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Ipce is a forum for people who are engaged in scholarly discussion about the understanding and emancipation of mutual relationships between children or adolescents and adults.

In this context, these relationships are intended to be viewed from an unbiased, non-judgmental perspective and in relation to the human rights of both the young and adult partners.

Ipce meets once every one or two years in a different country, publishes

a newsletter and a web site, co-ordinates the (electronic) exchange of texts and keeps an archive of specific written publications.

Introduction & Statement: False Ideologies

1. Alan Greenspan

Alan Greenspan was eighteen years the chair of the Fed, the central banks in the USA. He was a true believer of the neo-conservative dogmas, especially that of the salutary principles of the free market and other neo-capitalistic views, based on the famous scientist Adam Smith. Then, there was the credit crisis and he was interrogated by a commission of the US Congress.

"I made a mistake in presuming that the self-interests of organizations, specifically banks and others, were such that they were best capable of protecting their own shareholders and their equity in firms."

- "In other words, you found that your view of the world, *your ideology*, was not right; it was not working?"

Alan: "Absolutely, precisely."

What seemed to be science, was unmasked as an *ideology*. And Alan changed his ideas and practice.

2. An Ipce member

"One friend told me that he had been a (big) child porn collector until one day he came to realize that that was contrary to what he felt and believed in. He threw it all away, and came to a completely different, in some sense purer, way of experiencing his own girl-love. Someone else told me that he was 'only months away from being a child molester' when he realized things went wrong. And changed himself.

[...]

One of the best ways of saving children from being abused by pedophiles would be to help those pedophiles to make that choice, take that step. And who could do so better than those who have already taken that step? The pedophiles who have found that there are more ways than just the sexual ones to enjoy children - ways that are not just harmless, but even beneficial."

[From Ipce's Statement "The Turning Point"]

The ideology was: 'My feelings are essentially of a sexual nature'. Real introspection learned that it was love, not sex. The man changed his ideology and his behavior.

3. Bruce Rind

"Over the last quarter century the incest model, with its image of helpless victims exploited and traumatized by powerful perpetrators, has come to dominate perceptions of virtually all forms of adult-minor sex. Thus, even willing sexual relations

between gay or bisexual adolescent boys and adult men, which differ from father-daughter incest in many important ways, are generally seen by the lay public and professionals as traumatizing and psychologically injurious. This study assessed this common perception by examining a nonclinical, mostly college sample of gay and bisexual men.

[...]

Findings were inconsistent with the incest model. The incest model has come to act as a procrustean bed, narrowly dictating how adult-minor sexual relations quite different from incest are perceived."

The incest model is an ideology, in this case misapplied to "willing sexual relations between gay or bisexual adolescent boys and adult men". Careful research unmasked the ideology as "a procrustean bed".

Section I: Report of the Ipce Meeting July 2008

1. First round

From Germany

In Germany, we have the AHS, Arbeitsgemeinschaft Humane Sexualität (Humane Sexuality Workgroup). Regrettably, there were an ex-prisoner and a journalist who told lies about the AHS. What followed was more or less a kind of political pressure, that resulted in the temporary closure of AHS's financial transactions and in the publication of the chairman's address. The chairman's telephone has been tapped, but without any consequences other than a constructive talk with police who are now convinced of the legality of the AHS. This is an indication of the social-political climate in Germany. It is difficult here but but not as bad as in the US and the UK. Laws and practice make it possible to work on specific topics.

The AHS has some self-help groups that work now under their own names, which makes them more difficult to find, but they still are working quite well.

There is a great forum, Jungsforum, which makes it possible to express and share feelings and opinions, be it anonymous and virtually, but for many people it is the only way to escape feelings of isolation and extradition from society. Actually, however, people suspected of pedophile feelings are extradited from society. Openness is not possible.

From Denmark

Peter Schmidt has published two books dealing with BL / GL. He was co-founder of the Danish Pedophile Group in 1984 within the Danish National Gay Organization LBL. One year later this group became the

DPA born in 1985 independent of LBL. Here is a link to the DPA's web site:

<http://danpedo.sexualpolitik.se/hvorfor.php#english>

Peter: I'm a happily married man of some 16 years standing, with no primary Gay or BL orientation. This is in complete harmony with my conviction that every human being has, more or less, even if ever so microscopic, a bit of all sexual orientations in his or her personality. Nobody is totally foreign to any sexuality, all human beings have something in common. Not being primarily gay I nevertheless was extremely active in the Danish Gay Movement [1969-1985], especially fighting for gay rights at the work place and in Danish Trade Unions, in traditional party politics, plus cultural and political activism.

During all these years sexual politics have been and still are at the core of my political and cultural interests. In my opinion, combating life negating ideology is, in the best meaning of that word, vital in making me a cultural activist, increasingly so, for every passing day.

I was the most active participant in the Danish "Kulturcaféen (Cultural Cafe). Among so many other debates we invited Dr. Gustav Henningsen, internationally recognized authority on the Spanish Inquisition, who, in addition to sitting in on our panel debate on witch hunting, showed us his own film on the phenomenon of the witch hunt historically as well as in modern times - he was, for instance, actually able to find persecutions of witches in the countryside of Denmark in modern times as late as into the 1960's - this astounded many that old fashioned real witch hunting in Denmark only recently disappeared - the last person to be persecuted as a witch died around 1965.

A woman from the Danish Governments Central Administration, Signe Hemmingsen, spoke about false accusations and stigmatizing in today's day care centers. Another woman, a doctor from Sweden's Lund University, spoke about false accusations against people from Somalia living in Sweden. The panel discussion, in which miscarriages of justice by Denmark's courts, police and Ministry of Justice were vehemently criticized. I've put the 109 minute video discussion on witch hunting onto the Internet for all who understand Danish to hear (which means Norwegians, Swedes and others) at:

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-8206288851321660878&hl=da>

Panel participants were:

- Representative for Somalians living in Scandinavia,
- F. Dualeh.
- Dr. Gustav Henningsen,
- Ph.d. Agner Fog,
- dr. Sara Johnsdotter, researcher, social-anthropologist at University of Lund in Sweden,

- Signe Hemmingsen from the Danish Governmental Central Administration,
- philosophy historian and founder of the former Danish Minority Party Rune Engelbreth Larsen, and
- my self, Peter Schmidt, former member of the Minority Party's Central Committee, author of "Whole and Free Kids" & "From Incest to Witch Hunts".

Much of my knowledge of witch hunting stems from Sweden's most famous writer of non-fiction and fiction, Jan Guillou, author of "Defenders of Witches". In this book Guillou states: "Hunting pedophiles is the witch hunt of the 21st Century". Among Jan Guillou's personal friends is the King of Sweden. Guillou himself is so important a public figure that journalists at Denmark's National TV station have declared Guillou so influential that he himself has become an institution that no serious reviewer of books can ignore.

I've reviewed his non-fiction work on historical witch hunting, culminating in the on-going horrors of the 20th and 21st Century. Guillou has written an extensive chapter in mentioned book above depicting Denmark's National hero and icon King Christian the 4th's witch hunting activities as the most numerous and misanthropic in Northern Europe in the years 1600-1648.

Today Denmark is the only country in the world that still celebrates witch hunting with ritual bon fires burning witches in effigy every 23rd of July on the eve of Saint Hans Day (= John the Baptist Day). Historically, Denmark's greatest witch hunter is the monster, serial killer King Christian the 4th, celebrated as the "Renaissance" King.

Because of this we political cultural activists organized a counter festival proclaiming "The Rescue of the Witches", in which the gay movement participated. We have also distributed posters against King Christian the 4th and against homophobia. Today it is no longer comme il faut to burn witches in Denmark. That is one method used to combat life negating ideologies.

For some years we had the DPA group, now it exists only as a website. For a long time to come it won't be possible to start and maintain such a group. What is possible, is starting discussions on the Internet. Maybe there is a future in the diverse forms of communication over the Internet. In other countries around the world there are other and more possibilities.

From the UK

Also in the UK, such groups no longer exist, only small informal groups. Public action is not possible, only action to help each other at the individual and small group level.

After the infiltration by a UK police officer during our meeting in Hamburg, 2004, the same officer has continued his activities in informal contacts in the UK until the start of 2006. Then, six people were raided, among whom were three Ipce members. Just one of these three was arrested. The accusations were possessing and distributing child pornography. In one case, this was a pitiful set up by police, in a second case, it concerned images taken from the public tv. They are free again now, be it under restriction. In one of these cases, police informed the neighbourhood, so the person had to move home. In the UK, such information is not public, but may be selectively given. In the US, police have to inform the neighbourhood. (In the Netherlands, this is illegal, but it happens occasionally.)

There has been a lot of publicity about a children's home in the island of Jersey basing itself on police reports, making statements without any proof. The problem is the great exaggeration. They found bones and teeth ... of animals, shackles ... for animals, and a 'skull' that appeared to be a coconut. The news items appear on the front page, the corrections later on buried on page 19 in a corner of the newspaper. There are more such cases.

The laws change here every one or two years. Punishable now, for example, are some acts in foreign countries, that are legal in that country, but not in the UK. Here in the UK, we do not see any influence from the liberalization of laws in Europe, but much influence from the USA. And we see influence from the UK on laws in Europe.

An example is a love affair between a German boy and English girl, happening in Turkey. Germany wanted to free the boy, the UK and Turkey both wanted to prosecute him. Germany has won the battle.

In the UK, police have actively searched for victims or 'victims' of child sexual abuse, for example by writing a letter to all former inhabitants of children's homes, offering them financial compensation for an allegation. Victims came forward, but supposedly far more 'victims' who wanted the compensation. This practice has now been stopped.

Three guests from the UK

They, quite young people, have been invited. They entered the meeting as a guests, they have left the meeting as new members.

Correct information is important, but difficult to publish. For example, there has been a website about innocent people harmed by Operation Ore

(< <http://www.inquisition21.com/> >) This website was once censored by Google and its host, but it is back online and is now listed by Google.

More recently, two associates of the website were arrested for "conspiracy to possess indecent images of children", for copying a hard drive containing "indecent images" to be used in a court action. The police had actually given them permission to do this; it all seems like a police setup. See

< http://www.theregister.co.uk/2008/09/17/ore_bates_arrest/ > and
< http://www.inquisition21.com/index.php?module=announce&ANN_user_op=view&ANN_id=358 >.

Many media use censorship, mostly after a complaint from a citizen, sometimes because the rules of governments who limit free speech. In the UK, most people accept those limitations, and most providers use censorship for commercial motives. They cave in. In the USA, there is more resistance, for example by Amazon. Amazon also operates in the UK, where it also sells controversial texts.

Thus, some of us have established our own website < <http://newgon.com/> > to spread factually correct information, and a private forum to discuss matters and to create correct information through doing research and by using a Wiki-like model of working.

"I disagree with their goal of complete abolition of the AoC; I think something similar to the old Dutch law would be more appropriate. In my opinion, the law needs to find a balance between preventing sexually mature people engaging in sexual activity with people who haven't yet reached the necessary level of sexual maturity, while ensuring that people who have reached a necessary level of sexual maturity don't suffer from negative socio-legal reactions as a result of their activities. I personally do not support sex between an adult and a pre-pubescent child - for a variety of psycho/socio/legal reasons - though I am happy to hear alternative arguments."

Some of us run the website www.attractedtochildren.org (formerly anu.nfshost.com) along with others. The website will soon be redesigned to host a number of academic texts in a more appropriate format and will also operate a blogging/social network for boylovers and girllovers. We want to fight against criminalization of love affairs.

We intend to spread legal information. Our forum can be a basis for real contact for people who now feel lonely in front of their screen. Our wish is to work on an academic level. To do this, a kind of organization is needed, thus organizers - and time.

From the USA

Spreading Information is OK, but it is not the best way to influence people. Narratives are a better means of reaching people's hearts and minds. People know only the bad stories. Thus, I am working on a film with a good story. That is my way to fight against false ideologies. The script is ready. Now I have to find a financier and producer, who has to find the players, including a junior player.

From the Netherlands

OK, perhaps images may also reach people's hearts and minds. Thus, the magazine Koinos is working on a photo book.

In the 80's, we had influence using our groups, for example to change the law for youth between twelve and sixteen years of age. The law changed: in that age group prosecution became only possible if there is a formal complaint. Regrettably, that law has been abolished now because of problems that young female prostitutes had, but more by influence of feminists and foreign states as the UK and the US - and a conference in Stockholm.

Here in the Netherlands, we have a small political party, PNVD, with a broad program, including more freedom for speech, images and real love affairs, also for youth. However, the social-political climate here is strongly against this party and its program.

