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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

Welcome, reader of the 18th E(lektronic) Ipce Newsletter.

The Newsletter is especially made for who cannot reach the Ipce web site and is sent to them in the paper version. It gives a look at the developments and a selection of the most important articles. For the reader on line, it gives a quick view. The *real* Newsletter is the page “What is new?” on the Ipce web site, which gives a lot more information and refers to many other files.

The main theme of this newsletter is “Myths and Facts”. There are a lot of myths in the field of mutual relationships between children or adolescents and adults. You will see some articles who give the myths, but also the facts.

The next section, about ethics, is a short one. You will see that at least two organizations, Martijn and Clogo, have chosen the same guidelines as Ipce did in the meeting in 2004, as is reported in the former Newsletter. Facts are important in this field – ethics are also important.

The research section is also a quite short one. We only give a quick view to the developments by referring to recent articles.

More room is used by the section about some current events. The case of Michael Jackson will draw a lot of attention, especially in the USA media. It seems that the case already before it began had more attention in the USA media than the war in Iraq, which is strangely enough because it is there that their sons fall in battle, while the Jackson case only concerns some lessons in – not arithmetic, but – masturbation. If there is a law that forbids such lessons, let a judge pass judgement about it, but let it as much as possible be what it is: a private matter between two people. We do not intend to give so much attention to the case, but for a good and sharp analysis will be room, as you will read in this Newsletter.

We give also room to the case of Mary Kay Letourneau. A reader of our web site wrote us that he found it remarkable that not much information is given in the site about women. This correct. On the web site, there is a new overview of the articles about women.

In this case we see a woman who came to have sex with a beloved male minor. After eight years in prison, the couple will soon be joined in marriage. The reader sent us some articles, a part of which could be placed here. He gives facts and analysis and asks why women with such kind of love affairs are punished far more severely than men, even than murder. Happily enough, in this case, real and patient love is the winner.

Your secretary and webmaster,

Frans

I. Myths and Facts

1. Common Myths

What psychology says

< <http://agetaboo.org/info/myths.htm> >

Myth:

Youth and men attracted to younger boys are child molesters.

Truth:

People attracted to younger boys have the ability to act responsibly just as much as anyone else. Research shows that many do not force, coerce, or manipulate younger boys to have sex with them. Many refrain from sex. And most child molesters are not primarily attracted to children, but rather try to have sex with them because of social or marital problems, alcoholism, or the unavailability of peers. ^[*1, 2, 3]

Myth:

They are aggressive and want power and control over their sexual partners.

Truth:

Studies find that they have low levels of aggression, and many interact with boys in non-sexual ways and sometimes develop close relationships with them. Researchers who have examined the thoughts and feelings of men attracted to boys report that many find emotional contact as important as, or more important than, sexual activity. Researchers say their feelings and fantasies resemble those of normal heterosexual men's regarding women. Both non-criminological and criminological studies find that even when they do engage in sexual activity, it resembles sex play rather than sexual assault and often occurs with the boy's willingness or initiative. This is not to say that it is responsible or ethical, but rather that it is not violent; an overwhelming number of studies show consistently that violence, force, and aggression are rare. ^[*1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]

Myth:

They are attracted to younger boys because they have been sexually abused.

Truth:

No studies outside of the criminal justice system have been conducted to examine this assumption. Even among sex offenders against children, only a minority experienced childhood sexual abuse. Also, most sexually abused children or youth do not go on to abuse younger children or youth. ^[*8]

Myth:

They are psychosexually immature or fear relationships with peers.

Truth:

There is no evidence to support these common beliefs. These theories have not been investigated scientifically, but rather assumed. They may simply lack interest in peers rather than fear them. Similarly, the belief that they are psychosexually immature has been assumed based on the types of behaviors that occur when they are sexually active. Research shows it usually involves exhibitionism, fondling, and/or masturbation rather than intercourse. ^[*3]

Myth:

They are social misfits — they have poor social skills, low intelligence, and trouble holding down jobs.

Truth:

This assumption is based on studies of sex offenders, which give biased results. Even these studies, when well-conducted, have failed to find any particular personality profile among

offenders. Studies of men attracted to boys have not found lower intelligence among them; in fact, many are successful professionals. Some studies have found shyness, loneliness, low self-esteem, and isolation, but such feelings may be the result of society's reaction to their sexuality.^[*3, 7, 9]

Myth:

They are psychopathic or neurotic.

Truth:

Again, the few studies that have actually examined this belief have used offenders and are therefore misleading, or they were otherwise poorly conducted. One well-conducted study concluded that men attracted to boys or girls show no sign of psychopathy or mental disorder. Researchers have concluded that little clinically significant pathology is found among them.^[*3, 7, 9]

Adapted from MHAMic,
a site containing extensive scientific information on sexual attraction to boys.

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2. The myths versus the facts

[This pamphlet was made by one of the members of the Danish Paedophile Association, just before this association decided to discontinue.

Ipce is asked to publish the pamphlet.]

MYTH:

Children are sexually abused by pedophiles only.

FACT:

Parents were the perpetrators in 84% of the reported cases of child abuse in 2000. Fathers acting alone were responsible for 22% of the cases of sexual abuse. ^[*1]

^[*1] All statistics from the U.S. Dept of Justice's 2003 National Crime Victim's Rights Resource Guide

MYTH:

Children are harmed by sex.

FACT:

There are several scientific studies (for example those by Rind, Tromovitch, and Bauserman) that show that child sexual activity is not always harmful, but may be also felt as pleasurable.

MYTH:

Pedophilia is a mental disorder.

FACT:

Pedophilia is a sexual orientation just like homosexuality or heterosexuality.

MYTH:

Pedophiles only want sex from children.

FACT:

The definition of a pedophile is one who "loves children." The first priority of all pedophiles is how to make the child happy. A positive influence is more important than sexual contact, which is factually quite seldom

The Sexuality of a Pedophile

Pedophile sexuality is unlike that of adult heterosexuality or homosexuality. Because children are in concern, the pedophile meets the child as equal to the pedophile. In a parent or other authoritative position, equality is not the case. Therefore, the wants and needs of the child takes first priority. A true pedophile does not harm a child, because that would not be the form of a loving relationship.

Dehumanizing the Pedophile

In an age where homosexuality is no longer viewed as an illness, we have begun an era where society needs a new person to blame for the supposed degeneration and demoralization of society. The media has thus far fixated on the pedophile as the epitome of everything that is demonic with the world. The concept of childhood has been so removed from adulthood that children are not being treated as members of society but members from society. We hope the reader begins to realize that what is being fed in the media and news does not comply with real scientific evidence and the testimony of children that children do indeed have a sexuality. The pedophile is this century's new scapegoat.

Protect the Children's Liberties

The Age of Consent laws have put children and teenagers in a position where they can no longer enjoy an aspect of their childhood that is important to their development to adulthood. Laws have tried to label the right time for sexual activity of children and teenagers should take place. The labeling of the appropriate time for sexual activity only hinders children's and teenager's mental and emotional sexual growth. Children have been proven to engage in a wide range of healthy sexual activity among each other from a very early age. Research shows that the emotional and mental stability of children who have participated in sexual activity may have a positive effect on them. ^[*2]

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We ask to lower the Age of Consent laws. They do not protect children from sexual activity, but they hurt the emotional and mental health of children and teens.

Children are not Deaf & Dumb

We are living in a society where opinions from children are disregarded. Adults have an illusion of childhood that is not true. In order to progress, we have to honestly talk to our children about their sexuality.

Attack the Real Abuse

Most child abuse has nothing to do with sex. It is important to speak out against true sexual abuse, which has so often remained hidden and denied within families and communities. However, non-sexual violence of children is as pervasive as sexual violence.

- ☀ Poverty,
- ☀ malnutrition,
- ☀ ethnic discrimination,
- ☀ poor education, and
- ☀ inadequate health care

are all forms of abuse that threaten millions of young people world wide. Yet there is no commitment to halt these deadly and more pervasive forms of harm to children. Instead, our attention is riveted by any case involving sex.

The fickleness of the laws and attitudes brought about by these campaigns have put up a destructive barrier between adults and children. Caring adults fear that any affection will be branded as abuse. This fear means that adults often withhold the affectionate and respectful attention that all children need.

Save the Children from Religious Fanatics, Bigoted Politics, and Unlawful Restrictions!
There is a new hysteria afoot. It does not only have to do with weapons of mass destruction.
It has to do with our children as well.
It has to do with our children's sexual freedom.

3. A part of Modern Sexual Taboos and Their Morality

By Punkerslut, 2002
[The article is in full in Ipce's Library 3]

Introduction

The topic of this essay is modern sexual taboos and their morality. In the following pages, I will discuss the ethics and the reason concerning many things today which are detested by some: masturbation, homosexuality, prostitution, and other sexual taboos which are detested by many: Pedophilia, Zoophilia, Incest, and Free Love.

The purpose of telling the story of Thomas Paine is to reaffirm the fact that we must consider proposals and arguments on the merit of their evidence and reasoning. We cannot accept a doctrine simply because it was taught to us by parents and society, no matter how delicate or sensitive an issue it may be. I understand there are some who may attempt to suppress freedom of thought. In May of 1812, Thomas Paine's book *The Age of Reason* was being sold by Daniel Isaac Eaton and he was imprisoned for 18 months. The crime was questioning the established religion.

[...]

I brought up the case of Thomas Paine because he was a bold genius, daring to go where no one else had yet gone, and in some cases risking his own life in such endeavors. It was common opinion then that slavery was justifiable, just as it is common opinion today that Pedophilia is unjustifiable and one of the worst child abuses.

We must base all of our opinions, both moral and scientific, on evidence and reasoning. In this essay I will question those arguments that are opposed to Masturbation, Homosexuality, Prostitution, Free Love, Incest, Zoophilia, and Pedophilia. The only thing that I can ask the reader is that he renders his opinions with the edge of reason and logic, compassion and reverence.

A Few False Arguments Considered

Appeal to the Natural..

One of the first arguments presented for the sake of opposing sex, or for upholding any dubious doctrine, is to make an appeal to naturalness. They may say that because an action is either natural or unnatural that it is therefore damnable. However, what is natural or unnatural must first be defined.

If "natural" is defined as the course of things in which they happen, then everything is natural, as everything has happened in its own course. Allow us to let the definition of what is "natural" to remain as a variable, for the sake of making some points. If a person was about to be murdered and the only way to save them would fit into what was defined as "unnatural," does that mean we should stop from saving that person? Or, if murdering someone would fit into what was defined as "natural," does that mean it would be permissible to murder that person?

