

GLSEN founder overseeing safety of nation's schools?

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A conservative activist says the appointment of the founder of the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network to head the U.S. Education Department's Office of Safe Schools is the equivalent of putting O.J. Simpson in charge of women's safety.

GLSEN founder Kevin Jennings was recently appointed by Education Secretary Arne Duncan to serve as assistant deputy secretary of the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. The Department's announcement of Jennings' appointment describes GLSEN as "an organization that works to make schools safe for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity."

But Linda Harvey, president of Mission America, says the Jennings appointment is a radical move. GLSEN, she explains, is a "child corruption" organization that consistently promotes books on its website that legitimize sexual encounters between adults and minors.

"One book called *Growing Up Gay, Growing Up Lesbian* -- it's an anthology; they've had this on their site for years, even after I reported on it and others have," Harvey explains. "[The book describes] a man looking back on his youth [who] said that he had had sex with one of his father's gay friends when he was a young teenager -- and he talks about it in graphic terms and that this was a great experience in his life."

Harvey finds it ironic that President Obama's new "safe schools" czar is a leading proponent of an extremely unsafe, destructive lifestyle.

"They are the people involved in the infamous 'Fistgate' programs in Massachusetts where public health officials were describing dangerous, high-risk behaviors to very young teenagers," she says. "Again, this was a GLSEN-sponsored program."

Jennings previously served a co-chair of the Obama campaign's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) finance committee.