

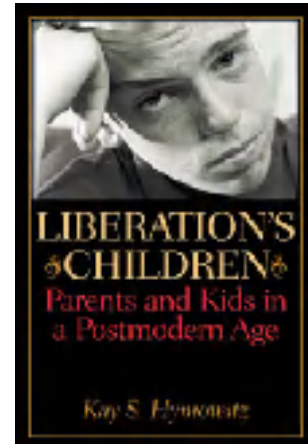
Introduction

Liberation's Children by Kay Hymowitz

Judging from the introduction, this book is going to depth and breadth on the *postmodern age* of parents & kids. With that anticipated, I may limit my summary to the salient points of

- Single-parenting
- Divorce
- Custody
- Government legislation and law
- ...and other associated subjects and issues

Kay touches the most critical cause of teen and pre-teen problems; that is, the age-old problem of communication. As parents and young folk have parted their ways, so too has the media and society filled the vacuum of much needed guidance with much non-sensible garble. Left with such poor influence and modeling, the young folk are *growing-up* earlier to include dating and sexual exploration. She comments:



Leaving the souls of kids like these all the hungrier is the demystification of sex and love...Sexual liberation was supposed to release the bodies of the young from the chains of taboo, secrecy and religion. Yet this liberation also had the effect of hollowing out the soul's resources, as the desiring individual was reduced to his well grounded body parts.

In all of this early education, the one lasting lesson that is lacking is love – as taught by the parents and as learned by the young folk.

Somewhere is this mix of misleading “tutelage” is the myth of motherhood; that is, the lessons of feminism described as “radical attempts to make love taboo and to mythologize the pleasures of individual achievement.”

So begins the book...