Here, we have a very prosperous state, but remarkably lots of people are always grumbling and complaining, not always politely. This section of our society admires populist politicians such as Geert Wilders, well known for his anti-Islam film fitna. Such politicians are on the right wing as well on the left wing. It is not the best climate for subtle shades of opinion.

Concerning positive and free intergenerational relationships, we still have some good working groups here. They will present themselves during the session on Sunday afternoon. And we have two women, named Ireen and Yvonne, fighting against the same groups, albeit without too much success.

2. Ipce's internal matters

Four reports accepted

For the reports, see <

http://www.ipce.info/newsletters/e_25/8_internal.htm >.

- Report of the secretary
- Report of the webmaster
- Report about the two teams, and
- Financial report.

Decisions

The functions of the secretary, the webmaster, the treasurer and the function of the discussion leader will be performed by the same persons. Also the Conflict & Emergency Team will be the same. The members of the New Members Team are changed a little.

The membership fee will be 25 € for the next year.

Discussion about the criteria and procedure for new members

We have a team now. This is born out of our experience in Hamburg in 2004, where we had a UK police officer as an infiltrator - who, incidentally, did not find any illegality. Infiltration will always be possible. The more members, the greater the possibility. Thus, although this team at the outset had aimed to invite people for membership, we now consider it better to wait until a person asks for the membership, and only quite selectively invite active people.

Candidate members may be separated into three categories.

- First, those who ask for contact,
- second, those who want to give support, and
- third, those who may want to be active.

For the first group, those who desire contact, it is better to refer them to the fora on the Internet. For the second and third groups, Ipce is the option.

The process of acknowledging membership may require some time. Maybe it is better to introduce two phases of membership, at least for some people. We continue to ask prospective members to inform, the team at least, of their real name and address.

Ipce also includes some guests. Some are permanent guests, others are our guest during a meeting or part of a meeting. Guests and their motives must be known by at least one or two members. It will be the meeting that decides who to accept as a guest.

During this meeting, three of our guests are cordially accepted as new members.

Communication by Skype

Skype is a free computer program that allows free phone contacts all over the world. The transmission of the data is encrypted. Some of us have had some experimental skype sessions to test the program - and it works quite well. We have tried to organize a skype session during this meeting, but we had no connection to the Internet. The first experiments have taught us that a skype session with more than just a few participants asks for much discipline and for a discussion leader.

The meeting decided to accept skype as a way of communication among Ipce's members, as an extra way, not as a substitute or a equivalent of the Meeting. Its is the Meeting which makes the decisions. Skype sessions are the best way if our members want a one-by-one contact, or a short discussion with a limited participation, a clear agenda and a discussion leader, maybe four times each year. The next skype session will be prepared and the members will receive a message about the time and the agenda.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be in mid-May 2009 in Germany, by preference in a place with an Internet connection.

3. Changing laws in Europe

The Council of Europe has published a report about the Convention on the Protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 12 July 2007
at the 1002nd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The full text is in Ipce's Documentation section.

Introduction

This is not a law, but a convention between the European states, signed by their ministers who promise to follow the convention, thus to change the laws of their states according to the appointments in the convention.

- The convention obligates the states to intervene in cases of offenders and of potential offenders.
- There are statements against child pornography (which may conflict with the right to free speech and privacy).
- The convention asks the states to determine an age of consent - without mentioning a specific age.
- The convention pleas for jurisdiction of the states in other countries.

There have been earlier versions, since 1996. By discussing such kind of conventions, the ministers usually do not delete topics, usually they add paragraphs. At the end, there must be consensus.

So, the right for children to be protected against child sexual abuse has been added since then - *without defining what CSA is*.

Article 3 - Definitions

For the purposes of this Convention:

- a. "child" shall mean any person under the age of 18 years;
- b. "sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children" shall include the behaviour as referred to in Articles 18 to 23 of this Convention;
- c. "victim" shall mean any child subject to sexual exploitation or sexual abuse.

Under a., "Child" is defined as any person under the age of 18 years.

Under b., no definition is given, but some rules.

There are also many statements *without an argumentation*.

The kernel of the text can be found in articles 18 through 23 of Chapter 6

The full text of article 18 is quoted below

Article 18 - Sexual abuse¹. Each Party shall take the necessary legislative or other measures to ensure that the following intentional conduct is criminalised:

a. engaging in sexual activities with a child who, according to the relevant provisions of national law, has not reached the legal age for sexual activities;

b. engaging in sexual activities with a child where:

- use is made of coercion, force or threats; or

- abuse is made of a recognised position of trust, authority or influence over the child, including within the family; or

- abuse is made of a particularly vulnerable situation of the child, notably because of a mental or physical disability or a situation of dependence.² For the purpose of paragraph 1 above, each Party shall decide the age below which it is prohibited to engage in sexual activities with a child.

3. The provisions of Article 18, paragraph 1a do not intend to govern consensual sexual activities between minors.

Suggestion for an amendment

The interesting part is, that a comparatively small amendment to remark 3 could make a very important difference. This remark says that it is not intended to strive for criminalisation of "consensual sexual activities between minors".

This is a very important remark, since it implies that the EU officially states that "consensual sexual activities" with minors involved exist and are not to be considered sexual abuse.

The problem, however, is that, although it does not address this issue in a direct way, the convention seems to suggest, or may be read by some people as if it suggests, that all sexual activities between adults and minors are to be considered as sexual abuse. This suggestion would be removed when the phrase "between minors" were removed from remark 3.

That would also force both the authors of the convention and the politicians in the various countries that have to make their national laws comply with this convention, to define how to recognize the distinction between consensual sexual activities and sexual abuse. And that's exactly the discussion I would like to have in today's politics.

So, let's think about how, when and where is the right way to address this issue and ask for a clarification whether in certain cases sexual activities between adults and minors could be considered as "consensual activities" that are not to be classified as "sexual abuse".

The text of this convention will probably be on the agenda of some future meeting of European Prime Ministers and Ministers of Foreign Affairs. Apart from the amendment I suggest here, of course more amendments or additions could be suggested for various parts of the convention.

Article 20 - Offences concerning child pornography

1. Each Party shall take the necessary legislative or other measures to ensure that the following intentional conduct, when committed without right, is criminalised:

- a. producing [...]
- b. offering or making available [...]
- c. distributing or transmitting [...]
- d. procuring child pornography for oneself or for another person;
- e. possessing child pornography;
- f. knowingly obtaining access, through information and communication technologies, to child pornography.

2. For the purpose of the present article, the term “child pornography” shall mean any material that visually depicts a child engaged in real or simulated sexually explicit conduct or any depiction of a child’s sexual organs for primarily sexual purposes.

3. Each Party may reserve the right not to apply, in whole or in part, paragraph 1a and e to the production and possession of pornographic material:

- consisting exclusively of simulated representations or realistic images of a non-existent child;
- involving children who have reached the age set in application of Article 18, paragraph 2, where these images are produced and possessed by them with their consent and solely for their own private use.

4. Each Party may reserve the right not to apply, in whole or in part, paragraph 1f.

Article 48 - Reservations

No reservation may be made in respect of any provision of this Convention, with the exception of the reservations expressly established. Any reservation may be withdrawn at any time.

Discussion

Until now, laws have been different in several European countries. The age of consent for child pornography in Germany is officially 14 - but in practice 16. In the Netherlands, it is 18. In the UK, a law to forbid also specific drawings has been proposed, but not yet enacted.

Is any influence possible? Not directly. Only via your own government, thus the national politicians - and by publicity. Many influential people had a conference in Stockholm, mentioned in the Convention. In such a conference, relatively small groups can have much influence. Maybe also scientists and human rights organizations might have influence. They might be able to ask attention for explicit mistakes of justice, for tunnel visions, for ideology.

4. Theme: Research and ideology

4.1. The research of Richard Yuill

- Male Age-discrepant Intergenerational Sexualities .
- Sexualities and Relationships Richard Yuill, 2004 - Abstract
- This thesis examines the construction of male age-discrepant intergenerational sexualities and relationships (MADIS).
- Positioning Pederasty in historical, cross-cultural time and space; Richard Yuill MA PhD, in: Koinos Magazine # 55, 2007-3.
- Boylove from various points of view; a sociological analysis by Richard Yuill; Bob Ferguson, in: Koinos # 58, Summer 2008.
- Pedophilia; Richard Yuill and David T. Evans; Extract from: Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology (vol 7) 2006, pp 3385-3387

Yuill's dissertation is still not public. This is a decision of the University and the author, to take five years of rest, at least for the author. His research shows that there, indeed, are sexual experiences in youth that are negatively evaluated by the youth themselves, the "male survivors", but that there are also positive evaluated experiences. The most important difference is the grade of freedom in the relationship. Regrettably, only the adult partners could be interviewed.

There are no figures, because the methodology is not quantitative but qualitative, especially narrative. These narrative show many nuances. They sound authentic, not learned. But this is quite contrary to what most 'experts' always say. So it shocked them and it will shock the public. Therefore five years of rest.

With understanding and respect for this decision, it is a kind of Thou shalt not know.

The discussion which followed was concerned especially with those experts alluded to above.

According to the article, none of them will ever acknowledge that a young person might wish any intimate contact with an adult. This idea is, so they say, a typical thinking error of the offenders. Remarkably is also that they exclusively use the behavioral model of thinking: they concentrate themselves on behavior, not on feelings. This leads to a too simple model of thinking and working.

Some speakers do see some subtle differences in opinion and vision, albeit only on the level of the staff of the institutions. Staff and field workers in youth care work are already selected at the start of their job; with certain specific beliefs, one will not be accepted for the job. And one wants to have the job.

Other speakers do not see any nuances if they speak with the staff members of the treatment institutions. An exceptional staff member will be open for questions, and ask himself questions, or will visit a congress or symposium. The field workers don't do this. They do what they are told to do.

We have read about the problems Rind and his team have had after their meta-analysis - which was, notably, a meta-analysis of already published research. We have also, in the previous Ipce Meeting, read (A Very 'Typical' Immoral Panic; The Perils of Researching Intergenerational Sexualities; in Ipce Newsletter # 25) about the problems of other researchers. Now we hear about Horst Vogt (see below), who was not welcome as a speaker on a congress. Nevertheless, what Rind, Vogt, Yuill and others have published is publicly known now, and no writer, speaker, researcher or field worker can deny this. All research starts with literature, changes may start with research, although universities do not pursue this kind of research. But it does exist.

4.2 Research, models and ideology

For example: eleven authors, and ten recommendations

Frans E.J. Gieles, PhD - Lecture, Ipce Meeting July 2008.

Introduction

[The introduction is a second version of the text as given under "Statement & question" in Ipce's Newsletter E25, July 2008.]

During the Ipce Meeting in 2007, we spoke about research as the main theme of the meeting. We heard that

- Michael Baurmann found in his 1.058 cases that more than 50% of the 'victims' declared themselves as not 'a victim'. None of the boys felt

himself a victim. Rudiger Lautmann found that his 60 respondents who felt attraction to children had developed their own ethical rules and styles of living, especially with the help of self-help groups and such contacts.

- Michael Griesemer criticized the usual research on intergenerational contacts as being flawed due to its bad or absent definitions, poor reasoning and other methodological faults.
- Horst Vogt found that the half of his respondents functioned well in society and were psychologically healthy, unless they felt under stress in society.

During this meeting, and earlier, we heard about

- Richard Yuill, who concluded that negative experiences do exist, but that positive experiences also do exist.

From earlier research, we have

- Theo Sandfort, who demonstrated that positive sexual relationships, in his project between boys and men, do exist.
- Rind et al., who found 4% lasting harm from early sexual contacts. Forced father-daughter incest was principally responsible for that 4%. He also found positive and neutral feelings afterwards.
- James Prescott, who found that societies that repress body pleasure in childhood are the most aggressive societies ...And so on and on.

My recent research showed

- how bad the diagnostics are of people alleged for pedosexual acts, and
- how full of force their treatment is, a treatment based on ideology more than on logical thinking.

But those who think that children may have body pleasure, nudeness, hugs and intimacy with adults, are not merely regarded as wrong in Western society nowadays. Excuse me, they are not wrong, they are pronounced to be *evil, perverts, sick, creeps, demonized and criminalized, if not exiled from society.*

- In the USA, a teacher is sentenced to 200 years in prison for the possession of twenty child porn pictures.
- Another got a thousand years for 32 such counts.
- Child nudeness on a photo is seen as a great problem, as you can read in the former Ipce's Newsletter, here and here.
- And in the UK one has to have a license for hugging a child or even to drive a child to school, sports or church.

