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A lack of research currently exists on the public perception of female sex offenders and the implications this societal view may have for the future of female sex offender research and understanding. This study aims to explore the public perception of female sex offenders by examining multiple different online news outlet sites. News articles from Reddit, Penn Live, CBC News, SF Gate The New York Post, The East Bay Times, Arkansas Online News, The Sun U.K., Mercury News, 13 WHO TV Channel 13 News, and Fox News were located by searching keywords in the Google search engine. Using a qualitative coding method, 932 comments were collected and analyzed for their theme or subject matter. Six themes were uncovered from comments:

sexualization of the offender, victim shaming/blaming, insensitive humor, double standards, victim gender, and denunciation of the offender. The results of the study confirm the initial hypothesis that the public expresses misunderstandings about female sex offenders through a high volume of victim shame/blame comments.

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Chapter 1

THE PROBLEM STATEMENT

## **THE PROBLEM STATEMENT**

News outlets and media sites reflect the misunderstandings and incorrect public perceptions of female sex offenders and their ability to harm communities. News and social media sites fail to represent women as true offenders who greatly instill trauma into their victims. Female sex offenders and the crimes they commit against children and adolescents result in psychological disorders, trauma, and problems with forming healthy interpersonal relationships with others (Denov, 2003). Lack of research into and ignorance of female sex offenders and the trauma they produce both harms the victim and reduces the likelihood of the perpetrator facing consequences for their crimes. The public perception of female sex offenders must be evaluated to assess current public understanding of female sex offenders.

### **Purpose of the Study**

The purpose of this study is to uncover the lack of understanding of media outlets and their readers of female-perpetrated sex crimes against children and adolescents (Zack, Lang & Dirks, 2016). By revealing the lack of understanding of the media and readers of the news, the work could lead to future research and law enforcement

agencies discovering new ways of treating and handling female sex offenders and their victims.

### **Research Question**

The study is designed to answer questions regarding the ways popular media describes female sex offenders in their articles. The study seeks to discover whether or not male and female sex offenders experience different responses in terms of public perception. It will also search for common understandings or themes among the public about female sex offenders.

***Delimitations and Assumptions.*** The limitations faced when conducting the study began with the lack of current research on female sex offenders and the influence of the media on public perception. The entire research project is to be conducted anonymously and will not include any follow-up questions or explanations.

### **Definition of Key Terms**

#### **Pedophilia**

An adult who engages in sexual acts with a prepubescent child, not limited to penetrative sexual acts, but including viewing child pornography, oral sex,

fondling a child, and exposing themselves to a child (Erdogan, 2010).

**Cognitive distortion**

A thought, perception, or belief used to reinforce a negative thought or disallow an offender from taking responsibility for their own crimes (Marshall, Marshall, & Kingston, 2011).

**Child molester**

An individual who lacks sexual attraction to children, and who prefers adult sexual partners, but chooses a child/children due to availability and opportunity. Child molesters engages in sexual acts not limited to molestation, penetration, and copulation (Murray, 2000).

## Chapter 2

### REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

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Sexual offending is a heinous crime, affecting multiple socioeconomic classes and individuals. Female sex offenders represent a unique and misunderstood offender in the criminal justice system. Female sexual offending research and identification has been hindered by cultural expectations and a lack of recognition. Current research on female sex offenders remains limited in terms of sample size and empirical data. Research mainly focuses on male sexual offenses and the impact their crimes have on communities (Strickland, 2008). Besides a research bias, the techniques the media uses to describe and report on female sex offenders shapes the public perception of these offenders. Understanding the media's positive or negative view of female sex offenders will promote better education and understanding for future research (Landor, 2009).

In general, sexual abuse includes a plethora of offenses ranging from exhibitionism, child pornography, and contact crimes such as rape or molestation, and impacts all ages and genders (Veysey & Zgoba, 2010). In terms of sexual abuse, 60% of offenders are known to the child in non-familial relations, such as a babysitter, caretaker, or family friend. Family members make up for approximately 30%

of perpetrators and 10% are strangers to the child (U.S. Department of Justice, Raising Awareness of Sexual Abuse).

Current research focuses on predominantly male sexual offenses rather than female-perpetrated offenses. This lack of research could be attributed to the disbelief that females are capable of committing sexual offenses. When confronted with sexual offenses committed by females, past research has attempted to use male offender characteristics and profiles to describe female offenders. Although the sexes may have some similarities, female sex offenders are unique in their offense styles, treatment, and recidivism rates (Miller, Turner, & Henderson, 2008).

