often request tapes from radio stations to see what kind of broadcasting they do. I told him I was a member of the AFA and he said he would call me back the next morning. I then called the Kroger Co., the Omega Oil Co., Speedway, Pizza Hut, McDonald's Restaurant Headquarters, and Dave Dennis Volkswagen. I also called White Allen Chevrolet, who had heard from a couple other members not on my committee. By the time I made my call to them, they had already pulled their ads from the station.

By late Monday evening, I had gotten Z93's attention because the general manager of the station, David Macejko,