

'Seventeen' Magazine Selling Threesomes to Teen Girls

In their latest issue, *Seventeen* is selling threesomes to 12-year-olds. Morality in Media is joining with Parents Television Council to stand up for their kids.

Threesomes, drugs, nudity and violence. *Spring Breakers*, a new movie starring Ashley Benson (*Pretty Little Liars*) and former Disney tween-idols Vanessa Hudgens and Selena Gomez, earned a hard R rating for such content, but that hasn't stopped *Seventeen* magazine from promoting the film to their readers, who start as young as age 12.

"Think for a moment about who reads *Seventeen* magazine: Eighteen-year-old girls don't aspire to be 17-year-old girls," Morality in Media said in a newsletter Wednesday. "Instead, it is young girls, primarily those in the 12-17 age range, who are the primary target audience for *Seventeen*. And the magazine editors believe that a steamy sexual threesome—including actors beloved and admired by young girls through their Disney Channel program—is appropriate content to inspire the behavior of our daughters and granddaughters."

A recent survey commissioned for parenting site *Netmums.com* found that nearly 70 percent of parents believe childhood innocence now ends at the age of 12 because of a "toxic combination" of media and cultural influences. Two in five thought magazines aimed at tweens but containing sexual content suitable for older teenagers forced their kids to grow up faster.

"*Seventeen* magazine is now squarely in the camp of innocence-eroding toxic influences that are robbing our children of their childhood," the organization said.

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