Of course, this is all dependent upon what "natural" is defined as yet it has thousands of definitions and remains vague and blurry. The question is, if something is natural or unnatural,

does that actually have any impact on moral implications? Such as a murderer's actions being natural, would that mean that they were any less immoral, or a savior's actions being unnatural, would that mean that they were any less moral?

If we were to save someone's life, would whether or not it was natural or unnatural change the fact that we prevented suffering and ameliorated worry? Would it mean that we were vagrants, without thought or heart? Would it mean that we should have aided the person in their death, offering our betrayal to humaneness with a dagger? Would it mean that the tears on the face of this person were not to appeal to our sympathy, that their pains and agonies amplified through screams and cries were to be ignored, that affection was to be neglected -- all due on account of what is natural or unnatural?

If someone were to torture another individual, would whether or not such is natural or unnatural change the pain inflicted on the helpless soul? If it was natural, would it mean that the torturer was just acting out his will and that his musings in death were to be ignored, just as the screams of the victim were to be silenced in our thoughts? All on account of the philosophical notion that what is natural or unnatural, does that mean that we ought to leave the victim to the unrelenting, slow, abusive torture of a man whose last interest is ending cruelty?

Whether or not it is natural to make someone suffer unnecessarily, it is still immoral. Similarly, whether or not a sexual act is natural, it has no relevance on whether or not the sexual act was moral or immoral.

Can anyone truly confess that they think that unnatural suffering is worse than natural suffering, or vice versa? Certainly not. If someone were to respond to this argument by claiming that what is natural is equal to what is good, then the word "natural" is simply extra wordage. It is simply a synonym, and to ask if something is natural or unnatural is exactly the same as to ask someone whether something is ethical or unethical.

If someone were to say, "That's ethical because it's natural," or "That's unethical because it's unnatural," it would be synonymous with saying, "That's ethical because it's ethical," or "That's unethical because it's unnatural."

Therefore, to make an Appeal to the Natural does nothing, as what is natural or unnatural has absolutely no impact on whether or not an action is immoral, and what exactly natural is rarely comes to be defined.

Appeal to Beauty...

Another objection to a sexual act is the fact that its thought may be disturbing. Some people may find it disgusting that two people can consent to things which they find abominable. Although it is true that there may be no suffering exchanging in such a sexual act, they detest it on the grounds that it is grotesque -- at least, it is grotesque to them.

The fallacy of this objection can quite clearly be seen: an action being ugly does not mean that it is immoral, just as an action being beautiful does not mean it is moral. If someone were to make the appeal that they detested a particular action because it was disgusting, it would best for them to imagine if someone wanted to limit them in their favorite action because it was thought to be disgusting. Suffering is suffering and misery is misery. Whether it is surrounded by the veil of beauty or the sheet of wretchedness, it is still contaminated with the same fact that such an action is painful, full of the things that make up the negative parts of life. Similarly, happiness is

happiness and pleasure is pleasure. Whether with the label of "beautiful" or "ugly," such actions still exist to lift our hearts and to put new meaning into our lives.

On no appeal to beauty can any action be condemned, otherwise we would find that we are censoring the pages in the book of humanity, depriving ourselves and others of the pleasure and happiness that can ease worries and pains.

Appeal to Obscurity...

Similar to the Appeal to Beauty, the Appeal to Obscurity is based not on contaminating an action with the title of "ugly" or "harmful to the eye," but rather, it makes the claim that such an action is obscure, odd, misplaced, and therefore should not be committed, in public or in private.

This Appeal, though, just like the Appeal to Beauty, is flawed on the same grounds: whether or not an individual's actions are obscure and incomprehensible, or easily understood and simple, it has no grounds on determining whether or not such an action is ethical or unethical.

Appeal to Design...

Some may make the appeal that an act is immoral or unethical if it is using parts or tools that are not meant to be used in the fashion they are being used in. For example, a sexual relationship between two men would be immoral, because they were using parts of their body in a manner that they were not "designed for."

However, this fatuous appeal suffers from its failure to remain consistent within any imaginable form of reason or logic. Who is to determine what something is designed for, anyway? If sexual organs are designed to be used for procreation, does that mean that their idleness is immoral as well, thus justifying rape? Since there is no evidence of a god, and thus no designer, does that mean we are not allowed to eat food, because it was not designed for that purpose?

In fact, if you were to take my criticism of the Appeal to Naturality and replace the word "natural" with the word "designed," you would find yourself coming across the same errors. If, for example, we were to erroneously decide through whichever method that medical tools are not designed to be medical tools, does that mean we should abstain from using them when it comes to saving another's life? Or, if a knife is designed to kill, does that mean that it is acceptable to kill someone, simply because it has that design to it? Certainly not.

Any sexual act that may or may not use particular appendages that are or are not designed for such activity, it is irrelevant. As a humane, rational philosophy, it would be best to allow all that increases happiness, without causing suffering. By allowing sexual activity, this is accomplished. To make the claim that something cannot be done because it was not designed that way is to make an irrelevant, entirely foolish claim.

Monopoly on Love or Meaning...

Another popular argument brought up for the sake of limiting an activity is to make a monopoly on love or meaning. This argument is usually brought up in the following form: "The only way love or meaning could exist in a relationship is between a man and a woman. Therefore, any relationship that exists between a man and a man or a woman and a woman that is sexual has no true love or meaning, and therefore is unethical and immoral."

The question now is, "If something lacks love or meaning, does that mean it is unethical and immoral?" If someone saves another from death, and does so without love or meaning, does that mean that they themselves are immoral for their action -- only on account of the fact that it may have lacked some particular sentiment? Or, if someone were to maim, murder, or rape another, and did so fully with the conviction of love and meaning, would that mean that such an individual could be moral, and even deserving of being praised, all based on the fact that they implemented love and meaning in their actions? I wrote it earlier, but it's true that misery is misery and suffering is suffering. Whether with or without the burden of meaning and love, it is quite irrelevant.

As there are positive, moral actions that can be done without either meaning or love, and there are negative, immoral actions that can be done with meaning and love. However, whether or not there is love or meaning in them does not necessarily alter even slightly the fact that they are harmful or helpful.

Appeal to Religion...

Those who have followed my essays ought to be well aware of the fact that I have highly criticized religion for its failure to enact any proper morality or to obtain any morality. To quote one of my essays...

There are some theologians and religious writers who would have us believe that if Materialism were to destroy Supernaturality that we would have a world full of anarchy, chaos, and disobedience -- a world where anything is permitted because there is no moral code. However, with the development of primitive superstitions to world religions, we have seen quite the opposite. If a man says that he has god standing behind him, then he is not restrained by any moral code, as he may create the moral code in any arbitrary method that he wishes. He may allow, disallow, or even command rape. Whatever he wishes, it is his arbitrary decision, and from this we derive disobedience to religion from every individual who thinks it is wrong to harm an innocent creature.

The development of religion did not cut back on the cruel and often disheartening behavior of primitive man. In fact, it condoned it in many degrees! The early Christians - as well as other religious followers - were commonly known for rape, theft, and murder, based on account that "they have already had their sins redeemed."

To quote A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami...

He compared atonement to an elephant's bathing. The elephant may take a very nice bath in the river, but as soon as it comes onto the bank, it throws dirt all over its body. What, then, is the value of its bathing?

Similarly, many spiritual practitioners chant the Hare Krsna mahâ-mantra and at the same time commit many forbidden things, thinking that their chanting will counteract their offenses.

Of the ten types of offenses one can commit while chanting the holy name of the Lord, this offense is called *nâmno balâd yasya hi pâpa-buddhih*, committing sinful activities on the strength of chanting the Hare Krsna mahâ-mantra.

Similarly, certain Christians go to church to confess their sins, thinking that confessing their sins before a priest and performing some penance will relieve them from the results of their weekly sins. As soon as Saturday is over and Sunday comes, they again begin their sinful activities, expecting to be forgiven the next Saturday.

["The Nectar of Instruction," His Divine Grace, by A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, page 3.]
[Section quoted from "Civilization."]

This short section of the essay "Civilization" puts into question the very validity of defending an act, or prosecuting an act, on the foundation of religion. The ideas were better captured, however, in the essay, "Should Atheism be Defended?"

"Therefore, I am convinced that I am acting as the agent of our Creator. By fighting off the Jews, I am doing the Lord's work." [Mein Kampf, Adolf Hitler.] The words of Adolf Hitler are etched on to history. He did what he did because he believed that faith was stronger than reason -- that blind acceptance of intuition and dogma held more value than open investigation with reason and logic. I do not believe that it was religion alone that convinced Hitler that the existence of Jews harmed Christ.

It has also been his natural bigotry of being born in a Europe that was highly anti-semitic for over hundreds of years -- which of course is the result of Christian thought. Perhaps, though, Hitler found appeal in the institutions of prejudice of his time. When he was young, he was like the others of his class: patriotic and pious. He was like everyone else, as he shared on the same prejudices and the same bigoted fears. Like his comrades, he was also deeply religious. Christianity cannot be entirely blamed for the way Hitler developed.

The point I am trying to make, is that by using religion as an argument for your side -- or by declaring that god is on your side and not on the side of your enemies -- an individual then becomes distant to reason and irreconcilable with logic. In can be said, in this respect, that religion is the origin of unsolvable conflicts.

Compare science to religion. Science is not based on any unworldly power. It is based on natural observation and analysis. One can argue with evidence. There is no arrogant or haughty claim about how the ruler of the Universe feels about these subjects. It is pure reason-based claims. Religion, on the other hand, is unable of finding any objective truth. There have been thousands of religions all through the ages, and as men educated themselves they found themselves less in appeal to such old superstitions.

The fact, though, remains: by using religion to defend your philosophical position -- particularly one which includes the murdering of millions of beings -- you inevitably make an inscrutinizable and unquestionable position, because rarely would anyone believing in a higher power desire to question those who call themselves prophets.
[Excerpt from "Should Atheism Be Defended?"]

Those who assert that an action is wrong because it is opposed to some mystical, religious scripture are using flawed reasoning. As demonstrated above, an individual who claims that he speaks for god may create whatever moral code he desires. So we have it today that there are numerous religious codes from different religions and different sects. It certainly proves nothing, other than the credulous and unreasonable method of obtaining knowledge of religionists. An extremely simplified version of this idea can be seen here: One individual may say that god hates Homosexuals and therefore all Homosexuals are to be killed, but another individual may say that god hates Heterosexuals and therefore all Heterosexuals are to be killed. Since both individuals are basing their knowledge on what the unseen had told them, both individuals are equally justified in making there claims.