The morality of sex and appropriateness changes over time. The idea of childhood in Western societies did not appear until the 16th century. Before then, children were considered "small adults." A lack of understanding of developmental processes and differences between children and adults dominated Western society until the beginning of the 20th century. Before the 20th century, parents birthed children as a basic economic need. Parents used their children as tools for labor and often attempted to have many, due to high mortality rates. Nurturing parental styles and emotional attachments to children were nonexistent.



As industrialism ended and the 20th century began, parents began to have children for pleasure and to consider their children innocent beings, meant to be protected. As the view of children as vulnerable and weak took precedence, child sexuality became taboo (Hayes & Carpenter, 2013). The result of gaining accurate developmental education children and the concept of childhood, gender norms and sexuality began to surface into everyday life. The concept of the innocence of a child, and the taboo around adults committing sexual acts against children encouraged the protection of children and consequences for their assailants. Gendered behavioral expectations and unfounded beliefs about women and their vulnerabilities contributed to under-reporting and the lack of research into female offenders.

### **Etiology of Sexual Offending**

Many theories have been proposed as to what causes an individual to sexually offend others. Childhood development theorists emphasize the importance of attachment beginning at childhood and extending into adulthood.

First proposed by John Bowlby, attachment theory states that children develop their behavioral patterns and beliefs based on their attachment to, or relationship with their main caregiver. The child uses the attachment to

their primary caregiver as a base to securely explore their surroundings. A healthy attachment means the primary caregiver responding to the child's needs and providing a safe environment for them (Bowlby, 1973).

Furthering Bowlby's theory, joint work between John Bowlby and Mary Ainsworth described four attachment styles encompassing the different ways a child may attach to their primary caregiver. The four styles are a secure attachment, and insecure attachments broken down into three subcategories: avoidant, disorganized, and anxious. Insecure attachments stem from neglectful, abusive, unresponsive, and/or controlling caregiving. Individuals who experience insecure attachments during childhood may develop an inability to form healthy and stable intimate relationships in the future.

Children who form secure attachments with their caregivers display appropriate coping mechanisms in times of turmoil and approach their caregivers for security. Healthy attachments are imperative for future relationships and positive personal views of self (Grady, Levenson & Bolder, 2016). Early childhood attachments also contribute to the development of empathy and the ability to relate to others in intimate relationships.

Past research suggests that insecure attachments promote social deficits, the inability to form interpersonal relationships, and a lack of intimacy with others (Wood & Riggs, 2008). An insecure attachment to one's parents or caregiver may create low self-esteem and discourage the development of healthy interpersonal relationships.

The attachment-based theory of intimacy brings attention to poor attachment experiences committed by caregivers/parental figures. First proposed by W.L. Marshall, the attachment-based theory of intimacy states that early negative experiences are linked to problematic sexual behaviors later in life. According to this theory, insecure childhood attachments divert childhood development from learning the basic skills of trust and interpersonal relationships for future intimacy in adulthood. Many failed attempts at intimacy and relationships may lead individuals to seek out non-consensual sexual relationships or participate in sexually deviant behaviors, such as sexual contact with children. Marshall's theory of attachment and intimacy laid the groundwork for theoretical frameworks of sexual offending and intimacy deficits (Martin & Tardif, 2014; Shursen, Brock & Jennings, 2008)

Research into the family units and home environments of sexual offenders has found significant links with unstable and negligent home lives. Research exploring the prevalence of childhood trauma in a sample of 679 male sexual offenders concluded that male sexual offenders were three times more likely to have experienced child sexual abuse, 13 times more likely to have experienced verbal abuse, and four times more likely to have suffered emotional neglect than was the normal male population (Levenson, Willis, & Prescott, 2014). In a large meta-analysis study comparing sex offenders and non-sex offenders, Jespersen et al. (2009) found sexual offenders had frequently experienced neglect, child abuse, and physical abuse during their childhoods. They were also three times more likely to have been sexually abused than were non-sexual offenders.

***Cognitive Distortions.*** Cognitive distortions define the minimizations, rationalizations, and excuses that sex offenders present when explaining their crimes and urges. They are responsible for interpretation and maintenance of how one views the world. Jung and Nunes (2013) describe denial and minimization as two of the key cognitive distortions displayed by sexual offenders. Denial and

minimization can be coupled to describe a rejection of acceptance of the crime, a lack of or inability to admit to the crime, or a refusal to accept the consequences of the sexual offense (2013).

