Sex::Tech Using New Media to Advance Sexuality Education with Youth

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ISIS Internet Sexuality Information Services, Inc.

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- <u>501(c)3 organization</u> founded in 2001
- Creating new & effective tools to reach people with critical sexual health information
- Developing high-tech solutions for sex education and sexual health promotion

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Youth Online

- 93% of teenagers are on the Internet (Pew)
- American youth aged 8-18 average 44.5 hours per week in front of a screen (KFF). The only thing they do more is sleep.
- 70% of 12-14 year olds have their own cell phones

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Technology Today

- Today's youth grew up with technology
- Today's youth are multi-taskers, in a state of constant "partial attention"
- Today's youth do not see the Internet or cell phones as a tool; Technology is an indispensable part of their lives.

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World of Choice

How do youth cut through the clutter?

- 1) Search tools
- 2) Traditional media ads combined with online marketing (see it on MTV, then YouTube)
- 3) Word-of-mouth: "I trust people like me"

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ISIS Projects for Youth

- Sex::Tech Conference, March '09
- SexINFO: Text messaging for urban youth
- inSPOT: STD ecard notifications
- inBrief: Underwear design contest

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March 22-23,2009 in SF

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EVERYONE WHO'S ANYONE WILL BE IN SF MARCH 22-		
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-Deb Levine, Exec. Director, ISIS, Inc.		



SexInfoMobile

a new text message service for youth

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Txt "5" for STD info

If u have sex, u can get an STD + not know it. Dropin get checked FREE 356 7th St.
8-4 MWF, 1-4 TuTh free RAPID HIV tests HipHop 415-337-4719 MTh 1-5

Plan B:

If you just had sex & are worried you might be pregnant, click here.

Text "sexinio" to 61827

Standard text messaging charges will app

> About You...

If you are 12-17 and your sex partners are male, female and/or transgendered, Click Here to find out about lifestyle choices & STDs that could concern you.

Designed by health educators at I.S.I.S., Inc. with funding from the San Francisco Department of Public Health, STD Prevention and Control, and programmed by Hip Cricket.





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•Youth focus groups found text messages to be a <u>private</u>, <u>accessible</u>, and <u>culturally</u> <u>appropriate</u> way to receive health information