4. Myths & Facts about Recidivism

Alliance MP. Richard Harris (Prince George-Bulkley Valley) felt that,

“...the government has no intention of protecting our children from the likes of predators or perverts who would prey upon our children.”

In opposing Bill C-20 he knows

“...full well that the recidivism of pedophiles is **almost 100%, if not 100%**”.

Others repeated this belief which is the basis of demanding harsher sentences and civil commitment where offenders may be held indefinitely after the end of their sentences. While it is impossible to establish if sex offenders are cured as there is no way to determine what they may think, their behaviour, their rates of recidivism, are matter of much investigation and record.

A recent report of the American Justice Department [see below] report looked at almost ten thousand sex offenders released in 1994 and found that **only three percent** were subsequently convicted of another sex offence, a much lower rate than for other crimes.

The myth of incurability serves the interests of many in the criminal justice system.

Rearrest Less Likely for Sex Offenders

November 16, 2003 By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Sex offenders are less likely to be rearrested after their release from prison than other criminals, a government study released Sunday finds.

The Justice Department study of 9,691 men convicted of rape, sexual assault and child molestation who were released in 1994 found

- ☀ 43 percent were arrested *for any type* of crime within three years, compared with
- ☀ 68 percent *for all other* former inmates.

Ryan King, researcher at The Sentencing Project, suggested the difference may be because the most serious rapists, sexual assaulters and child molesters do not get released in the first place and are unable to commit more crimes. Those studied served an average of 3½ years, indicating they had committed less severe crimes.

“The corrections system is clearly being very cautious about who is being released from prison for sex offenses,” said King, whose organization promotes alternatives to prison. “It’s a very significant concern with the public.”

Erica Schmitt, a statistician who co-wrote the report, said research repeatedly has shown that released sex offenders tend to get arrested less often than those convicted of theft, robbery, stealing vehicles or illegal weapons trafficking. But a small core of sex offenders often commits similar crimes over and over, she said.

The study found

- ☀ **5.3 percent** of sex offenders were arrested for another sex crime after their release.
- ☀ Only 1.3 percent of all other criminals were arrested for a sex crime after serving a prison sentence.

The study was an outgrowth of a landmark project by the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Released last year, it examined how often 272,111 prisoners set free in 1994 by 15 states ended up behind bars again within three years. The study is the largest and most comprehensive look ever at prison recidivism.

Most of the sex offenders studied had been convicted of only one sex offense but often had long criminal rap sheets: 78 percent had been arrested at least once previously for another type of crime.

The study found that those with long criminal records also were more likely to commit a sex crime after they got out of prison. The report said 8 percent were rearrested if they previously had committed between 11 and 15 offenses.

"Your typical rapist is an all-around criminal," said Jamie Zuieback, spokeswoman for the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network. "One of the biggest things we can do to prevent crime and prevent the crime of rape is to vigorously prosecute a whole range of criminals."

Still, the numbers appeared to dispute the popular notion that sex offenders are incorrigible. Even among child molesters, about 18 percent had been arrested for similar offenses before, and **only 3.3 percent** of those released in 1994 were arrested again for a crime against a child.

A few, however, fit the mold of a serial pedophiles. The study documents an unidentified man who was first arrested in 1966 and continued to molest children in the 1970s and 1980s until he was sentenced to 11 years in prison, gaining release again in 1994.

These repeat sex offenders have led all 50 states to adopt laws allowing the public access to certain high-risk or serious offenders, including where they live. These "Megan's Laws" are named after 7-year-old Megan Kanka, a New Jersey girl who was raped and killed in 1994 by a child molester who moved in across the street from her house.

Most children molested by those in the Justice Department study were 13 or younger and in half the cases were the offender's son, daughter or other relative.

The study examined prison releases in 1994 from Arizona, Maryland, North Carolina, California, Michigan, Ohio, Delaware, Minnesota, Oregon, Florida, New Jersey, Texas, Illinois, New York and Virginia. The researchers did not include sex offender recidivism rates for the individual states.

On the Net:

- ☀ Bureau of Justice Statistics: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs>
- ☀ The Sentencing Project: <http://www.sentencingproject.org>
- ☀ Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network: <http://www.rainn.org>

Paedophile programmes work - study

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By RICHARD TROW

Treating paedophiles in the community significantly reduces sexual reoffending, a study shows.

This is a key finding from a Corrections Department follow-up of community-based sex offender treatment programmes run by the Safe Programme in Auckland, Wellington Stop in the capital and the Stop Trust in Christchurch.

A study by Ian Lambie, of the Auckland University psychology department, followed up 175 adult male sex offenders who had received community treatment.

Offenders who completed the programmes had a recidivism rate of **5 per cent**. In two control groups that did not receive treatment, rates were 21 per cent and 25 per cent, Wellington Stop manager Hamish Dixon said.

Dr Lambie, a specialist in forensic psychology, said the results for community-based programmes were as good as those obtained for prison-based treatment.

Though the four years of the study was a relatively short period to follow up offenders, other studies had shown that the greatest rates of reoffending occurred between two and four years after treatment.

The results showed the programmes were effective and had a positive effect on the community, Dr Lambie said. "When further sexual offending is reduced to this extent there are huge social and financial benefits to our communities, as there are fewer victims of sexual abuse in the future."

With specialist help, most adult sex offenders could be rehabilitated and integrated into the community.

The programmes are funded by several organisations, including the Corrections Department, Child, Youth and Family Services and community funding grants.

Mr Dixon said Wellington Stop, set up in 1993, was "very proud" of the success of its programmes. "We're up there with the best in the world."

5. Child sex acts 'not uncommon,' experts say

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How does a 5-year-old perform a sex act on a kindergarten classmate in a school restroom? The mere mention of last week's incident at Saginaw's Morley Elementary School leaves some adults red-faced, others aghast.

Such sexual experimentation, however, probably happens more often than people want to believe, two experts say.

It's not the first time such an incident has happened in mid-Michigan, says a Child and Family Services of Saginaw County official.

"Unfortunately, it's not uncommon," says Margie M. Bach, supervisor for the sexual assault program.

Last week, a gym teacher at Morley walked in on two 5-year-olds, with one performing a sex act on the other.

It's troublesome but not new to Bach. She has worked with families of elementary students caught in the act in coatrooms, locker rooms and restrooms.

"This isn't something that you see on Nickelodeon," Bach says. "It's not just fondling or touching. There's some physical gratification going on."

In most cases, Bach and staff assume that the child performing the sex act is a prior victim of sexual abuse.

But Michigan State University psychology professor Gary Stollak has a different view. As a clinical psychologist, he assumes that curiosity played a role.

"It's is a very powerful motive. It's something that nobody wants to talk about," says Stollak, chairman of the university's Child and Family Clinical Psychology Program. "This could have been very natural or it could have been an act of force. When you come in, you don't know the whole story."

Regardless of what happened behind the restroom door, both Bach and Stollak recommend that parents have frank talks with their children about genitalia and sexuality.

"You talk to children about looking both ways before crossing the street. You tell kids not to walk away with strangers," Bach says.

"You need to talk to kids about sexual touching."

Bach says Child and Family Services has conducted the Happy Bear Prevention Program for much of the past two decades. Last school year, close to 1,400 pupils at 63 county schools participated in the program. Morley Elementary was not among them. Such visits can help clear up questions that children may have about what they've seen or heard, Stollak says.

"Children may see their parents in these positions. That must be a very bizarre experience," he says. "We have no idea what children hear or see at night."

Bach also advises parents not to teach their children to use euphemisms such as cha-cha, who-who, thing or ding-a-ling to describe their "privates."

"We teach children to say eyeball, finger and forehead," Bach says. "They should also say penis and vagina."

Lack of research on childhood sexuality leaves academic types with no hard data on sexual experimentation.

"It's such a complicated issue and we have such limited knowledge," Stollak says.

Refusal to discuss sex and find out more about its role in childhood will only spur interest, he adds.

"If we make something taboo, children are going to find out about it," Stollak says.

"Curiosity and pleasure are natural phenomenon. All a community can (ask) is, 'Do we want to talk about this?' "

6. Attraction to younger guys

What psychology says

< <http://agetaboo.org/info/attraction.htm> >

Some adolescent and adult males are primarily attracted to boys who have not yet entered puberty, while others are mainly attracted to pubescent boys.^[*1] Some are primarily or exclusively attracted to younger males, while others are also attracted to younger females, same-age females, and/or same-age males.^[*2]

According to researchers, their feelings for younger guys frequently also include feelings of affection and feeling in love.^[*3] Men and youth attracted to younger guys may or may not act on their sexual feelings. There is evidence that many abstain from sex with younger guys, but it is unknown how many do so. According to some research, many interact with boys in a variety of non-sexual ways and sometimes develop close relationships with them.^[*4]

Studies have failed to find any evidence of elevated levels of aggression among these men and youth.^[*4] Even those who do engage in sexual activity with boys often do so with the boy's willingness, and sometimes even at his initiative. According to some researchers, the interaction frequently resembles a "love affair" in that the older male has affectionate feelings for the younger one, and will stop if he resists.^[*5, 6]

Studies show that the interaction resembles sex play more than sexual assault. The most frequent activities are cuddling, caressing, fondling, and masturbation. These facts do not necessarily make the sexual activity ethically acceptable, but do point out that it is not violent. Research shows that violence, force, and aggression are rare.^[*4, 7, 8]

However, most of society agrees that children and younger adolescents cannot meaningfully consent to sex with older ones or adults, so such activity is seen as inherently coercive and exploitive. Therefore, it is considered immoral and is illegal and seriously punishable.

No studies have been conducted to determine whether attraction to younger guys is more obsessive or addictive than attraction to peers. The few researchers who have studied such feelings among men say that they resemble straight men's feelings toward women.^[*2, 3] On the other hand, providers of sex offender treatment work under the assumption that attraction to younger people can be treated by relapse prevention methods adopted from the field of addiction recovery.^[*7]

Those researchers who have examined the thoughts and feelings of men attracted to boys report that they find both the personalities and the physical traits of boys attractive. These researchers have found that many of these men desired to give love and affection to the boys, and indicated

that a sense of emotional contact was as important as, or more important than, sexual activity. Some men believed that their sexual feelings were a natural, innate part of their constitution.^[*3]

It is unknown how many males are mainly attracted to younger males. According to one study of sexual arousal, most men are sexually attracted to underage youth, but less intensely than they are attracted to adults.^[*9] Estimates of the number of men who are preferentially attracted to underage boys come from criminological studies, and range from 0.1% to 0.5%.⁸ This puts the number of such men in the U.S. roughly between 100,000 and 500,000. However, these studies are highly unreliable since no one knows how many never act on their feelings, or if they do, how many are never reported.^[*4]

Based on a theory that attraction to underage males has a hormonal basis, a University of New Mexico researcher predicts that 7% to 10% of men are preferentially attracted to underage boys, but believes that many of them can suppress their feelings in favor of those toward adults.^[*1] If correct, this would mean that there are about 7 to 10 million such men in the U.S.