Fear rules the world. It leads to absurdities.

Is the answer: do more and better research? Yes, but this is nowadays nearly impossible, as you can read here in our former Newsletter.

In addition

- Naudé, Jonelle, *Reconstructing Paedophilia - An analysis of current discourses and the construct of close relationships*. Thesis submitted in fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Science at the University of Stellenbosch December 2005.

"Tentative conclusions include the suggestion that, since there was strong evidence that the participants constructed their relationships with children in terms of the constructs of close relationships, the framework of close relationships is useful for separating the psychological needs of paedophiles from 'deviant sexual behaviour'.

Furthermore, it appears that the framework opens a discursive space in which the psychological dimensions of paedophilia may be problematised in ways that are less susceptible to implicit prejudice and bias, and therefore empirically more sound."

- Leahy, Terry, *Negotiating Stigma: Approaches to Intergenerational Sex* - Thesis presented to the University of New South Wales, 1991, Published in January 2002 by Books Reborn.

* *Negotiating Stigma: Approaches to Intergenerational Sex* deals with the experience of younger parties involved in intergenerational sexual relationships with adults. The study is based upon a set of interviews (nineteen in all) with people who, while they were under sixteen, were voluntarily involved in such relationships. They all described relationships that they regarded as positive experiences. Frank and intriguing verbatim material from the interviews provides the background and the basis for the analysis.

** Part 1 has been concerned with the strategies the interviewees adopted to negotiate the dominant discourse on intergenerational sex—the prohibition of intergenerational sex. This discourse creates the subject position “victim of abuse” as the appropriate subject position for the younger party in an intergenerational sexual contact. In negotiating this prohibition, all the interviewees begin from the point at which they refuse this subject position and instead define their own experiences positively. At the same time, however, I have indicated that all the interviewees also took up subject positions in reference to this dominant discourse.

An overview - or models of research

I have mentioned now eleven researchers and authors (Rind c.s. counted as one). What did they do? Which *kinds of* research did they perform? Which model did they choose?

- *The qualitative, especially the narrative model*
The researcher asks the respondents to speak out, orally or on paper, about their own experiences, feelings, vision, thus presenting their own narratives.
The author does not start with a hypothesis, but only with an open question
 - Lautmann, Naude and Yuill spoke with the adult partner,
 - Baurmann and Leahy interviewed the younger partner,
 - Sandfort has interviewed both partners, and
 - Gieles read what the 'experts' in diagnostics and treatment have written, and listened to the narratives of their distorted patients, who told quite another story.

- *The qualitative, especially the historical model*
Here, the researcher wants to prove a statement or hypothesis with historical data.
 - Prescott and Griesemer - whilst the latter also asked adult respondents.

- *The quantitative model of the meta-analysis*
Here, the researcher researches the research already published, he 'studies the studies'. The researcher especially wants to determine correlations and working factors in a statistically established way, i.e. with as much data from as many respondents in as many countries as possible.
 - Here we find Rind et al. .

- *The mostly quantitative method of rejecting the zero-hypothesis*
This means: the researcher wants to reject his zero-hypothesis 'there is no correlation between ...' or 'there is no influence from these factors.' or 'there is no difference between ...'.
 - Here we find Vogt. He measures his factors and creates variables, and then studies the correlation between them.

Models of interpretation & vision

Each researcher and author has a vision underlying his research or text, a vision within which he poses his or her question or hypothesis, and within which he or she interprets the data and the findings. It concerns a vision of the subject studied, and an underlying vision of the human being, society and human knowledge. One might even say: each author has an underlying vision, and each vision has, or is, an underlying ideology. So, every scientific work has an underlying ideology.

For the subject of intimate intergenerational relationships, I have, in earlier research, drawn up a scheme of nine used models, and two wanted models. Here below are my eleven models, which are further explained, following Dennis Howitt, 1995, chapter 5 & 8. Howitt has pointed to the simplicity that characterizes some models and their conclusions. It is not difficult to differentiate between ...

Three groups of models

<p>Models that know already: there is no question, only a direct answer, which is characterized by narrowness of vision and range</p>	<p>Models that search for an answer from a limited angle, and thus give a limited answer</p>	<p>Models that ask questions and try to find a honest answer, that search the answer in a broad context</p>
<p>#3. Wrong thinking Clearly, this model ask no questions; it already knows the answers: <i>politically correct</i> thinking is good. Whoever thinks otherwise is wrong and does wrong things. Thus, whoever does wrong things, has a cognitive distortion.</p> <p>#5. The feminists' model Here also, one knows the answers before asking any questions. If needed, reality is changed a bit. Here we see a split in thinking: a woman is always good, a man is always bad.</p> <p>#9. The demonology Here is no thinking at all, let alone critical. One is blindly led by one's own shadow without knowing it.</p>	<p>#1. Behavior can be learned Here, the explanation is not illogical, but there is more to a human than only behavior.</p> <p>#2. Search for the conditions To search the prior conditions is not illogical, but one may not directly label these as <i>causes</i>. Moreover, by doing so, a lot of possible causes appear.</p> <p>#6. The biological model Searching for biological components always makes sense, but a human is more than a biological being; humans</p>	<p>#4. The dynamics of the human soul Here, at least, one seriously searches on the basis of respect for the human soul and its forces, the male's as well as the female's.</p> <p>#7. The historical approach Here one at least leaves aside the narcissistic vision that only our culture should have seen the light and that former humans and humans with other cultures were only unintelligent.</p> <p>#8. A social construction Here, the phenomena to explain is at least viewed in a broader context. Events that occur in a society happen in a particular time era and should be</p>

	are also psychical and spiritual beings.	viewed in that context.
Models worth investigating		
#10. An evolutionary model		
#11. A spiritual model.		

Taking this in at a glance, one might state that

- the authors who accept the existence of consensual loving intimate intergenerational relationships might have used the models in the right column and in model # 6 in the middle column, and that
- the authors who do not accept the existence of those relationships may have used other other models.

Thus, the questions, the hypotheses, the findings and the conclusions are highly influenced by the underlying ideology. Ideology rules the world. *'It is ideology, stupid!'*

Those who think that children may have body pleasure, nudeness, hugs and intimacy with adults, are not merely regarded as wrong in Western society nowadays. Excuse me, they not wrong, they are pronounced to be evil, perverts, sick, creeps, demonized and criminalized, if not exiled from society. Why? *'It is ideology, stupid!'*

Statement

Can science give the answer? No, regrettably not, because all those fears, absurd laws, imprisonment, flawed studies and behavior-changing 'therapies' are not founded in good science. It is - and this my **statement** - *ideology* - I mean *a false ideology*.

Question

And here is my question for the Ipce Meeting and the reader: How to combat wrong ideology? Yes, first by revealing that it is ideology - but then? What more? How to go further? What to refrain from? What to do? Let's first see what ideology is and does, how it operates.

What is ideology?

Ideology is a strong undoubted belief, sometimes open to questions within the chosen model, but mostly closed, without any question to the model itself. It is like a castle, defended against information that questions the strong belief. In the left column here above, we see models that ask no real questions. All research within these models will confirm

and strengthen the belief. It works like a pair of glasses: if they are green, the world will be green.

How does ideology operate?

Now put the pair of glasses of our opponents upon your mental nose and look at the mentioned researchers.

- *Baurmann* asks the poor victims and accepts their thinking error: they don't feel themselves victims, for serious. The victims we have in our therapy *learn* that they really are victims.
- *Lautmann* listens to those distorted people and takes their narratives seriously, so he does a good job by reporting all their thinking errors.
- *Griesemer* reports from a dark time in history, before we have seen the light, the very truth.
- *Vogt* believes what the adults have said and does not pay any attention to the poor victims at all. He says that his respondents are mostly quite normal people, but this is impossible. He refuses to see their distortion, whilst having pedophile feelings is a distortion *by definition*.
- *Yuill* notably listens to prisoners, *criminals* with pedophilic feelings and acts, hence to distorted people, and takes their narratives, their thinking errors, seriously. This condones the crime of pedosexuality, thus the public *shalt not know* his *immoral* data and conclusions.
- *Sandfort* believes his adult respondents who speak about 'love' but he is blind to the fact that their 'love' is only lust. And the poor boys *must be influenced, if not forced* by their adult 'friends' to give a positive narrative instead of the truth. His conclusions may not be true, thus can not be true.
- *Rind et al.*'s conclusions are so *immoral* that their research must be flawed.
- *Prescott* bases his conclusions on the culture of strange undeveloped cultures, far from the West and our era, so he must be wrong in his conclusions.
- *Gieles* correctly reads the literature of the experts, but if he believes the narratives of the *distorted* patients, he believes in their thinking errors. And the fact that they don't like their therapy, does not say that they can't be *cured* by the therapy, or at least can be better controlled. Discomfort and control is an essential part of our therapy.
- *Naude* is worse: he listens to *convicted* people, criminals, and takes their narrative, their thinking errors, seriously.
- *Leahy* actually reports how the young victims (unjustly labeled as 'partners') hide and re-label their 'friendship' with their adult 'friends'. What the poor youngsters do is reasoning away their actual status as a victim.
- And, by the way, all these authors *must* be pedophiles themselves. Their *sole* aim is to pave the way for the abusers. But having that distortion, they can neither do any unflawed research, nor draw any

right conclusion, just because **they** have prejudices. **We have none, surely not.**

That's ideology, that's how it works.

We see that morality here interferes with science. (See 'Science and morality ...' by Gieles in Ipce's Newsletter # E7.) Certain facts or ideas may not exist, may not be true, thus they can not be true.

Well, what is your answer? Here is mine.

How to combat false ideology?

Here I present ten recommendations. The meeting called them "the Ten Commandments of Frans" - actually ten recommendations.

1. Say and prove that it *is* ideology.
- 2, Keep publishing information, for example about the real recidivism rates, which are always said to be 'very high', but actually are quite low, and the rates about harm, always said to be 100%, but Rind actually has found a rate of 4%.
3. Be balanced in your presentation. Ipce's website aims to be balanced, thus it also mentions Finkelhor, Dallas and others, and will give voice to real victims.
4. Do not try to reach 'the public', restrict yourself to the elite - who are able to think.
5. Appeal to the feelings, speak by means of a poem, a story, film, roman, novel, images, music, cultural action. One good song can have more influence than five theses. However, take care to not romanticize. That is what the hetero- and homo-stories, films, songs etcetera do.
6. Avoid the word and concept 'pedophile' *as an identity*. Make always a differentiation between feelings and behavior. Accept the law and advise following it. The group JON explicitly does this.
7. Accept that some people does not allow themselves, psychologically, to have any doubts and to question their beliefs (for example Judith Reisman).
8. Do not be radical. Radicals cannot build bridges, they build castles, maybe castles in the air. Radicals can only be active for a limited period, than they disappear.
9. Try to be a bridge between belief A and belief B. A bridge is not a belief, its is like a ferryman who goes back and forth. Thus:



- Use diplomacy.
- Seek a common ground.
- Speak in terms of a related discourse:
 - human rights,
 - respect for the law,
 - gay & lesbian rights,
 - loving care,
 - children's rights.
- Speak the language of your opponents, so they at least can understand you. Thus, speak about
 - treatment ('absolutely necessary'),
 - distortion ('surely, but only partly'),
 - abuse ('surely, but not always') and
 - harm ('yes, but not always').
 Writers such as Fred Berlin, Dennis Mirkin and Bruce Rind ("CSA") do it.

10. Search for a partner, make friends, or at least have a dog or a cat. Several of the Ipce members here present are or have partners or are friends. By living thus, you are better rain- and fireproof against stress. So you are better able to keep courage and keep up. "Je maintiendrai" - "Und dein Hertz versaget nicht." - .

I want to be such a bridge. I have friends and a dog and a cat. I hope to keep courage and to keep up. *Je maintiendrai, j'espère.*

4.3 Discussion

"OK, especially point 6: appeals to the feelings. But ideology is more, it is also a taboo, founded in the psyche. It manifests myths and taboos. Just as the brain of reptiles is established in the whole body, so deep are those taboos established in the human psyche. Taboos are like dogmas, accepted without any debate. A debate might raise questions and introduce doubts. We see circular reasoning and tautological thinking. That is how myths and taboos work. You cannot change this using reason. You will lose."

"Ideologies come from history, it is history that creates taboos. Ideology is imbedded in society."

"I have doubts about 'speak their language', because the language used sets the agenda. Who sets the language, wins."

