f.2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

18 Nov 2021



NEWGON ORGANIZATION*

Condemns the attacks on Old Dominion University Professor Allyn Walker

Over the last few days, we have observed and are appalled by the level of public discourse on this topic. We have also identified a clear misrepresentation of the individual concerned, following publicity of varying quality from **Breitbart**, **NYP**, **Libs of TikTok**, **FOX News (Tucker Carlson) and the UK's Daily Mail**. Trans-Exclusionary Radical Feminist social media organizations such as **4W** have weighed in on the matter, with characteristic shrill abandon. Gender identity activism has been spuriously linked with attempts to "normalize" minor-adult relations in the ensuing controversy. The subject was then libelled as a "pedo" in a campaign of harassment. [A]

Firstly, Allyn Walker, (not affiliated with us) has somehow been misrepresented as a radical advocate of minor-adult sexual relations. This appears to have spanned from a transmutation of the increasingly common "normalization of pedophilia" trope. We are in a good position to know this, since we have ourselves long sought to relax Age of Consent laws, most recently supporting a system where young people are free to electively and selectively emancipate themselves from the age of 12 upward. However, it is obvious *to us* that Allyn Walker's work covers the very specific topic of MAP *destigmatization*, which is framed within the professional discourses of child abuse prevention and mental health. Most media organizations have either ignored or failed to point out this fact, leading to acts of defamation by hostile actors on social media. Walker has since been forced to delete a social media account after harassment and has been placed on leave – with their employer rushing to distance themselves from "child sexual abuse" they never condoned.

Newgon Organization asks that media organizations involved in this controversy immediately publish clarifications re. the above, as we **know our interpretation to be factual, as opposed to a matter of opinion**.

Secondly, contrary to oft-repeated myths, the MAP activist movement exists in *complete antagonism* to the modern LGBT movement. MAP activism (as distinguished from the LGBT movement) began just over a decade after MAP predecessor groups such as NAMBLA and MARTIJN were excluded from the LGBT movement in 1994. The very term "MAP" was frequently used by us as early as 2007, and a flag proposed in 2009. MAP activism, as represented by our/subsequent groups, is therefore a part-*reaction* to distancing from the LGBT movement. Cases such as Professor Walker choosing to work with MAPs are a rare example of much-needed innovations within academia. Similarly valuable (but entirely separate) is the brand of radical MAP and MAP-adjacent activism we engage in.

Thirdly, as an organization of independent researchers on this topic, we know that even if accusations re. the "normalization" of sexual relations were true:

A balanced and evidence-based approach to these issues is defensible, and even necessary.

This is a *particularly important topic* **for gay, lesbian and trans people**. Indeed, the work of culture-war agitators such as **4W** only serves to erase the lived experiences of gay, lesbian and trans people, as documented in numerous peer-reviewed surveys and research papers. Our review of the literature found many examples, documented overleaf.

These are just some of the examples of **positive gay, lesbian and transsexual minor-adult experiences** that have persisted *in spite* of stigmas, legal prohibitions and poor education:

a) With respect to historical lesbian minor-adult relations

From 2017 in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior*: Girls (average age 14.9), whose sexual experience was with a woman (average age 26.3), reacted positively just as often as girls under 18 (average age 14.1) with peers (average age 15.0) and women (average age 22.7) with women average age 26.3). The positive-reaction rates were, respectively, 85, 82, and 79 %. In a finer-graded analysis, **younger adolescent girls (average age 12.8) with women (average age 27.4) had a high positive-reaction rate (91%), a rate reached by no other group.** For women (average age 22.2) with same-aged peers (average age 22.3), this rate was 86%. [3]

b) With respect to sexual debut of male-to-female transgender persons and men who have sex with men (MSM) in Brazil:

From 2012 in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior:* Mean age at first experience was 9 years, partners being, on average, 19 years old, and mostly men. Most frequent behaviors were partners exposing their genitals, mutual fondling, child masturbating partner, child performing oral sex on partner and child being anally penetrated. **Only 29% of the participants who had had such childhood sexual experiences considered it abuse; 57% reported liking,** 29% being indifferent and only 14% not liking the sexual experience at the time it happened. **Transgender participants were significantly more likely to report such experiences and, compared with men, had less negative feelings about the experience at the time of the interview.**

c) With respect to men who have sex with men (MSM) in Argentina, reporting adult-minor relations

From 2014 in *Child Abuse and Neglect*: Eighteen percent of the respondents reported sex before 13 with an age-gap partner, the majority of whom did not feel they were hurt by the experience and did not consider it to be childhood sexual abuse (CSA). Over two-thirds of reporters said that their older partner was a female. Only 4% of those with a female partner felt their experience was CSA compared to 44% of those who had a male partner.^[5]

d) With respect to gay and bisexual men reporting childhood sexual experiences

From 2008 in the *Journal of Sex Research*: The forced sex group and the no sex group were statistically indistinguishable in their level of well-being, while the consensual sex group was significantly more likely to have a higher level of well-being than either of the other two groups.

This suggests that consensual sex before 18 years of age may have a positive effect, perhaps as an adaptive milestone of adolescent sexual development. [6]

e) College-sampled gay and bisexual men reporting adolescent-adult pederastic relationships

From 2001 in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior:* Of the 129 men in the study, 26 were identified as having had age-discrepant sexual relations (ASDRs) as adolescents between 12 and 17 years of age with adult males. Men with ADSR experiences were as well adjusted as controls in terms of self-esteem and having achieved a positive sexual identity. **Reactions to the ADSRs were predominantly positive, and most ADSRs were willingly engaged in. Younger adolescents were just as willing and reacted at least as positively as older adolescents.** Data on sexual identity development indicated that ADSRs played no role in creating same-sex sexual interests, contrary to the "seduction" hypothesis.^[7]

*Newgon Organization is a place-holder name for the group of writers/researchers behind Newgon.net – the present address of a website founded in 2007, run by the group of editors who conceived the term Minor Attracted Person (MAP) and circulated a series of articles concerning said topic – including scientific anthologies. The website ran as an activist organization until 2013/4, and has since been archived and reopened in 2021 following the wide-adoption of MAP discourse. The organization, which has never had an official membership, was said to have inspired one edition of the drama *Law and Order: SVU*, which erroneously portrayed a pedophile activist group. In fact, our organization is composed of non-MAPs, Youth Advocates and MAPs, including a variety of individual chronophilias (pedophilia/hebephilia, etc).

Further examples of verified, positively recalled LGBT minor-adult experiences can be found on Newgon.net/wiki, within the Accounts and Testimonies section of the Wiki Project. Similar projects from organizations such as SOL Research are included in a links section. [8]

A petition has already been started to reinstate Professor Walker at Change.org. We encourage all interested parties to sign the petition. [9]

This release has been vetted by all present project associates, informed by former project associates, and was compiled by the **Newgon Organization Strategist**.

Notes:

- **A.** Andrew Lambakis, President of Old Dominion College Republicans has since 12 Nov had a tweet describing Walker as a "pedo" pinned to the top of his profile. On hearing of their suspension, Lambakis publicly celebrated the "group effort".
- 1. https://newgon.net/wiki/Historical examples of LGBT-MAP unity
- 2. https://newgon.net/wiki/Minor Attracted Person
- 3. https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27783171/
- 4. https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21484505/
- 5. https://sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0145213413002603
- 6. https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18686153/
- 7. https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/11446197/
- 8. https://newgon.net/wiki/Accounts and Testimonies
- $\underline{\textbf{9. https://www.change.org/p/old-dominion-university-reinstate-dr-allyn-walker-map-research-advocate-as-old-dominion-university-staff}$