It is unknown what causes feelings of attraction for younger people; in fact, the development of heterosexual and homosexual attraction to peers is not understood.^[*7] A large number of theories involving psychoanalysis, hormonal influences, genetics, evolutionary processes, negative socialization, poor parental relationships, and childhood sexual experiences have been proposed, but most have not been tested scientifically, and none are supported by reliable evidence.^[*10]

In particular, there is no evidence to support the common belief that sexual attraction to children or adolescents in adulthood is related to childhood sexual abuse,^[*11] or to narcissism, psychosexual immaturity, low intelligence, aversion to adults, psychopathology, neurosis, or any particular disorder or personality profile.^[*4]

The sexual attraction to prepubescent children is believed to first appear during adolescence. One researcher has found evidence that it may be predetermined before puberty.^[*12] Criminological literature shows that some juvenile sex offenders are preferentially attracted to prepubescent children.^[*13] There is no literature on the appearance of sexual attraction to pubescent boys, and there are no non-criminological studies of the development of attraction to younger boys among youth.

The most common type of treatment available is that intended for sex-offenders and is provided by clinics and university departments that work in concert with the criminal justice system. The singular purpose of sex-offender treatment is to prevent re-offending. To that end, it attempts to eliminate boys' and men's sexual attraction to younger boys through behavioral methods originally developed to eliminate homosexuality—aversion therapy, covert sensitization, masturbatory satiation, and related techniques which attempt to associate feelings for boys with boredom, revulsion, fear, or physical pain.^[*4, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16]

In addition, cognitive and relapse prevention methods are used to change what is believed to be incorrect thinking, eliminate denial and minimization, promote victim empathy, develop social skills, teach control of sexual and aggressive urges, promote avoidance of tempting situations, and teach concepts about sexuality. Treatment may also involve the use of sex-drive reducing drugs.^[*7, 13, 15]

There have been many studies of the effectiveness of behavior conditioning methods (aversion therapy, etc.) to change sexual feelings. Almost all have suffered from serious methodological

shortcomings, and have led to inconsistent results. The few well-constructed studies have found little evidence that feelings of sexual attraction can be changed in this way. ^[*7, 14, 15, 16]

There are a small number of therapists and counselors, primarily in the Netherlands, who describe approaches which do not assume that feelings of attraction to boys are necessarily pathological. They instead address issues of self-understanding, the development of a positive self-concept, the maintenance of healthy relationships, and the discovery of ways of coping with one's sexuality and society's reaction to it. ^[*17, 18]

Since all research has been in the context of criminology, no information is available about the characteristics or behavior of children or adolescents in the general population who are attracted to younger boys, or of effective ways to help them. ^[*19]

Very little is actually known about men or adolescent boys' attraction to younger boys because most research is based on convicted offenders who do not represent the general population of boys and men attracted to younger boys. Cultural, political, and legal obstacles prevent the study of those who have not been convicted of a crime. ^[*4]

Furthermore, several researchers have written that the development of a knowledge base is hampered by narrow conceptual perspectives, poor methodology, imprecise or inconsistent definitions, and biased methodology based on moral beliefs rather than scientific principles. ^[*1, 10, 20, 21, 22]

Adapted from MHAMic, a site containing extensive scientific information on sexual attraction to boys.

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II. Ethics

1. What we stand for The Dutch Association MARTIJN

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

[...] MARTIJN Association fights for the social and societal acceptance of child-adult relationships. In relationships between children and adults that are experienced as pleasant, possible physical intimacy should not have to be a problem.

In relation to this physical intimacy, MARTIJN Association proposes four guidelines, namely:

- ☀ 1. Consent of both child and adult.
- ☀ 2. Openness towards the parents of the child.
- ☀ 3. Freedom for the child to withdraw from the relationship at any moment.
- ☀ 4. Harmony with the child's development.

MARTIJN Association is for the objective, scientifically verifiable truth and against political terror and discrimination. It is a platform for everyone who wants to offer a counterbalance to the dogma that children and older minors are harmed by friendships and loving intimacy with older persons.

[...] MARTIJN Association is against violence, force and dominance in relationships, stands for honesty, openness, lust and love. MARTIJN Association advises everyone to observe the law.

[...] The discussion group MARTIJN Midden-Nederland (Middle-of-Holland) is organized by MARTIJN Association. The discussion group is meant for people - members of the association or not - who feel emotionally and sexually attracted to younger persons (prepubescent and adolescent) and feel the need to talk about this with each other. Starting point of the discussion group is that it is not good to suppress feelings. It is better to find a way to deal with feelings in a sensible way. The organization sees to it that no illegal activities can be performed during the meetings.

2. CLogo's Guidelines

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

The CLogo is a 'butterfly hearts logo' which is used by many to show their solidarity with the four proposed guidelines for physical intimacy in friendships between children and adults. [...]

- ☀ 1. consent of both child and adult,
- ☀ 2. openness towards the parents of the child,
- ☀ 3. freedom for the child to withdraw from the relationship at any moment,
- ☀ 4. harmony with the child's development.

III. Research

1. Teens top child porn viewers

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Teenagers are the biggest viewers of child pornography, with a study warning of stronger evidence that offenders who download the material may be more likely to commit sex crimes against young people.

Nearly half of the 185 convicted porn users profiled in an Internal Affairs study had regular access to children, and those caught included teachers and caregivers. The youngest offender was 14.

Young people aged 15 to 20 were the single biggest demographic group, accounting for one-quarter of all child porn users tracked and caught by investigators. One-third of the 185 criminals gave their occupations as students, of which 60 per cent were studying at tertiary level.

The study warns that students and IT professionals have both greater access to computers and possess "more advanced computer skills", which could be used to mask their offending.

The study's findings follow warnings from Customs that last year saw a "massive growth" in the number and seriousness of horrific child porn intercepted by officials.

Internal Affairs assessed the backgrounds of the 185 criminals in an attempt to identify offenders and their habits. The study notes concerns at the young age of offenders and the relationship between viewing child porn and sexual offending.

"The department is concerned at the number of offenders who have placed themselves in situations where they have access to the subjects of the objectionable material they collect," it says. "This type of behaviour appears common among those with a sexual interest in children." Internal Affairs senior policy analyst David Wilson said the study's findings suggested an "association" between viewing child porn and offending against children.

Of the 185 offenders, 30 had previous convictions, including 16 for sex offences. More than 40 per cent of them were having regular contact with children or young people.

Internet Safety Group director Liz Butterfield said some teens viewing and trading child porn had been lured via the Internet by adults "grooming them" with the material.

It was imperative that anyone caught with child porn undergo sex offender treatment at an approved centre.

"When we've caught these people then there's the chance to intervene effectively and it's essential that sex offender treatment is provided, for all ages but especially for the younger ones," she said.

2. Child suicides on the decline

The Record, June 11, 2004

Suicide among American youngsters and teens fell about 25 percent in the last decade, reflecting a dramatic dropoff in gun suicides, the government said Thursday.

In fact, hanging and other forms of suffocation -- including use of belts, ropes, or plastic bags overtook self-inflicted shootings in the 1990s as the most common method of suicide among 10- to 14-year-olds, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

A specialist in adolescent medicine said new safety measures for keeping guns out of children's hands and greater acceptance of gays may have played important roles.

Sexual orientation has been a factor in many suicides among young males, said Dr. Charles Wibbelsman, chief of The Teenage Clinic of Kaiser Permanente in San Francisco.

"There are shows [concerning gays and lesbians] today that weren't on nine years ago," said Wibbelsman, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' committee on adolescents. "It's been much more 'out' and in that respect, we've saved a lot more people's lives."

The suicide rate for ages 10 to 19 fell from 6.2 deaths per 100,000 people in 1992 to 4.6 per 100,000 in 2001, the CDC said.

The number of suicides also fell in that time, from 2,151 to 1,883. The decrease in gun suicides was most dramatic among children 10 to 14, dropping from 172 in 1992 to 90 in 2001. Among those 15 to 19, deaths from self-inflicted shootings dropped from 1,251 to 838 during the same period, the CDC said.

3. Post Hoc Reasoning in Possible Cases of Child Sexual Abuse: Symptoms of Inconclusive Origins

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Abstract

This article addresses the role of psychological expert testimony in possible cases of child sexual abuse (CSA). It describes the logical conditions that must be met in order to engage validly in post hoc reasoning from present symptoms experienced by a child to the conclusion that the child has or has not been sexually abused.

The use of various stress and sexual abuse accommodation theories as support for these conclusions is examined. In addition, the practical problems of using Bayes' Theorem to inform jurors in suspected cases of CSA are described, and an actuarial model of post hoc reasoning is proposed.

Given the gaps in knowledge concerning the relevant probabilities and thus the differential probabilities of symptom/abuse versus symptom/no abuse, it is argued that it is not possible currently to reason from symptom observation at Time2 to abuse status at Time1. The implications of this thesis are explored. Finally, the valuable forensic contributions that may be made by mental health experts in cases of alleged CSA are suggested.

4. An Elaboration on Causation and Positive Cases in Child Sexual Abuse

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Abstract

Sbraga and O'Donohue (2003, this issue) argued that backward reasoning from current symptomatology to past child sexual abuse (CSA), often done by experts in court cases, is flawed in several important ways.

Backward reasoning, or postdiction, is usually based on models that assume that CSA invariably causes symptoms and that it is always negatively experienced. They demonstrated the weaknesses in these assumptions.

The present commentary expands on causation and positive reactions. Statistical research is reviewed that shows that causation cannot be safely inferred in the typical case. Prevalence of positive reactions is discussed. Case studies are presented to illuminate these issues. It is concluded that Sbraga and O'Donohue are correct in disputing postdiction in CSA and the models it is based on.