"I also have doubts by 'speak to the elite'. It is just the elite who sets the taboos. You might limit yourself too much by doing so. We should try to reach the people who can change things in society. Thus be broad, reach a broad public and adjust yourself to your public. Speak to parents. Appeal to their desires and concerns, not to their thinking."

"I prefer to speak in my own language, for example by avoiding the word abuse. Words, terminology is important. Try to change the language. Sometimes you have to create your own words and language. Maybe we have to invent a bridge language, of which caring love for children might be a core concept."

"No identity? Hmmm, the gay and lesbian world does use the concept of an identity."

"Everyone can chose his or her own way, language and concepts. This can differ according to the situation."

"I would prefer: give your own 'definition' of yourself by explaining what your feelings mean for you. Such an explanation can form a common point of departure."

"OK, but avoid the word pedophile. In modern language, it is a synonym for child molester or worse. Define the words and concepts you use at the start."

"I use the word boylover - and I avoid the mass media, especially television."

"Present yourself, but as a whole, as a total person with broad interest and many characteristics, as a whole and normal human being."

"... If that is possible. Usually you will get not enough time for such nuances. But surely, search for a common base, a common ground to speak."

"What I see, nowadays, is mixing cultures and globalization - and change. Typical for our era is a great world-wide stream of information. Changing means changing the course and content of that stream of information. Thus, be part of it, share that stream. Send your messages."

"OK. Publish the absurdities of this society. For example, the idea that children should be asexual beings, and that an a-sexual or anti-sexual way of raising them should make them good partners. Why, then, are very young children already registered as sex offenders? There are ambiguities in society's attitude to children. The absurdities do show this."

[See the next article and 'Absurdities' in Ipce's Newsletter E 20.]

"Children will find their own ways. If they are raised a-sexually, they still will search for their own experiences. In the US sex education limits itself to "Don't do that!" - but they do.:"

"Building bridges, OK. Take action, do something for the children. Take the moral highroad. The Black Panthers did it: they provided children with food and by doing so they undermined government. Some associations and websites gather donations for children in the poor countries. Maybe a better understanding of children can be our gift to society. And promote and speak about children's rights."

"If you want to speak with people guided by a wrong ideology, start with concrete questions and situations. In this way, you will see their attitude and their ideology."

Addresses mentioned in the course of the meeting

For hosting a website:

- < <https://www.nearlyfreespeech.net/> >
- < <http://www.dreamhost.com/> >
- < <http://www.xs4all.nl/> >

For blogs:

- < <http://baywords.com/> >
- < <http://www.insanejournal.com/> >.

5. Meeting the Dutch (Groups)

The Ipce Meeting had several guests, representing groups and organizations in the Netherlands. They introduced themselves and were available for questions and discussion.

Koinos Magazine

Koinos Magazine offers art, politics, stories, information and sometimes discussion. It is a printed magazine with photos that are accepted even in the USA. It is a 'simple' magazine in the sense that we do not pretend to change the world. Bookstores in four countries sell the magazine. Issue number 60 will appear in December. We have existed now fifteen years. We have never had problems in all these years. The magazine is a foundation (Amikejo), so there are no members, only editors and a board. Spreading by Internet? It is now possible to pay via the Internet, after which the magazine will be sent by post. In the future, we may want to add a web version, or create a web-based magazine. In the meantime, we intend to publish a photo book.

PNVD - Political Party for Neighbourly Love, Freedom & Diversity

PNVD: < <http://www.pnvd.nl/> >.

Started in 2006, we have met with much resistance, but also worldwide attention. We are a small group with no more than twenty members. There is still resistance, especially from a group named Stop Children's Sex with an active website. Some people have tried to ban the party, but this is not possible because Dutch Constitution guarantees freedom of speech and association. It seems now that Dutch society is getting accustomed to our existence.

As individuals, we, the small group who went public, have had, and still have, lots of problems. Regularly, we had to ask for protection from the police, which we received. On some occasions the police have indeed been protecting and neutral, on others they have been troublesome, intimidating and manipulating. One of us had to be questioned by police,

because he had publicly called the group mentioned above "liars". He had handed over a list of the lies made by the group. In the following period, three of our attackers were convicted. We have also won a case for the Council of Journalism.

We see ourselves as a humanistic and liberal party with a broad program. However, the mass media mention only one point, sexuality. We have had ten main points in our program, but have now selected five main points.

- A small state and government, solely to protect the people.
- Elementary schools may not be based on religion.
- Children are in charge of and control their own body.
- We want to quit the European Union.
- Respect for privacy.

One of the deleted points is a law that forbids the eating of meat. Now we say: be good to animals.

"What did you learn from the problems you have had?"

- It is still difficult to collaborate with the mass media. You cannot control them. We have to be very careful in what we say. We cannot avoid the media, but now we are more selective. We want to make films and flyers.

"Do you think that you have any influence?"

- Actually, yes. Everyone knows now that pedophiles also have constitutional rights. We have put the p-subject on the public agenda."

"But the other political parties explicitly avoid you."

- Yes, but things are gradually changing. There is recognition of our rights, as long we keep our hands off. And the atmosphere in the discussions is more quiet now. Recently, in a television show, we were present as recognizable persons and our opponents were masked. Now they are scared. I believe in these changes.

"As long as we (the Netherlands) are part of the EU, are you willing to support the amendment discussed here?"

- I still do not know this.

"Does it help to be more assertive?"

- Yes, the atmosphere is hard, we have to defend ourselves. Starting a real discussion is difficult because many do not want any discussion. However, our opponents are a small group. We ignore them; we only manage our website and forum.

"Being mentioned in the media is one thing, but if people will listen to you, that is another point. The media in the Netherlands are relatively tolerant."

"You cannot avoid the mass media. Television has much influence. If you can only be there, people will know that 'they exist', and thus be known, as a political party or otherwise."

"You need appealing points to win the acceptance by the media and the public. Choose such points, realistic ones, for example, human rights.

- That's exactly what we do. We promote free public transport. Nowhere in our program is the p-word mentioned.

"Excuse me, but your mentioned points seem to me quite unrealistic."

- I disagree. Main point for me is fighting for our rights.

"Do you have a Mission Statement?"

- No, only our five main points.

"How do you get members?"

- We ask them nothing. Everyone can be a member.

"But your candidates, your members and your voters will be seen as pedophiles. Do you have any influence on other political parties and their programs?"

- No, not any, at least not now.

"Those five points, they can also be found in other political parties.

Anyone who agrees with them, can vote for other parties."

➤ Yes, but nevertheless, we keep up our courage and we will keep on.

Association Martijn

< <http://www.martijn.org/> >.

The association tries to have pedophilia accepted by society and to give room to adult-child relationships within the limits of the law. We are well known. Regrettably, we have had a dip in 2007. The board was not active and had little contact with the members. It is difficult to find members for the board. But now, we have a new board with new plans and more contact with and information for the members.

We had a problem after a member of our (on-line) forum placed on it a photograph of princess Amalia, the daughter of the Crown Prince.

Although we quite quickly removed it, we had to face a court trial and had to pay a lot of money, as well as having had attacks on our defendant, one of our members. We have closed the forum.

We had to decide to close the OK Magazine. Even had we found a printer, it would have proved too expensive for less than 200 members. Content and layout costs lots of time, and even then a copier is necessary. There will be just one last issue. Now we send Newsletters to our members, but only three times a year.

We still receive questions: enquires for help and for information, the latter mostly by students. If possible, we introduce respondents to the students. We give oral interviews, and refer for research and literature to Frans. For help, we can ask a small team, Ad and Frans, who will speak later today.

"In Germany, OK Magazine was highly appreciated. It is a pity to close it. Why not a coalition with Koinos Magazine?"

- This would be still be difficult. A printer makes 500 issues, not less - for 200 members? Too expensive. Making copies is also expensive and time-consuming.

"It is a pity. Your magazine is the face of your organization. People want to see something on paper, including pictures."

- Regrettably. And publishing nude photos is impossible nowadays.

"Those students, do you create or have a forum for them? Do you specifically aim at students? And do you receive their texts afterward?"

- The forum is closed now. There is a (small) library. For more literature, we can refer to Frans. No, we do not aim specifically at students. And the results ... they come for an interview with a cameraman, and we never see any result. This particularly concerns students of journalism."

"Students are important, especially if they will later be journalists. Thus specifically aim at them. Be more active, pro-active. Try to have influence on what they produce."

- Frans: for written term papers or theses, I usually help the students. I ask to see their theses and, if good, publish them on the Internet.

"Can you give lessons at schools?"

- Not at schools, only lectures at universities. Norbert and Frans have done this.

"Can you publish a brochure or so, as the PSVG did in 1981?"

- Actually not. This might even be dangerous nowadays.

"The members, are they men, women, boylovers, girllovers?"

- Mostly men, and we do not ask for the sexual orientation of our members, so we don't know this.

"What exactly is the mission of the Association Martijn?"

- Helping people with pedophilic feelings, being open for them, speaking with them.

"That is an internal goal, not an external message. Hasn't emancipation been your goal?"

- Yes, but we have changed. Now our mission is to be visible enough to give the kind of help I just mentioned.

The Ad & Frans Team

Ad: About three years ago, we formed a team mainly to help people in enforced closed treatment institutions. We are contact persons outside the clinic, reachable by phone. So, patients can phone us and do this regularly to unburden themselves. They describe what happens in the clinic, so we get a clear image of what is happening there behind the walls. We also visit the patients.

We also make contact with the staff of the clinic and speak with them. We are co-thinkers, understanding both staff and patient. These clinics try, quite intensively, to normalize their patients. We present the staff with

other views: do not try to suppress their feelings, learn them to live with them. Give them some room for those feelings. By doing so, we try to build bridges. Regrettably, we mostly speak with the staff officers, not with the group leaders. At the staff level, good discussion is really possible, at the 'lower' level there is far more lack of knowledge.

Regrettably, we cannot reach each clinic; some refuse us because we are 'members of the ped-network', which has to be broken down completely. My entrance is knowledge and my experiences as a psychiatric nurse, Frans' entrance is his scientific grade, his age, knowledge and experience. He also has written reports and provides advises to the clinics, the court and probation officers. He also speaks with lawyers, and I too with the family of the patients.

They know that we are members of Martijn and JON (Frans) or PNVD (Ad), but we act there as individuals. Also being a team, Frans and I are in frequent contact by phone. I have rather more contact with the patients, Frans has easier contact with the staff.

"How does this start?"

- The initiative is at the patient level, but can also be with his lawyer or the NVSH.

"How many?"

- Four patients and three clinics. Frans has visited many prisoners and has also spoken with a community treatment center.

"Are these people normal pedophiles or real offenders?"

- The treatment is ordered by the court or the probation officers. Actually, they are both and this makes, for us, no difference. Both need help. Both have to learn the same skills.

"Your aims?"

- For all: freedom and prevention of recidivism.

"How do you and the clinics work?"

- All clinics work along the cognitive-behavioral model, usually with the addition of a kind of psychotherapy. We work in the humanistic and Rogerian model. The clinics accept this. They know very well that their method does not always work.

"As a field worker in such a clinic, you have to accept more or less the treatment policy and model. But there is enough freedom to work also in a more humanistic and Rogerian style."

IBLD

The International Boy Love Day is a half-yearly meeting. Here in the Netherlands, there are usually 50 to 80 visitors, coming from the Netherlands, Belgium and other European countries. The (public)

meeting place changes on each occasion, and is known only to the accepted visitors. There is a kind of procedure for entering this community. It starts in the afternoon, then there is a dinner and some drinks after it. There is no agenda, no president, there are no papers, no decisions to take. The only aim is to meet one another.

Most visitors are young men, nearly all of them visitors to several Internet Forums. The first things exchanged are nick names and real names. On these forums, there is sometimes some debate or discussion, but never on an academic level. During the IBLD, the conversation is more personal. I am already growing older, but on the IBLDs, I have met young people, the next generation, and so I keep contact with their ways of living, feeling and thinking. What I always hear is a kind of code, or ethical rule, which is to avoid sexual contact. The men choose friendship within the limits of the law.

Foundation Counter Balance (Stichting Tegenwicht)

The Home page < <http://www.tegenwicht.org/> >, English version on < <http://www.tegenwicht.org/english.htm> > tells us:

"Counter Balance (Tegenwicht) is a web site brought to you by critical citizens in the Netherlands. [...] Counter Balance wants to shadow our society and its rulers critically and if necessary provide a Counter Balance.

Why? For a humane society, a society with human relationships of high quality.

