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Letter: Sex education has agenda

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To the editor:

SIECUS stands for the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States. But it also stands for something else. Known as the clearinghouse for all comprehensive sex education, SIECUS has pulled back the curtain to reveal its true goals and purpose for existence.

If you thought sex education was just about teaching children about the biology of reproduction and making healthy choices, you were wrong. In SIECUS' 2019 online donation appeal, Christine Soyong Harley, the Interim President & CEO of SIECUS, makes it very clear what sex education is really about. Here it is in her own words:

“Now you know why we are here – fighting every single day.

“And we aren't just fighting for a world that recognizes the vital role sex education plays in ensuring an individual's sexual health and safety. We're also opening folks' eyes to the fact that sex ed is key to dismantling systems of power and oppression that allow today's biggest sexual and reproductive health and rights injustices to exist in the first place ...

“Moving into 2019, we recognize that we are far from ensuring that every young person receives the sex education they need – the kind that dismantles white supremacy and gender inequities, and affirms identities and experiences that stretch beyond binaries and heteronormative expectations ... sex education is a powerful vehicle for social change.”

There you have it.

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