IV. Current Events

1. Judging Michael Jackson and ourselves

Cal Thomas Townhall.com, November 25, 2003

< <http://www.townhall.com/columnists/calthomas/ct20031125.shtml> >

If Michael Jackson did, in fact, as it is alleged, have sex with a minor boy, what's wrong with that? The question is not meant to be cute; I am serious. If a male child was fondled or sodomized by Michael Jackson, why shouldn't he and the boy be allowed the orientation of their choice? If you disagree, who are you to impose your morality on them?

Are you outraged by this? Do you think we have gone too far? Not far enough, some say. Yesterday's unacceptable (divorce, premarital sex, abortion, homosexuality, group sex, domestic partnerships and, soon, same-sex marriage) are today's acceptable. It's just a matter of conditioning. Groups exist that promote adult-child sex. Expect an alliance - composed of academics, theologians and cultural commentators - to ram this home through the media, crushing whatever resistance remains.

Nothing shames us. In pursuit of freedom we have embraced license and now licentiousness, throwing off all restraint.

The Abercrombie & Fitch Christmas Field Guide magazine, targeted to 10- to 13-year-olds, contains 45 specific portrayals of sexual imagery in the first 120 pages, according to Kevin McCullough, who counted them for an essay on WorldNetDaily.com. The images, he writes,

"include overt portrayals of group sex, lots of teen and young adult nudity, men kissing and teens/young adults frolicking in a river engaging in sexual activity in multiple group settings."

The company now markets thong underwear to girls between 8 and 10.

Should we be surprised when some people act on the permission the media give them? Seen those Calvin Klein underwear commercials featuring children in poses appealing to pedophiles? The early sexualization of children has produced ever-earlier sexual activity (and pregnancy) among those children.

Professional organizations are trying to catch up in the race to normalize what we once called "depravity." The American Psychiatric Association (APA), which declared homosexual practice normal, has recently entertained the notion of similarly downgrading pedophilia.

The APA's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) once contended that merely "acting upon" one's urges toward children was enough to generate a diagnosis of pedophilia (DSM-III). But in the revised DSM-IV, a person who molests a child is considered psychiatrically sick only if his actions

"caused clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational or other important areas of functioning."

That seems to mean that if the molester is OK with it and the child doesn't complain, it's healthy. It can't be wrong if it feels so right, right?

The National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH) challenged the APA's stand. Writing on NARTH's Web page (www.narth.com), Linda Ames Nicolosi notes that a different organization, American Psychological Association, has published the "Rind" study, which downplays the effects of man-boy sex.

Rind supported the "finding that quite a few of the boys remembered their childhood sexual experiences positively," she writes. The association later apologized for the study and then seemed to backpedal. But then it issued a surprisingly unscientific statement that no matter what the research might show about the psychological effects of pedophile relationships (and there is plenty of other research that shows extremely negative consequences), pedophilia remains, in its opinion, "morally wrong." Since when did science concern itself with morality?

The sexualization of children is supported by state governments, many of which mandate sex education as early as kindergarten. School nurses dispense contraceptives and abortion advice without parental knowledge or approval. Teen magazines such as Cosmo Girl and Seventeen

promote sexual activity for minor children. A British charity publishes a children's sex guide, "Say Yes, Say No, Say Maybe." It explains various positions and the excitement of intercourse. English philosopher Roger Scruton has written,

"The hysteria over pedophilia is indicative of a society that has come to the brink of self-destruction and stands there accusing the void. People reach for their old certainties: words like 'pervert' and 'perversion' suddenly seem right to them; they look round for the culprit with a view to shaming, humiliating and ostracizing him. And they recognize the vastness of the evil that is around them and within them, an evil they only imperfectly confess to."

(Published in "Modern Sex: Liberation and Its Discontents." Edited with an Introduction by Myron Magnet. Ivan R. Dee publishers, 2001, Chicago.)

It's too late for any of that now.
For some, Michael Jackson is not a pervert but a pioneer.

2. Developments in the Netherlands

By JON

As has been told in the former Newsletter, there has been a series of court cases with remarkably high sentences demanded by the prosecutor and remarkably mild sentences given by the court.

Thus, the prosecutor appealed and the story went on.

The whole story shows a development going on in the Netherlands.

Trends

We see a trend in these and in a lot of other cases. This trend has the following steps.

1. Whoever has committed an immoral act, even if its concerns not touching any real child but only downloading illegal images, will be tested by a psychiatrist and a psychologist to study his mentality. By the way, one may refuse this, but most people do not refuse.
2. Everyone who says to have pedophilic feelings will be declared to have a mental distortion, pedophilia, and often also a cognitive distortion and a distortion of the conscience, even if the tests showed not any other distortions. Especially *egosyntone* pedophilia (i.e. the person does not see his feelings as a great problem) and the absence of a sense of shame will lead to the conclusion of a severe personality disorder. In any case, treatment is seen as necessary.
3. In any case, the risk of recidivism is estimated as very high. In one case, the psychologist declared under oath that this risk was 100% in that case – which is impossible: nobody can be able to foresee human behavior with 100% certainty.
4. So, always treatment is seen as necessary. Sometimes this may be an ambulant treatment, to be started after the period of imprisonment, as a condition for the period of the parole. In other cases, the court declares that a closed clinic must give a forced treatment.
5. Once in treatment, the person is forced to change his feelings, his fantasies, his behavior and his thoughts. Who does not do this, will be declared as not treated and will be kept in the clinic. Mostly, every two years the court will see a report and an advise from the clinic. As long as the treatment is not successful, it will go on for the next two years.

6. If after four or six years the clinic reports that there is still no result of the treatment, the person will be declared untreatable and will be sent to a long stay unit, which in fact is a life long imprisonment.

Two cases

In one of the cases, the reports said that the man was “a normal man in every respect”, except his pedophilic feelings, which made him nevertheless have a severe personality disorder. The man had one charge of sexual abuse of a boy. Still, no forced treatment was advised. But before the court, both ‘experts’ changed their advise and declared under oath that the risk of recidivism was “towering” and “100%”, and that forced treatment in a clinic was necessary.

This was in front of the Court of Appeal. The lower court had not convicted the man to a forced treatment, and he already was accepted by an ambulant institute for treatment, but the Court of Appeal convicted the man to a higher sentence and to forced treatment.

In another case, a man was *not* convicted to forces treatment in a clinic. He only had to follow the instructions of his probation officer. This officer declared him dangerous for society, went to the civil court, and demanded that the man should be sent to a clinic because he was dangerous and mentally ill. A psychiatrist had declared the same. The law allows a judge to sent such a person to a clinic for forced treatment. Because there was still no place in the clinic, specific for moral offenders, he had to wait in the closed section of a psychiatric hospital – without any treatment, except lust-diminishing pills. Thus: *not* convicted to forced treatment by the criminal judge, he nevertheless has been forced to such a treatment according to civil law.

In Dutch, we have a proverb, borrowed from Multatuli’s famous book, which reads:

Barbertje must hang.

3. Quotes from some articles about Mary Kay Letourneau

Letourneau Set Free, Ex-Student Wants Her

By REBECCA COOK, April 8, 2004

GIG HARBOR, Wash. (AP) - Mary Kay Letourneau, the teacher convicted for having sex with a sixth-grade student, was released from prison Wednesday, and her 21-year-old victim quickly sought to get back together with her.

Vili Fualaau is challenging a court order that bars Letourneau from contacting him as part of her child rape sentence. He says he is an adult and can pick his own friends, especially the mother of his two children. [...]

Letourneau, 42, slipped out of prison quietly after midnight and was met by a crowd that included dozens of media outlets and a group of rowdy teenage boys waving signs that said "I'm 18, Baby!" and "Take Me Home."

Letourneau was a 34-year-old elementary school teacher in suburban Des Moines and an unhappily married mother of four in 1996, when she began having sex with the sixth-grader. [...] When Letourneau was arrested in 1997, she was already pregnant with Fualaau's daughter. Though she professed her love for the boy, a judge sentenced her to six months in jail for second-degree child rape, and ordered her to stay away from him.

A month after Letourneau was released, she was caught having sex with Fualaau in her car. She was sent to prison for 7½ years, and gave birth to Fualaau's second daughter behind bars. Letourneau's two daughters with Fualaau are now 6 and 7. [...]

The sentencing order has allowed Letourneau to have contact with her children by Fualaau. Letourneau has said she would consider having more children with him. [...]

"Nothing could have kept the two of them apart," said Seattle attorney Anne Bremner, who struck up a friendship with Letourneau in 2002 and spoke to her recently by phone. "She's always said this love is eternal and endless, and I think she stands by that."

[...] That Fualaau and Letourneau would want to get together was no surprise to some who know her well.

"She has a personal need to get back together with him to prove to the world this is a love story and not a crime story," said Gregg Olsen, who wrote a book about Letourneau's case. "Part of Mary Letourneau will never let go of this love."

Fualaau told People magazine recently that he would like to reunite with Letourneau, but wants to take things slowly. [...]

"I don't know what my feelings are right now," Fualaau told KING-TV in Seattle on Tuesday, acknowledging he was "kind of nervous."

"But I know that I do love her," he said.

Letourneau may also want to tell her own story. A state appeals court ruled in 2000 that Letourneau may sell and profit from her story.

Teacher's Lover at 12 Still Loves Her

By Sue Fleming, 21 August 2004, Reuters

Now an adult, the former 12-year-old lover of Mary Kay Letourneau said on Thursday he still loved his ex-teacher and hoped they could be reunited now that she was out of prison. Letourneau, 42, left prison in Washington state on Wednesday after serving seven years for raping her sixth-grade student, Vili Fualaau, with whom she had two children.

In an interview with NBC's "Today" show, Fualaau, who is now 21, said he still loved Letourneau and had asked the judge to lift a lifetime "no contact" order so the two could be reunited. "I can't be fully happy without her," said Fualaau. Asked whether even after not seeing her for seven years, he was still in love with Letourneau, Fualaau said: "Yes I am."

Their affair, begun when Letourneau was 34 and Fualaau just 12, shocked the world and sparked a barrage of media coverage, including books and a television film. Fualaau has denied he was a victim and said the two were "separated without choice."

[...]

Fualaau said he constantly thought about what it would be like to see Letourneau again.

"What am I going to say? Am I going to hug her first, am I going to say something nice? Say something romantic? Is she going to run to me or who is going to run to who?" he said. "I want to see who she is and if she is still the same person I fell in love with," he added.

Fualaau's mother has custody of their two children, who were allowed frequent contact with Letourneau in prison. Fualaau said he realized people were cynical about their relationship and said he was often urged to go out and meet girls his own age.