They exist, but some are limited and threatened. [...]

Counter Balance is not a chat- or news site. Counter Balance gives only statements with links so you can read more. Counter Balance works as a writers' collective.

Copying is allowed."

Changing society is the overall target, room for free child-adult relationships is a narrow target. To reach the latter, you have to achieve the first. The subjects of the essays cover a very broad spectrum. The website has a section for essays about a variety of subjects, long articles about many subjects with much literature, and a Weblog that once or twice each month reacts to what actually happens in our society using essays or columns with less literature. Tegenwicht has also a closed e-mail list, on which we gather news items, background articles, discuss, and form opinions, and react to current events.

"Are there articles about youth-adult relationships?"

- Yes, some. Rind et al.'s meta-analysis is explained with the meta-analysis and lots of other articles as background literature. Also Rind's article about the young male gays, and more. But about 80% of the content is general, not ped-related.

"Have you ever had problems with the author's rights?"

- Yes, but only on one occasion. An association of writers protested against placing whole articles. So we have changed our site and our policy: nearly all background articles are written as "Quotes from ...". The complete article can be requested from the webmaster, who keeps an archive of all complete articles.

"How do you find the writers?"

- No problem, we form a small but solid writers' collective, and we frequently have guest writers, on their request or on our request.

"Do you receive reactions?"

- The site is not interactive, one has to mail to the webmaster. We have never had problems or hate mails. Furthermore, we have good reactions, requests to place or mention an article or book, and we receive mails from students who ask for (more) information and the complete articles.

The group KOR in The Hague

"KOR" stands for 'Child-Adult Relationships'.

We are one of the few groups within the NVSH that still exist. JON is the other group (see here below). We have existed since the middle-eighties. The leaders of the group are a workgroup with four people.

Once upon a time, we organized open meetings each month, which in the eighties attracted about thirty people. In that era there was more action, for example, regular meetings with police. Now we have closed meetings with about fifteen people. We have changed from open meetings to closed meetings because one of our opponents, the group mentioned earlier, had published our address and the data of our meetings. To prevent problems, we changed our policy.

We can use the facilities of the NVSH, so no problem with that. The group in Rotterdam had to face the problem that the Rotterdam NVSH chapter had to abandon their building due to lack of money. Since then, both groups have fused into one group.

I may say that, in the history of these kinds of groups, there have sometimes been quarrels and internal problems, or problems within NVSH. Such problems have brought about the demise of at least two groups. I may tell you that we have never had such troubles.

"What is the age of your visitors?"

- The coordinators are older, but most visitors are in their twenties.

"How do you reach them?"

- We share some of the forums, so they know us. One can also phone the NVSH office.

"Are young people active?"

- Not as such. They talk and form among themselves an attitude and an opinion, and a style of living.

JON

"JON" stands for 'NVSH Workgroup JORis Oost Nederland', 'Youth-Adult relationships, intimacy, sexuality - in the East of the Netherlands'. But Take "East" up as a very broad region. Here is our website [actually: a new URL since July 2008:] < <http://www.jorisoost.nl/> >. On the home page, you will see flags, referring to the seven languages of our website. The website is not made interactive, one has to mail the webmaster. The English home page says:

"JON is a Dutch local support group for people that have the ability to fall in love with children. It's not easy to discover this aspect in yourself. JON thinks these feelings should not be hidden or denied. It's better to accept them as part of yourself. JON tries to help you handle these feelings in a responsible and legal way. JON offers Dutch people the possibility to talk about these feelings, let them hear how others handle them, and allow them to make their own choices. You are not alone!"
- and more.

For four years, I have been a member of JON. The group is small, and we know each other very well - small is pretty. I am content with it. We have about ten members, but some of them we see only infrequently at our meetings. Every month, we gather in a living room, where we talk and we share a dinner. We are a self-help group. Members can have to face a variety of problems, for example unwanted coming out, problems with children, parents, neighborhood, job, and so on. The only public action is our website. This website was suddenly removed by our provider. But we have found another provider we now pay every month.

It is a quite stable group. Recently, we have welcomed a new member who had some problems. He had been referred to three psychologists, but none of them was able to give adequate help. Now JON is the place to discuss his problem, and his last psychologist is so content with it that she has ended the therapy, giving the flag to JON.

"Didn't you have problems with having your telephones tapped?"
- Yes, in 2003, but that is all over now. Other than the sudden need to change our provider, we never had problems.

"Well," said several people, "that's good. Continue your monthly meetings and keep up!"

6. Evaluation of the meeting

Our guests

- "This was the first Ipce meeting I have come to. It was a good experience."
- "Indeed, it is important to co-operate and to share information."
- "Good. In our era, we also see other kinds of organizations coming up. Look at these new forms and see what you want to do."
- "It was nice to meet you all."
- "It was good. For me, the meetings could be longer. Indeed, co-operation and planning together is a good thing, also for the Dutch groups. I want to move from a guest to becoming a member."
- "I appreciate this kind of face to face meeting; it is important. This meeting was one of the best of the six meetings I have attended."
- "This was my second meeting. The former was combined with the IBLD. Create an International Child Loving Day."
- A friend of mine gathers positive experiences of child-adult intimate relationships. If you have such a narrative, please mail the webmaster of Ipce."

Our members

- "Glad to have seen you all again!"
- "I have enjoyed the meeting. It is good that there are still some areas on which people are active and co-operate."
- "I am especially glad to have seen here again our German members, after the problems they have had there. I am also glad that we could welcome several new and fairly young members."
- "Lots of thanks. I am thinking about young people who do not want to be active. But at least some are, and that is good."
- "Inspiring! I am also glad for the presence of our German members. I have seen new websites in Norway and Sweden which attack the witch hunt. Action is needed against the witch hunt, which is like the Roman performances in which Christians were thrown for the lions - including children - in a stadium with 18,000 places."
- "This was my first meeting, it was very interesting. The level is both academic and personal. Let's continue this."
- "I have enjoyed this session, it was useful in a number of ways. I am especially glad to have met here new members from my own country."
- "There was too short a time for all Dutch groups. My feelings are positive: a revival with a new generation coming up now. They have other ways of working, but the two of us overlap quite well. Ipce recognizes their function. Nice to have known and to have met people. Thanks to all for your presence and the contribution you have made."
- The meeting thanked its discussion leader during the time of the whole meeting - and then had its traditional dinner at the end of the meeting.

Section II: Articles

1 Absurdities

Italics made by Ipce.

Nude is dirty, wrong and dangerous for children

Two counselors charged at Summer's Best Two Weeks; Rob Gebhart; Daily American, July 30, 2006

Two counselors at Summer's Best Two Weeks, a Christian camp in Jenner Township, have been fired from their jobs for allowing campers to play games in their cabin while naked, the camp director confirmed Sunday. [... They] were fired immediately after the situation came to light, said the camp's executive director, Kent Biery. Both men were charged Friday with child *endangerment*, indecent exposure and *corruption* of minors in incidents between July 7 and July 21, authorities said.

[Playing nude on a summer camp is dangerous and to allow is to corrupt minors.]

Teacher reprimanded after student sees nude art on museum trip; Associated Press, Sept. 26, 2006

School board members have voted to not renew the contract of a veteran art teacher who was reprimanded after one of her fifth-grade students saw a nude sculpture during a school trip to a museum.

School boycotts swimming pool; Ledbury Reporter (UK), November 2006

Primary School has suspended lessons at Ledbury Swimming Pool, after four eight-year-old boys complained a man had exposed himself in the changing rooms. Police have investigated the complaint and believe the exposure was accidental. [...]

Headteacher [...] "Sadly, on Thursday, November 9, as the boys were being supervised leaving the male changing rooms, a serious incident occurred. [...] This does not deter from the fact that members of the public are still present in the vicinity of children removing their clothes. This is totally unacceptable." [...] "Adults who have not been police checked should not be present when children are changing. It is just common sense."

Thou shalt not hug, fondle or kiss, or talk with a child

You must remember this . . . ; By Josie Appleton; The Times July 18, 2006

Bafflement has been the only reaction to the resignation last week of a vicar who kissed a schoolgirl on the forehead. No one could believe that the Rev Alan Barrett, a school governor who was helping out in a maths

class, had anything but innocent intentions when he congratulated the girl for her successes in long division.

The police and church authorities found no evidence of wrongdoing. Yet Mr Barrett resigned as chairman of governors at the school because, he said, "one cannot be too careful these days". He conceded that "even giving a child a kiss of congratulations is inappropriate in this day and age". What a perverted state of affairs when a caring adult cannot show affection to a child.

[...] Why are sensible adults behaving in such mad ways? [...] The church authorities conceded that a kiss could have "potentially damaging consequences". [...]

Parents, officials meet on hug case; Diana Bellettieri; The Journal News; November 14, 2006

Putnam Valley - The parents who threatened to take legal action against school officials after their 10-year-old son was suspended for asking his teacher for a hug said yesterday that they would be willing to abandon their case in exchange for an assurance that the suspension was not racially motivated.

Putnam Valley Middle School fifth-grader Aaron Perez was suspended for two days last week, which was about a month after he had been reprimanded for calling the same homeroom teacher sexy. [...]

The parents continued to defend their son's actions as being entirely innocent, saying he is an affectionate person and he only meant to tell the teacher she was pretty by calling her sexy. In today's culture, they added, the word "sexy" is all over television and the boy did not mean it in a sexual manner. [...]

Another accusation that the parents learned was that Aaron was allegedly caught staring at his homeroom teacher's cleavage, according to Garcia-Perez. But the mother dismissed the alleged stare as purely accidental, and she said she wore a V-neck sweater to the meeting to prove that the eye can be unintentionally drawn to that area. [...]

Since the suspension, Aaron has been moved into a homeroom with a male teacher. His mother said they requested a male teacher because the child is now afraid of having a female teacher. "I got scared when I got suspended, and the reason why I asked my teacher for a hug was just to wish her a good weekend," Aaron said.

Supreme Court upholds Mingo 30-year sentence; John Mott Coffey, C-Dispatch.com, December 8, 2006

The state Supreme Court has upheld the Lowndes County conviction and *30-year prison sentence* imposed on a music teacher for repeatedly *fondling* a teenage boy at Heritage Academy. [...]

A Lowndes County Circuit Court jury in 2005 found Mingo guilty of fondling the student while giving him private voice lessons at the school for several months in 2004, according to court records. [...]

Mingo [...] was subsequently arrested, tried and convicted of three counts of *fondling* a child for lustful purposes. [...]

While there was *no evidence* showing Mingo touched the boy for sexual gratification, *such inferences can be made*, according to the court. [...] Mingo is required to be imprisoned until 2035, when he'll be 61. State law doesn't allow convicted child-sex offenders to be released early. [...] The Supreme Court voted 8-0 to affirm Mingo's conviction and sentence, with Justice Chuck Easley of Caledonia not participating.

Maitland e-mail frenzy targets man as predator, gives out data;

Sarah Langbein and Jim Leusner; Orlando Sentinel, May 3, 2007

With the click of a mouse, a Seminole County man's Social Security number and information from his drivers license began circulating throughout Maitland neighborhoods in e-mail messages that implied he was a child predator.

The 43-year-old man was the subject of a police "be on the lookout" memo because two children said *he spoke to them* while they were walking their dogs. Police said no criminal activity had been reported.

Now the man appears to be the target of a neighborhood witch hunt, and Maitland police are investigating how the confidential, department-only information about their inquiry turned into an explosion in cyberspace. The e-mail was forwarded to hundreds of people through neighborhood associations and individual residents, who added comments about fearing for their children's safety.

The original memo said the man was driving in his truck through the Dommerich Estates neighborhood and nearby areas with his golden retriever when *he talked to the children*.

"This subject's activities appear suspicious in nature in that there is no legitimate reason for him to be contacting juveniles," the memo reads. [...]

"Please help pass the word in our community," one e-mail reads. "The police department has asked that we call if we see him talking to any juveniles. They have warned him not to."

Molester gets nearly 12 years for *fondling* boys at Goodwill store;

Ex-employee faced up to *90 years*, but two boys could not be found;
Aisling Swift, Naples News, February 12, 2008

A former Goodwill employee who *molested* three children in the East Naples store last fall was sentenced Tuesday to nearly 12 years in a state prison and was branded a sexual predator. [...]

Circuit Judge Frank Baker sentenced him to 11¾ years in prison on each count and three years of sex offender probation once he's released, which includes an ankle monitor to track his whereabouts. Other conditions include a prohibition against Internet use and against driving alone without being accompanied. [...]