A denial of responsibility for a sexual offense remains a common excuse or reasoning method for sex offenders. Justifications such as "I was seduced" or "He/she (the victim) liked it or wanted it", are common claims by sexual offenders in within treatment centers and prisons (Ward, 2009). Multiple different theories have been proposed to explain the role of cognitive distortions in sexual offending and future offending. Theories of sexual offending include multifactorial subjects such as developmental upbringing and interpersonal relationship skills.

The internalist approach of social cognition uses terms and ideas from social psychology to explain distortions within sex offenders' thinking. The internalist-social cognition approach states that internal beliefs develop through experiences and are strengthened over time, transforming into schemas or implicit theories. These schemas represent how the offender views and conceptualizes the social world around them. Social perception and the development of schemas leave room for

error within cognitive development. If schemas are inappropriately formed and an individual's interpretations of the social world around them are flawed, then cognitive distortions are formed. Similar to social perceptions, an individual creates schemas based on personal experience and expectations (Gannon, 2009).

***Intimacy Deficits.*** Current research suggests that sexual offenders lack the ability to form healthy functional relationships with adult partners. Sex offenders experience a wide range of developmental issues and problems with intimacy, or closeness with other adults. Past research has indicated that sex offenders engage less in intimacy-promoting behaviors, such as spending time with, or practicing encouragement of their romantic partner.

Low intimacy levels in relationships are associated with sexual offending risk factors, such as low self-esteem, loneliness, and violence against women (Martin & Tardif, 2014). The inability to form healthy, stable relationships with adults constitutes a risk factor for future sexual offending. A lack of close relationships may cause some offenders to seek out sex through coercion, aggression, and force, rather than consent. A meta-analysis conducted by Seto and Lalumiere (2010) concludes that

sexual offenders are significantly more socially isolated and lonely than non-sexual offenders. Sex offenders report a significant amount of introversion, withdrawal, and difficulty with intimate relationships. This meta-analysis suggests that intimacy and healthy connections with others may reduce the risk of sexual offending.

### **Female Sex Offenders vs. Male Sex Offenders**

The current legal system views and treats female and male offenders differently in terms of punishment and sentencing. Research spanning the 1970s cites gender as a major factor in judges' sentencing decisions, greater than race and age. Past research indicates women receive lesser sentences for nonviolent crimes than do men (Rodriguez, Curry, & Le, 2006). Female arrest reports show that they are less likely to be arrested, and when arrested, tend to receive sentences of 2.5 years less than those of their male counterparts (Sarnikar, Sorensen, & Oaxaca, 2007).

The paternalism or chivalry theory is commonly used to explain the leniency shown to women by the criminal justice system. This theory describes men as the "protectors" of women, unwilling to inflict harm or punishment on them (Blackwell, Holleran, & Finn, 2008). From the 19th century, the physical features of a woman were used to determine a proper sentence for a crime. For example, women with more

feminine or delicate features were sent to reformatories, whereas women described as "masculine" were sent to prison. The 20th century introduced new ideologies of women and criminality to law enforcement. 20th century legislation reflected beliefs that women criminals were more likely to succeed in rehabilitation programs and therefore deserved lesser sentences. The belief that women more easily reformed and changed their behavior encouraged judges and law enforcement to allow more leniency during the sentencing and punishment phases of court (Doerner & Demuth, 2014).

In general, women are viewed as less threatening beings and as less likely to recidivate back to a life of crime. Women who are married or have children are more likely to receive lenient sentences than are single and childless women. Married women with children are assumed to be the caretakers of their families and needed for them to succeed. The judicial system believed that the family unit would fall apart without the mother or wife of the house present, and therefore gave out lesser sentences (Doerner & Demuth, 2014).

Walker and Lateano (2014) hypothesize that a sentencing disparity exists between female and male sex offenders due to the idealization of women. Law enforcement



reportedly pays less attention to female sex offenders and reports made by their victims. The focal concerns theory states there are three different main points judges use when making sentencing decisions. Judges are given a limited amount of information and time to decide on a sentence. This lack of time and information, judges are prone to using the demographics of an offender to assist in determining appropriate punishment. Demographics such as race, age, and gender are taken into consideration when forming a sentence. For example, research supports the idea that judges tend to view young minority men as threats and as more likely than others to recidivate, leading to longer punishments (Freiburger & Hilinski, 2010).