"People say there are a lot of other girls out there ... but other relationships have not made me happy," he said. Asked whether he thought the relationship with Letourneau had been worth it, he replied: "I don't know yet. There's still more to come."

Letourneau engaged to 21-year-old former student

http://courttv.com/people/2004/1012/letourneau2_cnn.html

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SEATTLE, Washington (CNN) — Mary Kay Letourneau, the former schoolteacher jailed for more than seven years for having sex with a 13-year-old student, says she and the now-grown former student are engaged to be married.

LeTourneau, appearing Monday night on "Larry King Live," also said that, at the time, she didn't know that having sex with a sixth-grader was a felony. LeTourneau was 34 when the relationship began, in 1996.

The former student, Vili Fualaau, is now 21. LeTourneau is the mother of his two children.

[...] The former schoolteacher made international headlines when she was arrested not once but twice for her relationship with the underage boy. After her first arrest, LeTourneau pleaded guilty to second-degree child rape and was sentenced to six months in jail.

With credit for time served and good behavior, LeTourneau was released early but ordered not to have contact with the boy.

Just weeks later, a police officer came upon the pair in a parked car. A judge reimposed LeTourneau's original 89-month sentence.

[...] She [...] said that she and Fualaau, from the beginning of their relationship, have always shared "a deep spiritual oneness."

"We had a really compatible sense of humor," she said. "And just our perspective on life ..."

LeTourneau, who told King she hopes to begin working with incarcerated women, said she believes her life had been "blessed."

"I'm healthy," she said. "My children are healthy. And I still have a mother. And I come from a very loving family. And I have Vili."

**4. Quotes from
Women as "Rapists" and "Pedophiles":
Why Mary Letourneau served more time in prison than the average male convicted of
murder**

Michael Kuehl, 2004

[The article is in full in Ipce's Library 3]

William F. Buckley reminisces about a dinner in Monaco with Prince Ranier and David Niven:

"Waiting for the first course to arrive, David Launched into an autobiographical account of his seduction at age 15 by an accomplished lady of the night. The words spoken were lightly ribald, amusing, evocative. Before the second course was served, the prince was a rollicking companion..."

(William F. Buckley, "10 Friends," *Forbes FYI*, Fall 2000, p. 138.)

Obviously, in telling this "ribald" and "rollicking" tale, Niven didn't think of himself as a "victim" of "rape" or "child sexual abuse." Nor did Buckley, Ranier, or anyone else, male or female, think any such thing. Nor, apparently, did Buckley and the editors of *Forbes FYI* think any such thing in 2000, when this article was published. And indeed, even today, many people would react like the prince or with a more subdued amusement.

But if Niven were alive today and had "launched" into this "autobiographical account" as the guest speaker at a convention of "mental health professionals," social workers, police investigators, victim's advocates, prosecutors, and judges, virtually no one would be "rollicking," or even mildly amused. At best or worst, there might be some nervous laughter concealed by hands over mouths.

Almost to a man, and especially woman, poor David would be viewed as a "victim" of "child sexual abuse," and his delight in telling this story would be attributed to "denial" and/or "male socialization." The virtually unanimous response would be indignation, for many even rage, directed at the "rapist" and especially a society that could brainwash a "victim" and "survivor" into believing he enjoyed a heinous and life-destroying violation.

If Niven's joyous "rite of passage" or "coming of age" had occurred in America today and was reported to the authorities, the "accomplished lady of the night" would be sentenced to anywhere from 6-months in county jail, if lucky, to 10-20 years in prison.

At sentencing, prosecutors and psychiatrists would compare his trauma to that of people who've experienced warfare, torture, vicious beatings, dog attacks, gruesome car accidents, and internment in concentration camps. The woman would be classified as a deviant and compelled to undergo "sex-offender treatment" as well as register with the police for 20 years if not the rest of her life so people could be notified that a "convicted sex offender" is living in their community or neighborhood. [...]

But well before 1996, amongst large and influential segments of our ruling elites and governing classes, a consensus had emerged that sex between women and underaged teenage males was a grave crime that devastated and "traumatized" the "victim."

Many people, especially men, may still attach "little stigma to a relationship between an underaged boy and an adult woman," but not those with the power to ruin lives and massively influence public opinion: the zealots, charlatans, ignoramuses, and paltry inquisitors of the "child

sexual abuse industry," and, consequently, most politicians, journalists, newspaper editors, pundits, police officers, prosecutors, and judges.

In the 1980s and early 1990s, of course, CSA victimologists had other demons, largely chimerical, to exorcise. Remember McMartin, Bakersfield, Jordan, MN, the Kelly Michaels case, "Little Rascals," the Amirault case, El Paso, Country Walk, Wenatchee, WA, etc.

The "ritual sex-abuse hoax," the "mass-molestation" daycare and "sex-ring" cases, the "recovered memory" insanity - now that all of this has been "discredited," exposed as fantasy and hysteria to all but the most deluded and irrational "true believers," the "child sexual abuse industry" has redirected its fanaticism, enormous power, vast fortune, and inquisitorial cruelty to uprooting the pandemic evil of what was once called "statutory rape," with a growing emphasis on consensual sex between adult women and underaged teenage males. And since the Letourneau hysteria, the media has served as an agent of victimology propaganda, just as it did while covering McMartin and similar outrages during the 1980s.

Carol Tavris summarizes, only somewhat satirically, a dogma of the "child sexual abuse industry":

"Teenagers, whom we all know have no sexual feelings of any kind until they are 16 (at which time they magically become mature adults), are incapable of wishing to have sexual relations, so if they do have sexual relations before age 16, said relations must be oppressive, traumatic, and coerced."

(Carol Tavris, "The Uproar Over Sexual Abuse Research and its Findings," *Society*, May/June 2000, p. 15.)

Tavris is wrong about one thing. Increasingly, the magical age is now 18. For purposes of sexual autonomy and volition, a "child" is any "minor" from an infant in her cradle to a teenage criminal one day short of his 18th birthday. Then, magically, as the clock strikes 12AM on their 18th birthdays, "children" metamorphose into "adults."

To quote Rind et al. in *The Skeptical Inquirer*:

"...Who is a 'child'? CSA came to include any kind of sexual encounter between a minor under eighteen and someone five or more years older. And what is 'abuse'? Victimologists began with rape and incest, but then stretched definitions of CSA to include non-contact episodes (e.g., flashing), sex between children of differing ages, and episodes of mature adolescents willingly participating in sex with older teens or adults. Yet they maintained that all these encounters were traumatizing, using dramatic analogies such as slavery, head-on car crashes, being mauled by a dog, and torture to convey their belief about CSA's nature."

CSA victimologists and their dupes believe that

- ✱ (a) CSA causes harm,
- ✱ (b) this harm is pervasive in the population of persons with a history of CSA,
- ✱ (c) this harm is likely to be intense, and
- ✱ (d) *CSA is an equivalent experience for boys and girls in terms of its widespread and intensely negative effects*
(emphasis added)."

The media has created

"the image that CSA produces intensely negative effects for all of its victims" and "some have attempted to explain much or all of adult psychopathology as a consequence of CSA."
 (Bruce Rind, Robert Bauserman, and Philip Tromovitch, "A Meta-Analytic Examination of Assumed Properties of Child Sexual Abuse Using College Samples," *Psychological Bulletin*, 1998, Vol. 124, p. 22.)

For debunking such idiocies in their infamous *Psychological Bulletin* article, i.e., for telling the truth and living in the real world and getting the facts straight, Rind et al. were officially condemned by the United States Congress.

Differentiating between pubescents and young children and between males and females - e.g., contrasting the incestual rape of a 5-year-old girl with "the willing sexual involvement of a mature 15-year-old adolescent boy with an unrelated adult"...(Rind., p. 23.) - was "perhaps the researchers most inflammatory finding (Tavris)."

Victimologists of the right as well as the left were also outraged by their contention that boys are innately different from girls and thus far more likely to react positively to sexual encounters with adults -with "Dr. Laura" and her ilk viewing this distinction as an insidious endorsement of homosexual exploitation of male adolescents.

Unlike the unjustly maligned Rind et al. study, Harris Mirkin's notorious article (for which he almost lost his job at the University of Missouri-Kansas City) is full of leftist nonsense, fashionable and unfashionable, harmless and harmful. Nonetheless, he accurately describes the bizarre and pernicious dogmas of CSA victimologists:

"In the same way as adolescents are merged with little children, all sexual activity is equated with violent or coerced activity. Issues of control in the sexual area are treated differently from those in other areas. Pubescents and adolescents are usually thought of as hard to control, and attempts to mold their behavior and initiate them into legal and enjoyable adult activities are considered valuable.

However, in the sexual area these assumptions are reversed. It is asserted that they are easily controlled, and they are conceptualized as little children who have no sexual desire of their own and can only be passive victims. According to the dominant formulas the youth are always seduced. They are never considered partners or initiators or willing participants even if they are the hustlers...

It is argued that they cannot give consent, that they cannot enjoy sex even if they think that they do, and that they suffer physical and psychological harm even if they are not aware of it. Contradictory symptoms (like heightened or reduced sexual desire) are attributed to childhood sexual experiences. All future evils will be attributed to past experiences of child abuse, while all future good things that are done will be attributed to overcoming the effects of child abuse, incest, or molestations...

Moreover, harmful effects that come from social attitudes towards intergenerational sex are confounded with harmful effects that come from the acts themselves."

(Harris Mirkin, "The Pattern of Sexual Politics: Feminism, Homosexuality, and Pedophilia," ipceweb/Library, 6-6-2003, p. 9.)

What he means, of course, is that "harmful effects" induced by negative "attitudes towards intergenerational sex" are attributed to the "acts themselves."

The belief that children have no sexual feelings and are "traumatized" for life by even a single act of nonaggravated molestation is demonstrably false even when applied to prepubescent children. Nonetheless, apart from a lunatic fringe, nobody is advocating the legalization of sex between adults and prepubescent children. Thus it's imperative to clearly distinguish between young children and pubescent teenagers and, just as importantly, between males and females.

It can't be emphasized often or strongly enough that when victimologists argue that "children" are "incapable of wishing to have sexual relations," "cannot give consent," are always "traumatized," and the like, they're referring not only to biological children but also to pubescent teenagers, and to male as well as female adolescents, and to male teenagers who have sex with women as well as homosexuals. And that is why their ideas are so preposterous, irrational, stupid, delusional, and malignant.