Tetler was arrested after a witness reported that an employee had *fondled* two boys, believed to be 3 and 4 years old, over their clothing [...].

Before he's released, Tetler will be evaluated to determine whether he falls under the Jimmy Ryce Act. If he does, he'd have a civil hearing to determine whether he's at risk of re-offending and should be put in a hospital for sex offender treatment before being freed.

As a sexual predator, his photo and address also will be available to the public and he must report any changes of address. He will be prohibited from living or going near any schools, bus stops, parks, playgrounds or places children congregate. [...]

The judge warned him not to remove the monitor or his probation will be violated and he could be sentenced to prison [...]: "I'll remind you the maximum sentence is 60 years in prison."

Former teacher of year pleads guilty to lewd conduct with child;

Adam Silverman

Free Press, March 24, 2008

A former Vermont teacher of the year pleaded guilty today to a *felony sex crime* involving a pre-teen boy. Jeffrey Buehner, 67, of Winooski admitted a charge of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child. [...]

Buehner, who taught for 30 years in the Burlington's elementary and middle schools - winning top teacher honors in 1975 - before retiring to work as a private tutor, faces a prison sentence of two to 12 years.

Buehner admitted repeatedly *kissed* a boy during tutoring sessions between 2003 and 2005 at the former teacher's Winooski apartment, beginning when the child was about 10 years old. "He's accepted responsibility for *the crime*," defense attorney Bradley Stetler said after the hearing. [...]

Man sentenced for lewd acts on boy; Veronica Rocha, Valley Press, May 8, 2008.

Lancaster - A 61-year-old man has been sentenced to six years in a state prison for *kissing* an 11-year-old boy on the lips in the Joshua Hills Elementary school cafeteria, court officials said.

Do never touch any child

Man grabs girl's arm - now he's a sex offender; "The law is a ass."

Man grabs girl's arm - now he's a sex offender; November 24, 2006; author & source unknown.

A man who grabbed a 14-year-old girl's arm to chastise her after she walked in front of his car, causing him to swerve to avoid hitting her, must register as a "sex offender," the Appellate Court of Illinois has ruled.

Fitzroy Barnaby, a 28-year-old Evanston, Illinois, man was prosecuted for attempted kidnapping and child abduction charges following a

November 2002 incident in which he nearly hit the teen with his vehicle. [...]

Barnaby says he was merely trying to lecture her for her carelessness. The trial jury accepted Barnaby's version of the story, but found him guilty of unlawful restraint of a minor - a sex offense under Illinois law. As a convicted sex offender, Barnaby is required to be listed on the state's *sex offender* registry and must keep authorities informed of his place of residency.

Don't put sun cream on pupils, teachers warned; The Telegraph (UK), 07/07/2006

Teachers have been advised not to put sunscreen on pupils for fear of opening themselves up to allegations of child abuse. After the recent heatwave, which sparked warnings from health officials, the NASUWT teachers' union said children *should be kept indoors during hot weather*.

Scout leaders tanned over Cubs sun cream ban; Martin Beckford, Mail on Sunday, 5th August 2006

Scout leaders have been condemned after it was revealed they had banned helpers from putting sun cream on youngsters - unless they are already suffering from sunburn. The Scout Association issued the diktat in the hope of preventing allegations of child abuse. But it explained the ban did not apply if Cubs and Scouts were already burned - because they are considered to be patients in need of first aid. [...]

[A father:] "It seems totally ludicrous. I asked if common sense could be used and received a withering look. Several other parents tutted and raised their eyebrows, but it is the sort of madness we have come to expect these days." [...]

Men are dangerous

Men are advised not to approach lost children; Rhodri Clark, Western Mail (UK); Jul 24 2006

Men are being advised not to approach lost children in the street because of fears they could be branded as child abusers.

[... ..]

David Hughes, chairman of the men's charity Mankind Initiative, said the comments about men being perceived as less trustworthy was especially sad. He said society's greater mistrust of men over women could at times put children in even more danger.

"I think the police are too ready to suspect men," he said, citing a case where bricklayer Clive Peachey from Cornwall drove past a toddler on her own for fear of being accused of abduction. An inquest in March heard how she later fell into a duck pond and died. "

"That little girl would be alive now but for society's attitude and the attitude of the police," said Mr Hughes, a retired headmaster who lives in Newport.

Lout attacks disabled man mistaken for paedophile; Hert Sessex News, July 28, 2006

A man with learning difficulties was the victim of a vigilante attack in Hertford after being wrongly labelled as a paedophile. Andrew Wilson, 42, was riding his mobility scooter near his home on the Foxholes estate when a thug threw stones at him and punched him in the face.

"He said, 'Leave the kids alone' or something. He hit me once," said Andrew, who uses the scooter because he has curvature of the spine.

[...]

"They were a bit worried that he was hanging around by the school, I suppose they have concerns nowadays if somebody looks a bit different or comes too near the school, but he needs to use the dropped kerb there."

How BA bans men sitting next to children they don't know; This is London, 05 November 2006

British Airways has been accused of treating all men passengers as potential sex offenders after it was revealed it has banned children from sitting next to male strangers - even if their parents are on the same flight.

The bizarre regulation came to light when a nine-year-old girl was moved from her seat next to a 76-year-old passenger and his wife on a flight from Malaga to London. [...]

Leading child protection campaigner Michele Elliot, director of the children's charity Kidscape, said she was astonished by the BA rule. "It is utterly absurd. It brands all men as potential sex offenders," she said.

"What message does it send out to children - that men are not to be trusted? Women also abuse children. This is just totally lacking in common sense."

How the Police Create Crimes; Paul Craig Roberts, Counterunch, January 2, 2008

Take heed, ye red-blooded American males. The police are operating a new

sting designed to destroy your life. The police are planting attractive women half naked in parks. They entice passing males, engage them in conversation, lay back, spread their legs and rest their feet on the men's shoulders. After being as friendly and suggestive as possible, they ask to see your penis.

Don't show it to them. You are being filmed by police. If you show your penis, you will be arrested as a pervert.

Only American police, judges, and juries could think that responding to a seductress's invitation is proof of perversion. But, hey, you live in America where Christians believe that killing as many Muslims as possible for

Israel is God's work. Don't expect a dumb Amerikan jury, or a self-righteous Republican judge, or a mindless law professor to understand entrapment.

No, this is not a joke. It is actually happening. Last May in Berliner Park in Columbus, Ohio, [... etc ...]

Children

Court: Boy Who Played Doctor Must Register As Sex Offender;
WNBC News, October 3, 2006

Some children who play doctor are criminal sex offenders in the eyes of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

The high court ruled Tuesday that a 12-year-old boy who experimented with a douche bottle on his younger half brother must register as a sex offender under Megan's Law requirements, even though there was no overt sexual motivation for the crime. [...]

T.T. pleaded guilty to *aggravated sexual assault* for using a douche bottle on the 6-year-old and then on himself in January 2000. [...] According to court records, neither child touched any part of the other's body and nothing similar had ever occurred before. [...]

T.T. was sentenced to 72 days in a youth facility and three years of probation. He was 13 when he registered as a sex offender.

Six years for touching buttocks; San Luis Obispo, Oct. 12, 2006

A former elementary school teacher was sentenced to six years in state prison for touching the buttocks of a 10-year-old girl. [...] He must register as a sex offender and cannot teach again.

Kids, parents blast teacher's firing; Jennifer H. Cunningham, Herald News, November 22, 2006

Totowa -- A half-dozen pre-teens and their families pleaded with the Board of Education to reconsider last week's decision to fire a popular, young music teacher. "Why should this guy's whole career be ruined because he took my son and his friends to the movies?" Debbie Agures asked the board [...] after the board summarily terminated Richard Ross Buffa at an executive session last Wednesday without citing cause. [...]

When he went to work the next day, Buffa said he was escorted off school grounds by Schools Superintendent Vincent Varcadipane and an armed police officer

assigned as a school resource officer. [... ...]

Parents and other supporters at the special board meeting said Buffa was a good teacher who didn't deserve to be terminated. "I love Buffa," said one parent, Marilyn Fontanella. "I've never had a better music teacher for my children." [...]

"The kids loved the guy. He was such a great teacher."

4 -year-old Accused of Improperly Touching Teacher; Jennifer Kent; kxxv.com; Dec 8, 2006

Bellamead - A four-year-old hugged his teachers aide and was put into in-school suspension, according to the father. [...]

Damarcus Blackwell's four-year-old son was lining-up to get on the bus after school last month, when he was accused of rubbing his face in the chest of a female employee. The principal of La Vega Primary School sent a letter to the

Blackwells that said the pre-kindergartener demonstrated "inappropriate physical behavior *interpreted as sexual contact and/or sexual harassment.*"

8-year-old boy charged with sexual assault; AP, 1 January 2007

Buffalo, N.Y. Authorities say that an 8-year-old boy who was charged with sexually abusing a 6-year-old boy told police he got the idea after watching an R-rated movie. [...]

The Buffalo News reports that the 8-year-old, who was released to his mother, faces charges of *criminal sexual act and aggravated sexual abuse*, both felonies. He also faces charges of misdemeanor forcible touching and sexual misconduct.

3rd-grader punished for sex offenses; Lincoln school officials send boy to another class after

two-day suspension; Paul Ayars, The Courier, March 03, 2007

A third-grade boy at Northwest School served a two-day suspension [...] for groping and *fondling* a female classmate, according to Lincoln Elementary School authorities. They said the boy will be transferred to another class. [...]

The abuser may have assaulted up to five other girl classmates on the school playground, the 9-year-old victim's mother told The Courier. [...] The mother said *the sex abuse* took place on the playground. [...]

Dear children, thou shalt not know

Mom Allegedly Had Child Watch Sex 'To Learn'; Pair Pleads Not Guilty; The Province Journal, February 10, 2007

A Rhode Island mother and her boyfriend are headed to trial on charges they had intercourse in front of the woman's 9-year-old daughter as a way to teach the girl about sex. Rebecca Arnold, of Woonsocket, R.I., and her boyfriend, David Prata, have pleaded not guilty to felony *child-neglect charges*. A pre-trial conference is scheduled for next month. [...] "We don't believe in hiding anything."

He said the girl would often be on the bed watching as the couple had sex. Though they did not ask her to leave, they also did not force her to remain on the bed, Prata said.

Asked why he thought a child that age should know about sexual acts, Prata replied, "We wanted to prepare her so she would know how," [...]. [...] A teacher in North Adams called *the Child Abuse Hotline* to report that the girl, who is now 11, said her mother and her boyfriend had sex in front of her.

The child told a Massachusetts social services investigator that her mother and Prata never touched her or tried to include her in the sex. Woonsocket police arrested Prata and Arnold in February 2005. The couple is accused of "providing an environment that is lewd and depraved in a manner *that makes their home unfit for the child to live in,*" according to court records.

With One Word, Children's Book Sets Off Uproar; Julie Bosman, NY Times, February 18, 2007

The word "scrotum" does not often appear in polite conversation. Or children's literature, for that matter. Yet there it is on the first page of "The Higher Power of Lucky," by Susan Patron, this year's winner of the Newbery Medal, the most

prestigious award in children's literature. The book's heroine, a scrappy 10-year-old orphan named Lucky Trimble, hears the word through a hole in a wall when another character says he saw a rattlesnake bite his dog, Roy, on the scrotum.

"Scrotum sounded to Lucky like something green that comes up when you have the flu and cough too much," the book continues. "It sounded medical and secret, but also important."

The inclusion of the word has shocked some school librarians, who have pledged to *ban the book* from elementary schools, and reopened the debate over what constitutes acceptable content in children's books. [...] The book has already been banned from school libraries in a handful of states in the South, the West and the Northeast [...].

Teenagers

S[an] F[rancisco] teacher accepts plea deal in relationship with student; Bay City News, Aug. 08, 2006

A one-time assistant music director at a Catholic high school in San Francisco, who is accused of having an improper relationship with a *17-year-old* male student [...].

According to prosecutors, Aloise [...] allegedly had an improper relationship with one of his students in Daly City, which included sleeping *fully clothed* in bed together, although *without explicit sexual contact*. [...]

When news of Aloise's alleged relationship with the student surfaced, school personnel contacted *Child Protective Services* and placed him on administrative leave. He has been released from his position at the school [...].

Aloise, who has been free on \$20,000 bail since his arrest, will appear in court Sept. 22 for sentencing and possible orders to pay restitution to the student.