Gender disparity not only exists within the final stage of trial, or at the sentencing stage, but is also witnessed in the pre-trial stage of court. In a study researching the effects of race, gender, and age on pretrial decisions, Freiburger and Hilinski (2010) conclude that gender and age directly affect pretrial outcomes, particularly when the defendant is a young female. Young females were viewed by judges as less responsible for their crimes and less dangerous to their community. Early legislation reflected a large bias towards women in terms of female-perpetrated sexual abuse. Some U.S. laws defined

rape as a crime committed by a man against a woman through penetration. Although gender disparity and biases exist, current legislation prohibits explicit reference to gender as a means of sentencing and punishment (Hessick, 2010).

Past research has recognizes differences in female and male sex offenders in their backgrounds, physiological factors, and victimology. Female sex offenders suffer greater instances of sexual abuse in their childhoods and adolescent years. Studies report statistics estimating that between 50% and 75% of female sex offenders experience violence and abusive romantic relationships before sexually offending. Within abusive romantic relationships, female sex offenders lack support networks and social circles. Some of these abusive relationships result in co-offending by the female and the male, resulting in dysfunctional dependence and abuse (DeCou, Cole, Rowland, Kaplan, & Lynch, 2014). Research agrees that male sex offenders are more likely to offend against females and female sex offenders more likely to offend against males (Freeman & Sandler, 2009).

Recidivism rates of female offenders are rarely explored in current research. The majority of the research focuses on male sex offender recidivism rates and risk factors of such rates. Freeman & Sandler (2009) collected a

sample of 780 female and male sex offenders in the state of New York to decipher recidivism risk factors and patterns for the two. From their research, they identify an offender's past criminal behavior as the strongest indicator for reoffending. The results of their study conclude that male offenders report a greater number of violent felonies, drug abuse, and prior sexual arrests. Male offenders were more likely to have been incarcerated prior to their sexual offense than were female offenders. Female offenders were less likely to be rearrested for a nonsexual offense after sexually offending. The conclusion of the study suggests that individual risk factors indicate whether a female sexual offender will reoffend. The study notes small differences between males and females in terms of recidivism rates and their risk factors (2008). With noticeable differences between recidivism and risk factors of the two genders, treatment and research does not reflect an understanding of the female sex offender, her treatment, or risk factors.

The differences between the two genders call for different approaches to treatment and criminal sentencing. The main goal of sex offender treatment is to end sexual offending and prevent future offenses. Much of the literature and research focuses on male sex offender

treatment programs, without consideration of female offenders.

In the past, techniques used for male sexual offender treatment were also utilized for female sexual offenders, ignoring the differences in offending style and background (Miller, Turner, Henderson, 2008). Female offenders generally have different needs during the rehabilitation period after they are incarcerated or released.

Incarcerated females record higher instances of mental illness comorbid with substance abuse disorders than do male inmates. Similar to female sex offenders, non-sexual female offenders report higher rates victimization in early childhood and beyond than do male inmates. Comparatively, incarcerated females are more likely to come from an economically disadvantaged population and are more likely to have had access to social/government programs before incarceration.

Limited research exists studying the different treatment required by incarcerated female offenders including their unique crimes and criminal charges (Heilburn et. al., 2008). An empirical analysis conducted by Heilbrun, DeMatteo, Fretz, Erickson, Yashuara, and Anumba (2008) reviews 2,321 archival records of male and female offenders who received multiple tests and counseling

services during their respective rehabilitation processes. The results of the study conclude that female offenders significantly struggle to meet their financial needs, more so than male offenders. Lack of financial stability is a significant risk factor when leaving the criminal justice system and reintegrating into "normal" society. Female offenders also scored differently on tests measuring social relationships with peers. Research identifies female peer relationships as a protective factor, deterring females from crime, whereas male peer relationships are a risk factor for future law breaking (2008).

The results of this study illustrate some of the differences between female and male offenders. Although the study does not specify female sex offenders, it allows for speculation on some of the core differences between male and female offenders. The core difference between the two allow for discretion in treatment techniques. Research indicates that women offenders need strong peer support systems and financial stability during their rehabilitation to be successful.

A focus group conducted by Lawson and Rowe (2010) asked female sex offenders what type of treatment they wanted and what they hoped they would receive after treatment. The interviews reveal that female sex offenders

greatly struggle with their social and financial obligations. They note a lack of resources within the system and after release (2010).

### **Female Sex Offenders**

Female sex offenders remain an ignored population in the criminal justice system, resulting from underreporting and a lack of understanding of female sex perpetration, concluding partly from public perceptions of women and their societal roles as portrayed in popular media.