*Almost everything I'll say from now on
applies exclusively to sex between women and young men under statutory age.*

Such dogmas are espoused with fanatical unconditionality, wholesale denial of the realities of age and intrinsic sexual differentiation, obliviousness to facts and circumstances, an inability or refusal to make intelligent, rational, objective, and pellucid distinctions. Thus it doesn't matter if the "victim" is a male and the "victimizer" a female. It doesn't matter if the "child" is as old as 16 or 17; it doesn't matter if he's "sexually-active," if he's had sex 39 or 139 times before with 6 or 16 different partners; it doesn't matter if he insists he's not a "victim" and that the intrigue was "positive" and "rewarding."

It doesn't matter if he's the initiator, the predator, the aggressor, even to the point of assaulting the woman -as in the actual case of Melissa Bittner. It doesn't even matter if he initiated the affair by raping the woman - as in the actual case of Cassandra Sorenson-Grohall. Even a punk who rapes his teacher is "incapable of wishing to have sexual relations," not even with the woman he assaulted, and "said relations must be oppressive, traumatic, and coerced" -for him! Even a punk who rapes his teacher is a "victim" of "sexual assault" and "child sexual abuse"!

Since reality doesn't conform to victimologist tenets, harm must be invented. The trauma of victims and deviance of abusers must be willed and imagined. Reality must be tortured and mutilated to fit the procrustean bed of victimology theory. Because words are used in a moral and ideological sense, facts are irrelevant and language is perverted to create a fantasy world in which reality is not only distorted but turned on its head.

Since the language of violence, brutality, coercion, abuse, and perversion is used to describe consensual, usually caring, relationships, and since male adolescents are conflated with little girls, the understandable hatred of men who rape and molest young children is projected upon adult women who have love affairs and "one-night stands" with virile teenage males under age 18.

Since definitions and judgements are disconnected from objective reality, the women are always "predators" and "manipulators" even when their "victims" are the predators and manipulators. The "victim" is always "seduced" by the woman even if he's the aggressor and initiator.

The women are vilified as "pedophiles" and "child molesters" for having sex with teenage males as old as 16 and 17 who might be 6',4" with 10-inch penises and outweigh their "abusers" by 50-

150 pounds. They're described as "rapists" and perpetrators of "sexual assault" when there's obviously no "use or threat of force or violence" to secure compliance and their definitional "victims" are perfectly willing and knowing participants. Most insanely, both in the media and under the law, the women are guilty of "rape" and "sexual assault" even when they're raped and sexually assaulted by their theoretical "victims." As we'll see, I'm talking about actual cases, not hypothetically.

Pedophilia:

Anyone with even a cursory knowledge of the subject knows that a pedophile is a man (or male adolescent) with a sexual fixation on young and prepubescent children.

[...] Increasingly, "pedophilia" is defined as sex between adults and "children" (i.e., "minors" under age 18). Only those who use this absurd definition - and who also believe that men and women are exactly the same in their sexual urges and proclivities - could brand such women "pedophiles."

If adults are "pedophiles" for having sex with teenage "minors" as old as 16 or 17, then an 18-year-old girl is a "pedophile" for having sex with a 17-year-old male who seduced her! I'm sure that even the worst fanatics, if cornered in an argument, would insist that they don't believe anything so ridiculous. But if so, then at what magical age does an adult become a "pedophile" for having sex with teenage "minors" as old as 16 and 17: 20, 21, 24, 27, 29? And what's the magical age for the "victim"? Is a 24-year-old female who has sex with a 17-year-old male a "pedophile," but not a 21-year-old who has sex with a 16-year-old, or vice versa.

Or let's apply the age-disparities of 4 or 5 years typically used by CSA victimologists. If 5 years, then a 22-year-old adult female who has sex with a 17-year-old male is a "pedophile," but not a 21-year-old man who has sex with a 17-year-old girl. If 4 years, then a 20-year-old is a "pedophile" for having sex with a 16-year-old but not for having sex with a 17-year-old. Such nonsensical arbitrariness and "hairsplitting" is unavoidable when one defines "pedophilia" as consensual sex between adults and teenaged "minors."

Moreover, even if a woman has sexual contact with a young child, she isn't necessarily a "pedophile" under the APA definition. In fact, it's debatable if a woman can even be a "pedophile" under this definition.

Child Molestation:

"Child molester" evokes images of "dirty old men" lewdly fondling little children. The term connotes a violation of purity and innocence, an exploitation of impotence and vulnerability, physically and psychologically, the abuse of the weak and small by the large and powerful.

But in affairs between women and underaged teenage males, the "child" is almost invariably bigger, stronger, more aggressive, more lascivious, more physically intimidating, than the adult. For this reason alone, it's ludicrous to describe such acts as "child molestation." And so, too, with "child sexual abuse"!

Child sexual abuse:

First, pubescent teenage males are not children but young men and, secondly, unless the woman uses sex as an instrument of vengeance and humiliation, exactly how is he "sexually abused."

- ✳ Exactly how is he "sexually abused" by coitus and vaginal penetration?
- ✳ How is he "traumatized" and devastated by jamming his penis into a woman's vagina and thrusting until he ejaculates inside her?
- ✳ Exactly how is he "abused" by sex that he initiated?
- ✳ Exactly how is he "abused" when he's had sex many times before - simply because the woman is an adult instead of a underage girl of comparable age?
- ✳ Exactly how is he "abused" by sex that he finds "rewarding" and "positive" and intensely pleasurable?

[...]

It should also be emphasized that they're referring to young boys as well as pubescent teenagers, and to male children and adolescents who've had sexual experiences with homosexuals as well as adult woman. If such research were limited to male teenagers under age 18 who had consensual sex with adult females, the "victims'" reactions would be almost exclusively positive.

Rape:

First, unless one believes that teenage males have the mentality of young children, the sex is consensual. In defining "consent" under the law, the question is not whether young men under age 18 are as sexually mature as Mike Tyson or William Jefferson Clinton. The question is whether they know what they're doing when they have sex with adult females.

Likewise, when punishing teenage criminals under age 18, the question is not whether the average 15-year-old is as mature as the average 20- or 25-year-old. The question is whether they're old and mature enough to form the *mens rea* or criminal intent to murder, assault, rape, steal, etc.; whether they know what they're doing, legally and morally, when they commit violent felonies. And in every state and jurisdiction, teenage males ages 14-17 are routinely "waived into adult court" for committing murders, assaults, robberies, violent rapes, etc. (In many jurisdictions, even children as young as 12 and 11 and 10 can be prosecuted as adults.) But even if they aren't "waived into adult court," the law still assumes that teenagers under age 18 are old and mature enough to form the criminal intent to commit murder and other serious transgressions.

Clearly, if teenage "minors" are old and mature enough to form the *mens rea* or criminal intent to perpetrate violent crimes, then they're old and mature enough to consent to or initiate sex with adult females. If they know what they're doing, legally and morally, when they murder and rape and rob and break into homes, then they know what they're doing when they have sex with women.

Victimologists are scandalized when defenders of Mary Letourneau note the Vili was exceptionally mature for his age; that he was pubescent at age 10 and, though only 13 when their love was consummated, acted more like a 16- or 17-year-old; and that he was the aggressor, hounding Mary for sex and forcing himself on her the first time they had intercourse.

[...] Also, when the "victim" is the aggressor, the issue of consent relates to the passive and receptive actor. Vili didn't consent to sex with Mary. Since he was the aggressor, she consented to sex with him after he forced himself on her the first time they had intercourse. And how can a teenage male be "raped" by sex that he initiated?

Lastly, since women don't have penises, they can't rape men and boys in the pure sense of that word. [...] Also, males can rape men and boys, but females can't rape women and girls. [...]

Contrary to the law and its "gender neutrality," androgynous fantasies notwithstanding, for an underaged teenage girl to be penetrated by an adult male is not the same thing as an underaged teenage male penetrating an adult female. And the impregnation of an underaged teenage girl by an adult male is not the same thing as an underaged teenage male impregnating an adult woman. Only the female, whatever her age, experiences the vulnerability of penetration and possible impregnation. In this sense, the experience of an adult woman who is penetrated by a teenage male under statutory age is identical to that of an underaged teenage girl who is penetrated by adult male.

Obviously, Mary didn't penetrate and impregnate Vili; he penetrated and impregnated her. No teenage male ever got pregnant from having sex with an adult female. The most harmful effect of what was once called "statutory rape" - the impregnation of millions of underaged teenage girls by adult men since, let us say, the advent of the "sexual revolution" in the early 1960's - obviously doesn't apply to coitus between women and underaged teenage males. But, legally, the "victim" is "raped" and "assaulted" by penetrating, and possibly impregnating, the "criminal"!

[...]

What an odd sex crime:

- ☀ in which the sex is fully consensual;
- ☀ in which the "victim" is nearly always bigger, stronger, more aggressive, more physically intimidating;
- ☀ in which the "victim" is often if not usually the aggressor, the initiator, the predator;
- ☀ in which the "victim" penetrates, and occasionally impregnates, the "victimizer";
- ☀ in which the "victim" enjoys the sex far more than the "criminal";
- ☀ in which he derives more intense satisfaction, physically and psychologically, from the *actus reus* than the "predator" who supposedly "abused" and "exploited" him for purposes of "sexual gratification";
- ☀ in which the "victim" is the envy of his peers and the *actus reus* is the realization of almost every teenage male's fantasy;
- ☀ in which the theory of "abuse" is the reality of joyous affirmation;
- ☀ in which a fantasy of "trauma" compared to warfare and similar horrors is in fact the most pleasurable and wonderful experience of a young man's life.

How much of this applies to sex between men and underage adolescent girls?

Categorizing teenage males who have sex with adult woman as "victims" of "rape" and "child sexual abuse" - especially if they're as old as 16 or 17, are the aggressors and/or "sexually-active," etc. - is victimology at its most detestable and ridiculous.

Contending that male youths under statutory age are "devastated" and "traumatized" for life by having consensual sex with adult females is as preposterous as arguing that they're traumatized by having consensual sex with underage girls of comparable age. How is the act any different, physically and psychologically, simply because the woman he penetrates is an adult and a little or much older?

To argue that a teenage male only thinks he enjoys having sex with an older woman because of "male socialization" is like arguing that men only think they enjoy having sex with their wives and girlfriends because of male socialization.