Girl, 13, charged as sex offender and victim; Pamela Manson; The Salt Lake Tribune; 12/06/2006

Utah Supreme Court justices acknowledged Tuesday that they were struggling to wrap their minds around the concept that a 13-year-old girl could be both an offender and a victim for the same act - in this case, having consensual sex with her

12-year-old boyfriend. The Ogden, Utah, girl was put in this odd position because she was found guilty of violating a state law that prohibits sex with someone under age 14. She also was the victim in the case against her boyfriend, who was found guilty of the same violation by engaging in sexual activity with her. [...]

Chief Justice Christine Durham wondered if the state Legislature had intended the "peculiar consequence" that a child would have the simultaneous status of a protected person and an alleged perpetrator under the law. [...]

For adolescents under 14, though, there are no exceptions or mitigation [in the law] and they are never considered capable of consenting to sex. "By passing that law, legislators were sending a message", Matthew Bates, an assistant Utah attorney general, said: "Sex with or among children is unacceptable".

Randall Richards, the girl's attorney, argued that prosecuting children under a law meant to protect them is illogical. "A child (victim) cannot also be a perpetrator in the exact same act," Richards said.

Absurd 'protective' rules

Social networking site bans oldies over sex offender fears; out-law.com, 22 May 2008

A social networking site has deleted most of its users over the age of 36 because it claims older users pose a danger of sex offending. It claims to be forced into the action by the Government, but the part of a law it cites is not yet in force.

Faceparty has deleted what it describes as "a huge number of accounts" from its social networking site in recent weeks. It lists 'over 36 years old' as one of its reasons for deletion.

Bill would stifle news about kids; The Shelby Star, May 29, 2008

Has a child molester ever selected a victim based on seeing a photo in a newspaper story on youth sports? Alice Bordsen has no idea.

Nevertheless, that lack of knowledge hasn't prevented the Alamance County lawmaker from planning to co-sponsor legislation that would keep a lid on information about kids involved in publicly supported recreation programs. [...]

This idea, as well-intentioned as it might be, has serious problems.

The vast majority of child sex abuse cases involve people the children know. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, just 3 percent of victims under age 6 are molested by strangers (the number among victims 6-11 years of age is 5 percent). Of that small percentage of cases, does anyone know how many would be thwarted by keeping children's names off the sports pages? How about honor rolls, for that matter? Even though the intentions behind it are honorable, such a law would seem to accomplish little except to restrict the flow of information needlessly and contribute to a climate of anxiety. Slipshod solutions that nudge us further down the road toward a fearful, closed society cannot be the answer.

Children's safety group wants city off of Google's Street View; Amy McConnell Schaarsmith, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, October 11, 2008

A national children's advocacy group is pushing to get Pittsburgh removed from the Street View of Google's map search until the technology is refined so pedophiles can't use it to pinpoint children's homes, schools and playgrounds.

Street View, an addition to Google Maps that uses vehicle cameras to take 360-degree, street-level views of neighborhoods, allows users to virtually cruise down a street and across a city. In the process, the tool shows pictures of children, toys and family cars that could tip a would-be predator to an area where children could be found and potentially victimized, according to the group, Stop Internet Predators.

Grooming fears end ice rink plan; BBC-UK, 22 October 2008

Plans for a Christmas outdoor ice rink in Bath have been scuppered over fears it could be used by paedophiles to groom children. Sygma Events Ltd withdrew its plans for the rink because concerns were raised about child protection issues.

In a meeting to discuss the rink, the objections were raised by St John's Catholic Primary School.

Park attendants ordered to interrogate adults spotted without children; Daily Mail Reporter, 10th September 2008

Park wardens have been ordered to stop and interrogate anyone who is not accompanied by children. The visitors who are quizzed have to explain their presence and risk being thrown out or reported to police if their answers are not satisfactory. The policy has been introduced at Telford Town Park in Shropshire. The council which manages the 420-acre area says it is a 'commonsense approach' aimed at safeguarding children.

But park users accused it of 'authoritarian madness' and said the ruling risked panicking parents about the dangers faced from potential paedophiles. The policy came to light after two environmental campaigners dressed as penguins were thrown out of the park last month

when caught handing out leaflets on climate change. Telford and Wrekin Council said Rachel Whittaker and Neil Donaldson were ejected because they had not undergone Criminal Records Bureau checks or risk assessments before entering the park - a requirement under the Child Protection Act. [...]

Miss Whittaker, 34, from Wellington, near Telford, said the policy carried a 'dangerous implication that if you have a child with you than everything is OK and you won't be questioned'. [...]

Thou shalt not have any luck

Town outraged after sex offender wins lotto; KNTS NBC 27 News, Feb 12, 2008

Boston, Massachusetts -- D[...] S[...] is a level three sex offender but he's making headlines for a different reason. Residents say they don't like it that a "bad guy" won something like that. "That" being \$10 million after buying a \$20 scratch ticket [...]. Hopedale resident Kyle Lefleur says, "He should take the money back. He doesn't deserve anything." [...]

Absurd low penalties for violence

Probation for woman who sliced son 6-year-old's tongue cut with scissors; Kathy Jefcoats; The Atlanta Journal-Constitution; 08/02/06

A Stockbridge mother accused of cutting a piece of her son's tongue with hot scissors was sentenced Tuesday to 10 years *probation* after the boy's father testified he didn't want her imprisoned. [...]

Henry County police said Davis heated a pair of scissors on the stove in August 2004 and held it to her 6-year-old son's neck before cutting off a piece of his tongue as punishment for talking back.

[Had it been a *man* who had *kissed* the boy on his tongue ...
Remember the kissing vicar here above?]

Man walks free after stabbing pedophile; Georgie Pilcher, Herald Sun, October 04, 2008

A blind man who once acted as a lookout for a robbery yesterday walked from court after pleading guilty to stabbing a confessed pedophile. Raymond Cox - who has a list of criminal convictions 10 pages long - stabbed his neighbour after discovering he was a convicted child sex offender. The pair were drinking together when the neighbour confessed he had served time in prison for having sex with minors.

Cox, 42, of Frankston, who pleaded guilty to intentionally causing serious injury, was yesterday released on a two-year wholly suspended jail term. He had served 74 days in custody over the offence and said outside court he was glad not to be going back to prison. [...]

The County Court heard yesterday that Cox stabbed his neighbour in the stomach with a kitchen knife in Cox's apartment in July 2006. The court heard Cox said, "I've got a knife. I am going to stab you" and "I am going to kill you, you b*****". The knife pierced his victim's small intestine. [...]

Absurd high penalties if sex is involved

Case of the 20 dirty pictures; James J. Kilpatrick, U-Express, Sep 20, 2006

[..] In June 2002, Phoenix police arrested B. on a state warrant charging him with sexual exploitation of a minor. Specifically, he was charged with possession of 20 photographs depicting, among other things, children being raped by adults, children engaging in sexual acts with other children, and children in sexual acts with animals. [...]

A jury found Berger guilty on 20 counts of sexually exploiting children under the age of 15 and sentenced him to 10 years on each count, the sentences to run consecutively. Last May the Arizona Supreme Court affirmed that judgment. [...]

He was convicted solely of "possessing" such images. [...]

He is 52 years old, married, a father of four, an award-winning teacher of world history. He has no criminal record of any sort. The state offered no evidence that he has ever created pornography or improperly touched a minor. [...]

He never even bought any of this stuff. He merely downloaded it.

Ex-Customs agent gets 6,242 years in prison in sex abuse case; Arizona Daily Star; June 15, 2007

Tucson - A former U.S. Customs agent who was convicted of sexually exploiting a young girl over a two-year period has been sentenced to more than 6,000 years in prison. [...]

A judge sentenced Gilliland on Thursday to 6,242 years in prison - 174 consecutive sentences of 35 years to life on the sexual conduct charges.

Man faced life, but girl's story didn't hold up; Aisling Swift, Naples News, February 19, 2008

The arrest report said the Immokalee man put his hand down the 4-year-old child's underwear. And in June 2006, deputies arrested 48-year-old L[...] A[...] and charged him with capital sexual battery. But when the child was questioned during pre-trial interviews, her story didn't hold up: She'd been touched above her clothing. And A[...] contended he inadvertently touched the girl while picking her up as she played.

On Monday, the capital sexual battery charge was amended to lewd and lascivious molestation, a life felony [...]. Schwartz told the judge that when the child was questioned during depositions, it turned out she was touched on her clothing between her legs as Alvarado picked her up. But due to the child's age, the charge

is a life felony.

Under the agreement, Baker sentenced Alvarado to four years in a state prison, followed by 10 years of sex offender probation, which requires him to wear an ankle monitor to track his whereabouts.

The judge designated him a sexual predator, meaning his photo and address will be available on a state database for life, and that he's prohibited from going anywhere near children or playgrounds, parks, day-care centers, bus stops - anywhere someone less than 18 years old could congregate. Alvarado also is barred from contacting the girl. Before he's released, Alvarado will be evaluated to determine whether he falls under the Jimmy Ryce Act. If he does, he'd have a civil hearing to determine whether he's at risk of re-offending and should be put in a hospital for sex offender treatment before being freed.

Court takes sex predator's home; U.S. District Court approved forfeiture of Brian R.

Gillingham's house to federal government; Doug Page, Dayton Daily News, March 20, 2008

Englewood - Chances are sexual predator B[...] R. G[...]won't be returning to Englewood after serving his 11-year sentence for gross sexual imposition of a 6-year-old boy. Last month, the U.S. District Court approved the forfeiture of Gillingham's house to the federal government. [...]

In arguing for the forfeiture, assistant U.S. Attorney Stanek said, G[...] needed the privacy of his house to commit crimes, including child pornography.

"We frequently use the federal forfeiture laws in child pornography cases to take the instruments of the crime - computers, printers, video cameras," she said. "But this is the first time we've taken a house." [...]

Kansas Sex Offender Forced to Use "Sex Offender" Signs; Adam Everett Marshall, The Kansas CW, March 24, 2008

[...] After pleading guilty to *solicitation* with a 9-year-old, Leroy Schad was sentenced to five years probation and house arrest. But that's not all. Schad must also display signs reading "SEX OFFENDER LIVES HERE" on every side of his house during his 5 year sentence. Schad must also drive with a sticker on the side of his car reading "SEX OFFENDER In This Car." The 72-year-old openly told me what he did. "The kids were spending a night with me and this particular thing I did



happened while we were laying down on the floor at night to go to sleep. It lasted about a minute or less. I was just touching," Schad said. [...]

Lamar County Man Sentenced to Nearly 1000 Years for Child Porn;
WBRC-TV, 25 Apr 2008

Birmingham, Ala. -- A federal judge sentenced a man he described as malicious and sadistic to nearly a thousand years in prison for child pornography.

P[...] E[...] F[...] was sentenced in U.S. District Court to *960 years without parole* for 32 counts of knowingly enticing and coercing a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct.

Registered Sex Offender Meets [his own] Child For Lunch; NBC,
May 28, 2008

Corpus Christi, Texas -- A registered sex offender has been banned from Corpus Christi public school property after meeting his child for lunch in an elementary school cafeteria last week. The 34-year-old man remained in Nueces County Jail last night and is ineligible for bond.

Prosecutors said they have filed a motion to revoke the man's probation. He was sentenced to 10 years probation in 2004 for the aggravated sexual assault of a child. One of the terms of his probation was that he had to stay away from schools.

Officials said the man met his child for lunch at Allen Elementary School on Friday.

Sex offender charged for driving son to school; Matt Hanley,
Suburban Chicago News, October 11, 2008

Some bad behavior [of his son] on a school bus means a father is facing felony charges. Because he drove his son to class at Fearn Elementary School in North Aurora Thursday morning, convicted sex offender James Patterson has been charged with a felony for being a child sex offender in a school zone, the Kane County state's attorney's office said Friday.

According to prosecutors, Patterson's son had been kicked off the school bus for misbehaving earlier in the week, so Patterson gave him a ride to Fearn Elementary, 1600 Hawksley Lane. [...]

According to prosecutors, sex offenders are not allowed within 500 feet of a school unless they are attending a student conference or with written permission from the superintendent. Fearn's principal checked with West Aurora Superintendent Jim Rydland, who said he had not given Patterson permission to be near the school.

200 years in prison - source: Wikipedia

Morton Robert Berger is an Arizona high school teacher who was sentenced to 200 years in prison (without the possibility of parole) for the possession of twenty images of child pornography. This sentence, which was the minimum available in Arizona law, was upheld by the Arizona Supreme Court in 2006. On February 26, 2007 the Supreme Court of the United States declined to hear a further appeal.

