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### Top 10 Bizarre and Wasteful National Institutes of Health (NIH) Grants

*America is facing a real economic crisis. With a \$16 trillion debt, Congress must reign in out of control and objectively wasteful spending.*

*The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is one agency that illustrates the problem in **all agencies -- a government-wide pandemic of excessive and wasteful spending**. Washington might consider cutting such spending a drop in the bucket – but Americans see this as real money to real people.*

1. Pass the Cheetos! The National Institute on Drug Abuse **rolled pot** (in grape flavored paper), provided it to study participants (**potheads**), instructed them how to smoke it, and observed them for 4 hours at a time. This **cost taxpayers nearly \$1 million**. The goal was to “...understand why people take more risks such as drug driving or involvement in unsafe sex when using marijuana.”<sup>1</sup>
2. Positive reinforcement is a great way to quit smoking. Paul Michael Cinciripini has conducted **\$343,487** worth of studies on the **effectiveness of porn as the reward** for smoking cessation.\*<sup>2</sup>
3. How likely are you to **experience excessive noise exposure on the New York City subway?** NIH researcher Robyn Gershon spent three years and **\$472,286** trying to find out.\*<sup>3</sup>
4. Though welfare reform increased employment and decreased welfare caseloads as intended, Nancy E. Reichman wanted to determine if the **work-first requirements actually cause an undue burden** on recipients. **She got \$793,695 of stimulus funding**.<sup>4</sup>
5. After conducting a “needs assessment”, Simon Rosser found that gay men *required* porn in order complete online HIV prevention education. Rosser’s *Men’s Internet Study (MINTS) for HIV Prevention* has spent **over \$5 million so far, creating a porn site (SexPulse)**. NIH Director Dr. Collins has defended this website because it takes “into account specific nuances of [the gay] culture and language.”<sup>5</sup>
6. NIH is concerned that only a few scientific investigations of co-ed hookups have been conducted. So they gave Dr. Michael Carey **\$400,000 to interview 500 first year college girls about their “penetrative sexual hookups”**. He checked in on them monthly for a year.<sup>6</sup>
7. Kim Fromme simply claimed, “**little is known about the behavioral risks that have been associated with collegiate drinking,**” and **received \$3,276,420 in NIH grants** to find out more! Guess NIH never heard of Greek Week!<sup>7</sup>
8. In order to promote workforce diversity in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine (STEMM), Dr. Mary Carnes got **\$2 million to create a video game** to help faculty identify their stereotype-based biases.<sup>8</sup>
9. NIH favorites Jeffrey T. Parsons and Christian Grov, along with Jonathan Rendina (Kirchstein fellow) have received well **over \$12.25 million for sexual pet projects including (but not limited to) “Pillow Talk” and “SCORE”**. These three researchers are generally interested in sexual compulsivity, sex/drug use diaries, sex parties, and bathhouse participation among “highly sexually active” gay/bisexual men. Calling his work a “niche,” Grov was also involved in a **penis size satisfaction study** as an NIH-funded postdoctoral fellow.<sup>9</sup>
10. Not only has the NIH funded the Chinese CDC to the tune of **\$90 million** over the last ten years, but we’ve been studying 14 year old Chinese prostitutes, 35 year old Chinese prostitutes, and teaching Chinese therapists how to do acupuncture properly. In the last two and half years, NIH has given over **\$30 million** to Chinese scientists working in China to research Chinese problems!

For more information, go to:

<http://www.traditionalvalues.org/NIHPetition>

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<sup>1</sup> NIDA. Project number 5R01DA021403-03

<sup>2</sup> NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse). Project number 5R21DA026544-02

<sup>3</sup> NIEHS (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences). Project number 3R21ES015347-02S2

<sup>4</sup> NICHD (Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development). Project number 5R01HD060318-02

<sup>5</sup> NIMH (National Institute of Mental Health). Project number 5R01MH063688-11

<sup>6</sup> NIAA (National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism). Project number 5R21AA018257-02

<sup>7</sup> NIAA. Project number 3R01AA01013967-05S1

<sup>8</sup> NIGMS (National Institute of General Medical Sciences). Project number 1DP4GM096822-01

<sup>9</sup> NIGMS & NIAID (National Institute of General Medical Sciences). Project number 1SC2AI090923-01