an anonymous peer-to-peer online STD partner notification program

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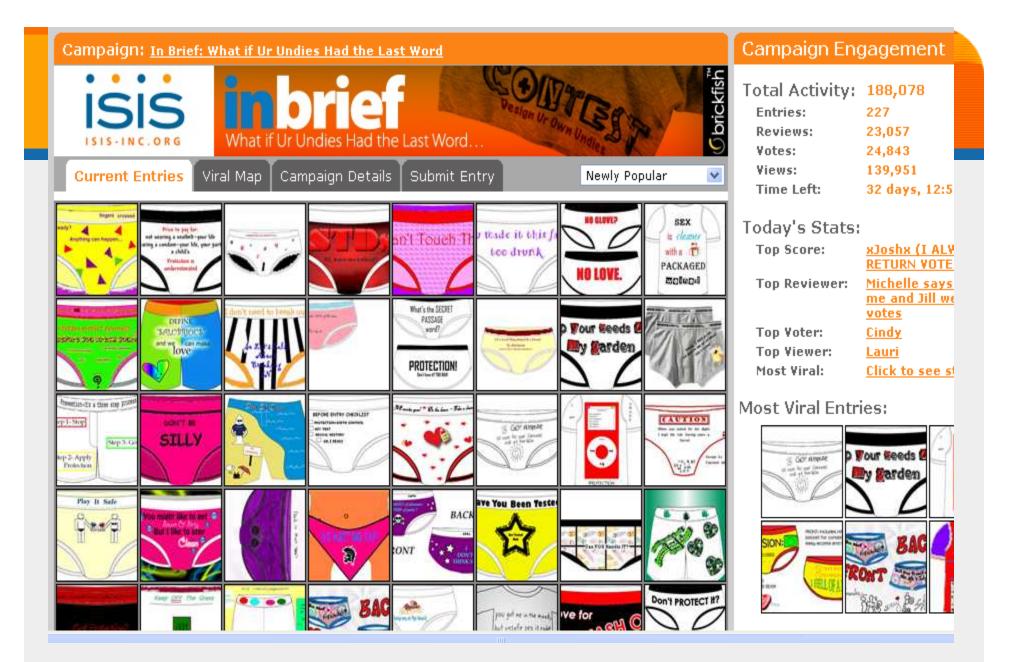
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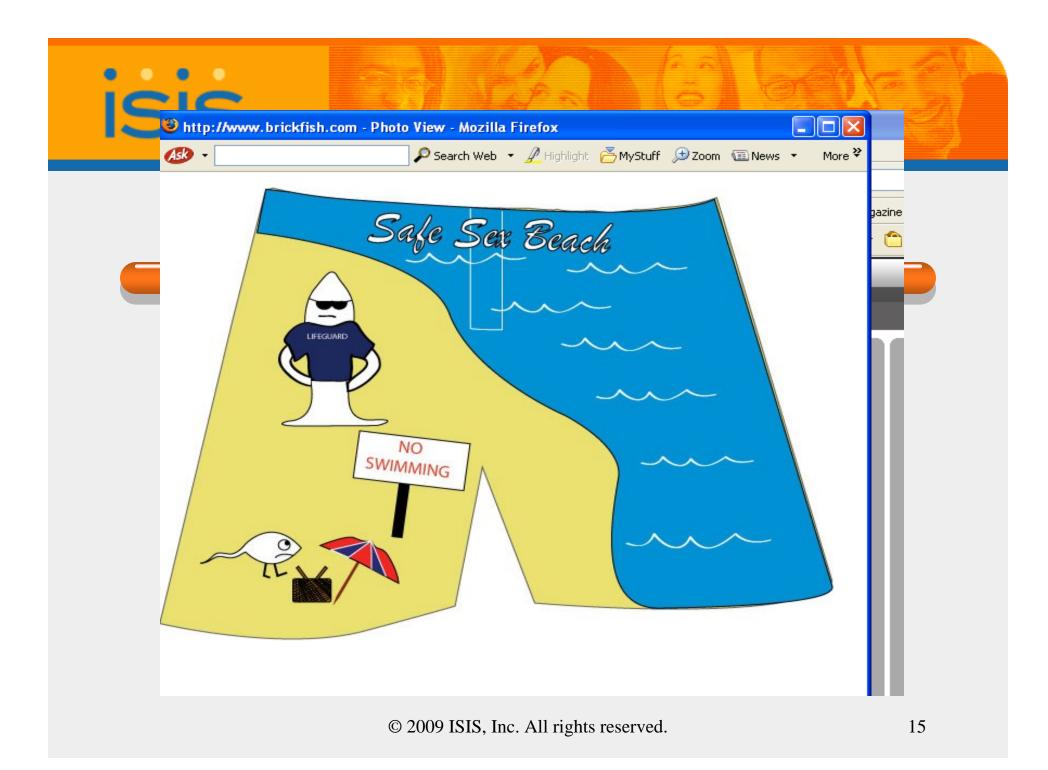
- 750 people visit the site everyday
- 200 people send cards per month to 500 recipients
- 80% of cards are sent anonymously
- 80% of cards include a personal message
- 51% of people receiving cards click-through for more info about testing and treatment

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in Brief: What if ur undies had the last word?

- Contest launched spring '08 with corporate partner: BrickFish
- Design artwork and slogan to put on underwear to promote sexual communication before you get naked
- 700+ entries, over 500,000 engagements





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The Future

- Work in schools and in communities simultaneously
- Make learning about sex as fun and interactive as 1) other subjects and 2) the anticipation of having sex.
- Develop a national MODEL and POLICY for culturally relevant interactive sex ed using Internet and mobile devices

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