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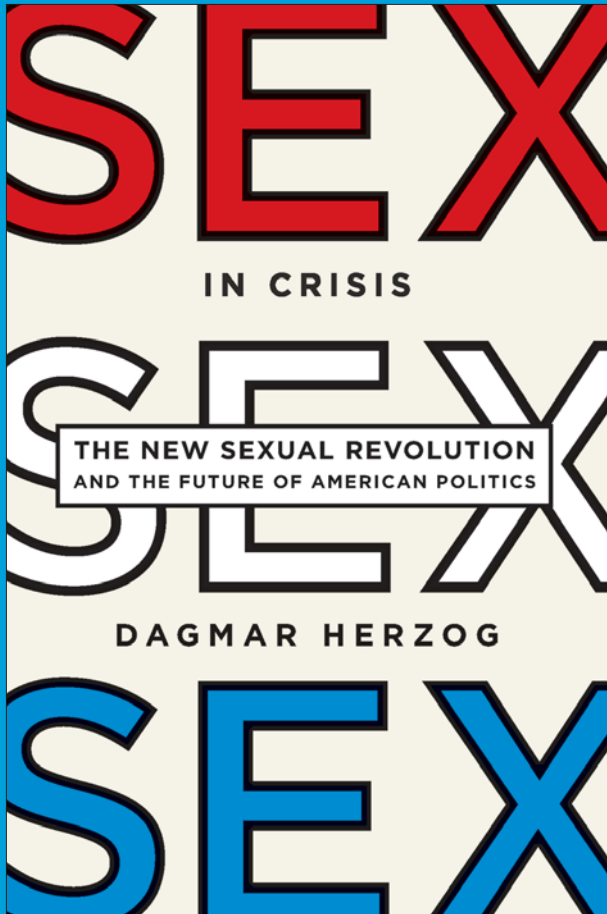
There is a war on sex in America—and the conservative evangelicals are winning

Only three decades after the legalization of abortion, the broad gains of the feminist movement, and the emergence of the gay rights movement, America has gone frigid. Republicans—and even many Democrats—insist that abstinence is the only acceptable form of birth control, and fully 50 percent of American high schools teach a “sex education” curriculum that includes deceptive information about the prevalence of STDs and the failure rate of condoms. Students are taught that homosexuality is curable, and that pornography is addictive.

Americans are not anti-sex, but they’re increasing anxious about sex—largely due to the tactics of the Religious Right. Afraid of sounding unelectable, American liberals have failed to challenge its retrograde orthodoxy. According to Dagmar Herzog, we are all evangelicals now. Fierce, witty, and brilliant, *Sex in Crisis* will force America to confront its national sexual dysfunction—and rally to demand a more sophisticated national conversation about the facts of life.

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