Once again, how is the act any different, profoundly and qualitatively, simply because the woman is 5 or 10 or 20 years older? Maintaining that male teenagers under statutory age are too young and innocent to consent to or initiate sex with adult women is like arguing that teenagers under 18 are too young and innocent to form the *mens rea* to commit murder, aggravated assault, muggings, violent rape. And words are inadequate to describe the insanity and odiousness of equating male pubescents who have consensual sex with adult females with the victims of slavery, torture, warfare, sadistic beatings, vicious dog attacks, gruesome car accidents, internment in concentration camps.

Pity poor Dan Savage, a CSA "survivor" who was "raped" as a "child" by both a man and a woman. He describes the "traumatization," the devastation of his life, the "scars" that will last until the day he dies:

"Why is this controversial? Speaking as a survivor of CSA at fourteen with a twenty-two-year-old woman; sex at fifteen with a thirty-year-old man - I can back the researchers up; I was not traumatized by these technically illegal sexual encounters; indeed, I initiated them and cherish their memory. It's absurd to think that what I did at fifteen would be considered "child sexual abuse," or lumped together by lazy researchers with the incestuous rape of a five-year-old girl." ("Savage Love," July 29, 1999)

"If She were a Man"

But, lamentably, tens of millions of people, including judges and prosecutors, believe all or most of this grotesque nonsense. And many others, motivated by ambition or cowardice or whatever, pretend to believe it so as to be "politically correct."

The orthodox feminist-liberal position on "female statutory rape" is simply an expression of a mindless and repellent androgyny - "the awful, fanatical compulsion to perfect interchangeable sexes," to quote William F. Buckley - in interaction with the crusade against rape and child sexual abuse; the fusion of two sacred feminist/left-liberal causes: child saving (especially from sexual abuse) and sexual egalitarianism. If, rudimentary physical differences apart, men and women and boys and girls are exactly the same, then consensual sex between women and underage teenage males is exactly the same as consensual sex between men and underage teenage girls.

Thus, as a moral imperative, female "statutory rapists" must be treated the same under the law and subjected to the same condemnation as male "statutory rapists." If men (some of them, that is, a tiny fraction of those who actually commit "statutory rape") are sentenced to prison for having sex with underage teenage girls, then women must be sentenced to prison for having sex with underage teenage males and, ideally, the average female offender must receive as harsh a sentence as the average or comparable male offender. Such women must be jailed and imprisoned for the same reason that women (including the mothers of infants and toddlers) must be subjected to the horror and savagery of combat: the religion of equality and fantasy of sameness.

Then we have the "masculists" (the victimologists of the "men's movement") and their pro-male "equity feminist" sympathizers.

Fundamentally, these ideologues espouse the same tenets and goals and values as orthodox feminists, namely, environmental determinism and sexual egalitarianism, and support 80-90% of the "mainstream" feminist agenda. In respect to victimology, however, "masculists" turn feminist ideology on its head.

[...] Consequently, they're obsessed with debunking the "myth" of "female moral superiority"; obsessed with turning men into angels and victims and women into devils and victimizers, obsessed with minimizing the depravity and violence of males and inflating the depravity and violence of females. And since "masculists" believe that women are as disposed to "rape" and "pedophilia" as males, they're obsessed with exposing what they perceive as the grave and hidden and pandemic evil of women's sexual criminality, especially the victimization of men and boys by female "rapists" and "child molesters."

Just as orthodox feminists depict women as an "oppressed class," so "masculists" present a "mirror image" of males. Men, far more than women, are the victims of "sexism" and discrimination. And given their fantasies of pervasive victimization, the criminal justice system is seen by "masculists" as an instrument of anti-male oppression and persecution. Police, prosecutors, and judges, male and female, are driven by "misandry" (hatred of men), double standards, and anti-male prejudice.

Granted, there's an element of veracity in such perceptions and accusations, especially as to the motives of feminist authorities. Generally, however, nothing could be further from the truth.

As I'll demonstrate, this paranoid indictment is based on

- ☀ misogynist emotionalism,
- ☀ dogged myopia,
- ☀ extreme selectivity,
- ☀ almost total imperviousness to contradictory facts, and
- ☀ the fantasy that men and women and boys and girls are exactly the same except for the plumbing and architecture of our bodies.

[...] It's true that of millions of men who commit "statutory rape," a infinitesimal fraction are given outrageously draconian sentences of 20-30 years in prison. Given the inveterate dishonesty of activists and propagandists, the misogynist fanatics of the "men's movement" and "pro-male" feminists like Cathy Young and her ilk juxtapose and contrast these rare punishments with those of women who receive probation and short jail terms.

The implication, of course, is that men are routinely crucified and women routinely "coddled" for committing the "same crime" under equivalent circumstances. Ironically, judges are now accused of anti-male "sexism" and "gender-bias" for giving women the same penalties they impose on men convicted of "statutory rape" and, even more ironically, for giving women harsher penalties than other judges impose on male "statutory rapists"! Obviously, the same rhetorical trick can be played by contrasting the draconian sentences of women with the indulgent sentences of males.

Such ignorance is widespread, however, as the inverted feminism of "masculists" and their supporters permeates our culture and insidiously pollutes the air we breath. Growing numbers of people are influenced and/or intimidated by their propagandistic exaggerations, lies, distortions, half-truths, and delusions of male victimization.

For judges and prosecutors, tactically as well as morally and ideologically, harshly punishing a female who transports a male youth to sexual nirvana demonstrates that "statutory rape" and "child sexual abuse" laws are being applied in an "equal" and "gender-neutral fashion" and defuses charges of "misandry" and "double standards" and anti-male discrimination. Consequently, many women who have sex with young men under statutory age now receive longer and more punitive sentences than virtually all men convicted of "statutory rape."

And for all the reasons above - which are purely ideological, moral, and emotional and have nothing to do with "protecting society" and underaged teenage males from any objective danger - many nonviolent, first-offending, harmless, and even innocent women convicted of "statutory rape" are now punished far more severely than millions of violent, dangerous, and recidivist male criminals sentenced over the last 30-40 years: men convicted of aggravated assault, muggings, armed robbery, gang shootings, burglary, weapons violations, violent rape, the sexual assault of young children, even murder.

"Men's rights activists" and millions of other people, male and female, were outraged by Mary Letourneau's initial sentence.

☀ "If she were a man, she'd be hanging from a tree by her private parts."

☀ "If she were a man, she would get 30 years."

☀ "If she were a man," ad nauseum.

In fact, even Mary's initial sentence of 6-months in jail was longer than those of myriads of men convicted of "statutory rape" and even child molestation - to say nothing of many other felonies.

[... The author mentions several cases ...]

But all those "equity feminists" and "masculists" and other ignoramuses who were so outraged by Mary Letourneau's initial 6-month jail sentence aren't the least bothered by Mason's misdemeanor plea bargain and sentence of 200-hours of "community service" (which I doubt he even fully served -if at all). Or wouldn't be so if they knew about it. And, unlike Mary Letourneau, I don't recall anyone branding him a "rapist" and "pedophile." [...]

Apparently, he didn't even serve a day in county jail. Not surprisingly, Cathy Young didn't write any articles decrying this or the Mason case nor will anyone find the names of Stevenson and Mason on any of the hundreds of "men's movement" websites.

But why, if they're so disturbed by sex between adults and underage adolescents? For every women who's "coddled" for satiating the lust of a virile young man under statutory age, there are dozens of cases like those of Anthony Mason, Rob Lowe, DeShawn Stevenson, the Manhattan teacher mentioned by "Judge Judy," and the late Michael Kennedy, who wasn't even arrested for having sex with his 14-year-old babysitter.

Given the trends and forces above, it's entirely possible that the average woman convicted of loving and/or pleasing a male "youth" is now punished more harshly than the average man convicted of "statutory rape." But even if women on average are punished less harshly, it's nonetheless true that men are overwhelmingly the beneficiaries of judicial clemency in "statutory rape" cases.

And that's only half the story. Proportionally, few men who commit "statutory rape" are even arrested.

[...]

Thus, each year, approximately half a million girls under statutory age are impregnated by adult males. And what percentage of girls who have sex with adult males are impregnated? It's impossible to know, of course, though it's reasonable to assume that only a large minority are

impregnated. If so, then over a million underage girls have sex with adult males each year and are thus the "victims" of "statutory rape."

Obviously, a large minority of adult males who have sex with girls under "statutory age" are multiple offenders with several "victims." Just as obviously, however, large numbers of adult homosexuals have sex with teenage males under "statutory age." So, at the very least, roughly a million adult males commit "statutory rape" each year, and tens of millions have committed "statutory rape" since the advent of "sexual revolution" in the 1960s.

And how many of these, in both percentage and overall numbers, were arrested, prosecuted, and convicted? And of those who were convicted, what percentage and number received a sentence of 7½ years in prison or longer? 1 out of a 100?

Imagine if, over the last 7 or 8 years, half of the men who committed "statutory rape" were convicted and punished as harshly as Mary Letourneau. If so, the male inmate population would be approximately 6 million rather than 2 million, and roughly 2/3 of male convicts would be imprisoned for "statutory rape"!

Nor is such leniency, such "coddling," limited to "statutory rape" - i.e., *de facto* consensual sex between men and underage adolescents. In Wisconsin, as I'll show **in a separate section**, men are routinely afforded leniency for molesting children age 12 and younger. And so, too, in other states.

[... The author mentions several cases ...]

Nationally, an exhaustive study of the last 30-40 years would uncover myriads of such cases involving male perpetrators - many as egregious as those above. Why aren't "equity feminists" and "masculists" outraged by such cases? Or are they merely ignorant of the prosecution of "statutory rape" and child molestation cases involving men?

Let's end this section with the case of the nefarious kisser from McMinnville, Oregon.

[... Description of the case ...]

For allegedly kissing a 15-year-old punk - a heinous crime she might not have even committed, given when the "victim" made his shocking accusation - this woman was punished more harshly than myriads of men convicted of "statutory rape" and even child molestation!

[... The author mentions several cases of murder and the convictions in those cases ...]

And Mary Letourneau will spend a full 8-years of her life in a cage like an animal. [...]

Thus Mary Letourneau will serve over twice as much time in prison as the average man convicted of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault in the early 1990s, and almost twice as much time in prison as the average man convicted of such acts of violence in the middle 1990s! And, to repeat, this is when most states finally resolved to "get tough" on crime.

[...]

And Mary Letourneau was sentenced to 7½ years in prison with no chance of parole for "falling in love" with a juvenile who hounded her for sex and forced himself on her the first time they

had intercourse. For being in love with Vili and wanting to marry him and raise their two daughters together, she'll serve far more time in prison than the average male convicted of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter! [...]

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