Mobile County sex offender gets life for Mississippi park excursion; bkirby, blog.al.com, September 03, 2008

Mobile, Ala. -- A convicted sex offender will go to prison for the rest of his life after a federal judge today rejected a defense lawyer's argument that the penalty amounted to cruel and unusual punishment.

A jury in May convicted Michael Ryan South, of Mobile County, of traveling across state lines to entice a minor for sex. Prosecutors contended that South drove to Lum Combest Park in Mississippi's Jackson County in November and December of last year. Both times, a 9-year-old boy who lives nearby saw South naked.

Chief U.S. District Judge Ginny Granade ruled today that the life sentence was automatic since South previously had been convicted of a sex crime against a child.

Assistant Federal Defender Peter Madden pointed out that his client never touched the boy and argued that the conduct, which ordinarily would be a misdemeanor, does not merit life. But Granade ruled that the prison term was automatic.

Cross-Dressing Child Molester Gets Life; Casey Knaupp, Tyler Paper, September 3, 2008

A cross-dressing child molester was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday after he admitted to duping a 13-year-old boy into having sex with him while he was dressed as a woman.

Castrated sex offender in hot water again; Robert Crowe - Express-News, 9 October 2008

Castrated sex offender Larry Don McQuay is facing parole revocation for possessing what prison officials say were sexually explicit materials in a Bexar County work-release facility last month. McQuay's attorney, Tom Beck, said the materials, which he described as *tarot cards* with an illustration of a woman's exposed breasts, are not sexually explicit. [...] McQuay's lawyer called the allegations outrageous. "There was no pornography involved," said Beck, McQuay's court-appointed attorney. "There were about *five tarot cards* that simply showed a woman's breast. You can buy a magazine with pictures of Britney Spears' breasts, but somehow that's not sexually explicit." [...] "These were drawings. No genitalia was shown and no physical contact," he said. "They are treating him this way because of his history."

U[...] sentenced [to *three life sentences*]; Christine Stanley; (Odessa American - McClatchy-Tribune Information Services via Comtex) -- Oct 09, 2008

Jurors sentenced 48-year-old A[...] T[...] U[...] to three life sentences Thursday on two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child younger than 14 and one count of indecency with a child. U[...] was found guilty of the crimes Wednesday in Judge Denn Whalen's 70th District Court.

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2. Come off it, folks: how many paedophiles can there be?

By Boris Johnson (Boris Johnson is MP for Henley), The Telegraph (UK), 09/11/2006

Really? I said, not quite able to believe my luck. There we were, waiting for take-off, and I had just been having a quick zizz. It was a long flight ahead, all the way to India, and I had two children on my left. Already they were toughing each other up and sticking their fingers up each other's nose, and now - salvation!

Hovering above me was a silk-clad British Airways stewardess with an angelic smile, and she seemed to want me to move. "Please come with me, sir" said the oriental vision.

At once, I got her drift. She desired to upgrade me. In my mind's eye, I saw the first-class cabin, the spiral staircase to the head massage, the Champagne, the hot towels.

"You betcha!" I said, and began to unbuckle. At which point, the children set up a yammering. "Oi," they said to me, "where do you think you are going?" I was explaining that the captain had probably spotted me come on board, don't you know. Doubtless he had decided that it was outrageous for me to fly steerage, sound chap that he was. I'd make sure to come back now and then, hmmm?

At which the stewardess gave a gentle cough. Actually, she said, she was proposing to move me to row 52, and that was because - she lowered her voice - "We have very strict rules".

"Eh?" I said, by now baffled. "A man cannot sit with children," she said; and then I finally twigged. "But he's our FATHER", chimed the children. "Oh," said the stewardess, and then eyed me narrowly. "These are your children?" "Yes," I said, a bit testily. "Very sorry," she said, and wafted down the aisle - and in that single lunatic exchange you will see just about everything you need to know about our dementedly phobic and risk-averse society. In the institutionalized prejudice of that BA

stewardess against an adult male, you see one of the prime causes of this country's tragic under-achievement in schools.

I mention all this because the same absurd kerfuffle happened this week. Some child was put next to an ancient journalist and his wife on a flight, and the airline (BA again) went into spasm. As the hoo-ha raged, the press turned to the lobby groups, and someone called Pam Hibbert of Barnardo's obliged with the usual bossyboots quote. The ban on sitting children next to adults was "eminently sensible", said this eminently ridiculous figure.

I mean, come off it, folks. How many paedophiles can there be? Are we really saying that any time an adult male finds himself sitting next to someone under 16, he must expect to be hustled from his seat before the suspicious eyes of the entire cabin?

What about adult females? Every week there is some new tale of what a saucy French mistress is deemed to have done with her adolescent charges behind the bicycle sheds; and, disgraceful though these episodes may be, I don't hear anyone saying that children should be shielded from adult women. Do you? Or maybe I'm wrong - maybe all adults will have to carry personal cardboard partitions with them on every plane or train, just in case they find themselves sitting next to under-16s.

Even as I write, I can imagine the lip-pursing of some of my lovely high-minded readers. How would you like it, they will say, if some weird chap was plonked next to your kids? And they are right that I would worry about some strange adult sitting next to my children, chiefly because I wouldn't want the poor fellow to come to any harm.

To all those who worry about the paedophile plague, I would say that they not only have a very imperfect understanding of probability; but also that they fail to understand the terrible damage that is done by this system of presuming guilt in the entire male population just because of the tendencies of a tiny minority.

There are all sorts of reasons why the numbers of male school teachers are down 50 per cent in the period 1981 to 2001, and why the ratio of female to male teachers in primary schools is now seven to one. There are problems of pay, and the catastrophic failure of the state to ensure that they are treated as figures of authority and respect; and what with 'elf 'n' safety and human rights it is very hard to enforce discipline.

But it is also, surely, a huge deterrent to any public-spirited man contemplating a career in education that society apparently regards all adult male contact with young people as being potentially a bit dodgy, a bit rum, a bit you know.

It is a total disaster. It is not just that both boys and girls could do with more male role models in the classroom. Worse still, it often used to be

men who taught physics, and maths, and chemistry, and it is the current shortage of such teachers that explains why 80 per cent of pupils studying physics are now taught by someone with a degree in biology; and that in turn helps explain why the numbers doing physics A-level have halved, and why physics departments are closing all over the shop, with all the consequent damage to our science base.

It has tended to be male teachers who take contact sports. Even if they can find a playing-field, these days, the poor male sports teachers have to cope with a terrifying six-inch thick manual explaining how they must on no account shout at their charges, and above all, on pain of prosecution, they must NOT BE LEFT ALONE with the kids. No wonder our children are apparently turning into big fat Augustus Gloops.

It is insane, and the problem is the general collapse of trust. Almost every human relationship that was sensibly regulated by trust is now governed by law, with cripplingly expensive consequences.

I blame the media, I blame the judges, I blame the lobby groups, and in particular I blame the cowardly capitalist airline companies that give in to this sort of loony hysteria. If you happen to be reading this on a British Airways flight, and have quite rightly sustained a burst blood vessel, then I think you are entitled to an immediate upgrade.

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08-071 @ 86 kb	Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 12 July 2007 at the 1002nd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)
09-072 @ 13 kb	Abducted! The Amber Alert system is more effective as theater than as a way to protect children; Drake Bennett, July 20, 2008, The Boston Globe "What Amber Alerts do create, its critics say, is a climate of

	<p>fear around a tragic but extremely rare event, pumping up public anxiety. "</p> <p>"In fact, [...] stranger abductions remain exceedingly rare: In the United States, he calculates, the odds of a child being kidnapped by someone he or she doesn't know are roughly one in a million.</p>
09-073 @ 4 kb	<p>Roman Polanski portrait balanced; BRUCE KIRKLAND - Sun Media - July 25, 2008</p> <p>The film [...] reveals astonishing facts about the apparent miscarriage of justice perpetrated by the celebrity judge in the case, the late Laurence J. Rittenband. Obsessed with gaining publicity for himself, Rittenband manipulated hearings, the plea bargain and the subsequent punishment cycle. He turned Polanski into a victim, even in the eyes of the prosecuting attorney.</p>
09-074 @ 22 kb	<p>Evil under the sun: The dark side of the Pitcairn Island; The Independent, U, 30 July 2008</p> <p>In 2004, the tiny Pacific island of Pitcairn was torn apart when seven men were put on trial for sexually abusing children. In her gripping new book, Kathy Marks, who covered the story for The Independent, describes life in a shattered, shocked - and defiant - community</p>
09-075 @ 38 kb	<p>Child victims of sex trade in Cambodia. Dateline investigations have helped put some child predators in jail - and given some children half a world away a new chance at life. TRANSCRIPT By Chris Hansen; MSN BC; July. 25, 2008</p> <p>This story originally aired Dateline NBC on July 25, 2008</p> <p>Five years ago, we came to Cambodia to investigate the sale of children for sex. What we found was absolutely horrifying: children as young as five being trafficked to Europeans and Americans for as little as \$30.</p>
09-076 @ 16 kb	<p>Third trial begins Monday in Mineola swingers club, child-sex ring case; Lee Hancock, The Dallas Morning News, August 2, 2008</p> <p>What makes the state criminal trial starting Monday horrific are its star witnesses. Four girls and a boy, now ages 7 to 15, say their parents, grandparents and family friends - seven defendants in all - made them take "silly pills" and learn sex acts in what the adults dubbed "kindergarten." When they got good enough, the children say, they were forced to strip-dance for strangers at a Mineola sex club.</p>
09-077 @ 16 kb	<p>Star Pediatrician Fights Accusations of Sex Abuse; By LESLIE KAUFMAN; The New York Times, August 6, 2008</p> <p>For children struggling in school, Dr. Melvin D. Levine has been a great advocate. For decades, Dr. Levine, a pediatrician, has championed the idea that poorly performing students are not lazy or dumb, but instead need to be educated in a different</p>

	<p>way. Dr. Levine vehemently denies both the accusations and ever sexually touching a patient. And many defenders argue that Dr. Levine could not have worked at the pinnacle of his profession for so long if the accusations were true.</p>
09-078 @ 3 kb	<p>Child abuse cases soar to record high in first 6 months of 2008; Mdn.mainichi.jp News, August 09, 2008 Figures for child abuse and child pornography cases uncovered by police across Japan in the first half of this year have both risen to new record highs, a National Police Agency (NPA) report has shown.</p>
09-079 @ 5 kb	<p>Children remain easy prey for exploitation, violence; Kathmandu, grkhapatra.org.nl, Aug. 11 Research conducted jointly by CPSC NGO Nepal, CPSC INT Belgium and VOC Nepal.</p>
08-080 @ 6 kb	<p>Mall rats -- children on the margins -- perfect vulnerable victims; West Edmonton Mall a Never-Never Land for our lost boys, girls; Paula Simons; The Edmonton Journal (Canada); August 12, 2008 For Edmonton's street kids, the public plazas and hidden corridors of West Edmonton Mall are more welcoming than any back alley. It's warm in the winter; cool in the summer. The floors are swept and polished to a sparkling gleam each night, the bathrooms are clean and accessible. There's plenty to look at, plenty to steal or scavenge for. But the mall is also a marketplace for goods you won't see advertised in any mall brochure. Like drugs. And sex.</p>
08-081 @ 3 kb	<p>Probation for man who French kissed 7yo; Shannon Molloy Brisbane Times (Australia), August 19, 2008 A Brisbane man who admitted "French kissing" a seven-year-old boy has walked free from court without a criminal conviction <i>after convincing a District Court judge he is not a pedophile</i>.</p>
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	<p>Yet Kinsey's grotesquely fraudulent research has served as the very foundation of modern "sex science," and his claim that one in 10 people are homosexual is central to the gay-rights movement.</p>
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08-085 @ 5 kb	<p>Child sex abuse: When the accused can't confront the accuser; By Dana E. Sullivan; NJL News, October 17, 2008 Imagine being accused by a child of sex abuse but never having a chance to cross-exam the claims that could send you to prison for much of your life. That, in part, is the issue today before the New Jersey Supreme Court. [...] A teacher or parent suspects someone has sexually abused the child. Questions are asked, and eventually someone from the police department or prosecutor's office arrives and more questions are put to the child, maybe 8 or 9 years old. All on videotape. Then two years later comes the trial, and the child, now 11, clams up on the stand. Questioning as tenderly as possible, neither the prosecutor nor the defense counsel can get the child to repeat what she said on the video. Regardless, the video is shown, and the suspect is convicted. Eighteen years in prison.</p>
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	boys living on the streets will be sexually abused before they are 10 years old.
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