According to Denov (2003), traditional cultural norms place women in the role as the "caretaker" and "mother" figure, without sexual desire or tendency to aggressive behavior. Historically, it was thought women offenders only sexually assaulted children in response to a mental disorder or coercion by a male.

Blaming all female sexual offenses on mental disorders or coercion encourages the stereotype of women criminals as unable to perform their "female role" and as emotionally/psychologically disturbed. Placing all of the blame on the male also strengthens the image of men as overly aggressive and sexual. Traditional gender roles lack growth and understanding of female sexual offenses and frames females as unable to accept responsibility for their

crimes (Denov, 2003). Maladaptive understanding and portrayals of women's roles prevents honest reporting of female-induced sexual abuse and criminal cases.

Past research identifies a pattern of hidden cases of female sexual abuse, most likely ignored or disbelieved by law enforcement or family of the victims. Sexual abuse committed by women appears to be dismissed by justifications, such as the sexual act committed by the woman being translated as an act of "care", or as a part of her nurturing/caregiving role. Due to the lack of honest recognition and reporting, the prevalence of female sexual offending remains uncertain (Strickland, 2008). Evidence suggests female sex offenses account for between 4-5% of all reported sexual crimes. Although statistics on female sexual offending exist, the numbers remain a rough estimate due to the lack of reporting (Brayford, 2012).

A meta-analysis conducted by Cortoni, Babchushin, and Rat (2016) discovered a disparity between female sex offenses reported to the police and victimization surveys. Police reports from 12 different countries revealed that only 2.2% of cases concerned sexual abuse committed by a female, whereas victimization surveys from the same 12 countries reported a prevalence rate of female-perpetrated abuse of 11.6%. The result of the meta-analysis confirms

that female sex offender cases represent a small section of reported cases within law enforcement but victimization surveys highlight more offenses occurring than are reported to law enforcement agencies (Cortoni, Babchishin, & Rat, 2016).

Honest reporting of women sexually abusing children is limited, leading to a lack of accurate statistics. Without accurate data on the prevalence of female sex offenders, the lack of research and acknowledgement by law enforcement will continue.

Female sex offenders have unique backgrounds and processes of offending and victimology. On average, female sex offenders experience higher levels of sexual victimization than do other females and male offenders. Not only do female offenders experience past histories of sexual abuse, female sex offenders experience substance abuse issues and psychological problems such as depression, anxiety, dissociative disorders, and post-traumatic stress disorders (Johanson-Love & Fremouw, 2009).

A review by Tsopelas, Tsetsou, and Douzenis (2001) of past research concludes the "typical" or "average" female sex offender has some key characteristics. Their literature review states that a female sex offender is likely to be



between the ages of 20 and 30 and have grown up in an abusive and unstable home (2001).

A study conducted on 130 incarcerated females in the state of Georgia to compare the characteristics of non-sexual offending females and sexual offending females reveals that females incarcerated for sexual offenses report significantly higher levels of childhood trauma. In this study, childhood abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, physical neglect, and child sexual abuse. This study implies that female sex offenders suffer a unique background of abuse, in comparison with non-sexual criminal female offenders. Experiencing trauma during childhood increases the chances of deviant sexual behavior being committed in adulthood (Strickland, 2008).

For another study, 17,337 patrons participating in a health insurance program in the United States were given a questionnaire using the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) scale, which measures emotional and physical abuse and dysfunctional households and upbringing. The questionnaire results suggest that high levels of abuse during childhood correlate with an increased likelihood of the individual participating in high-risk behaviors including sexually promiscuity and drug/alcohol abuse (Levenon, Willis, & Prescott, 2014).

The same study uses the ACE scale to gather data from sex offender outpatient programs throughout the United States. Results from the ACE reveal trends in past child maltreatment and abuse in the offenders' households. Half of the participants reported childhood sexual abuse at one point in their background. The results also record that higher ACE scores correlate with the choosing of younger victims. Research identifies a strong link between past childhood traumas and female sexual offending (2014). Including troubled pasts, female sex offenders typically come from lower socioeconomic classes, have received little or no education, and are employed in low paying jobs. These characteristics leave female sex offenders prone to participating in risky lifestyles to survive (DeCou, Cole, Rowland, Kaplan, & Lynch, 2014). Acknowledging the lifestyles and backgrounds of female sex offenders allows researchers and the criminal justice system to better treat and sentence female offenders. An exploration of the backgrounds of female offenders could allow the compiling of a list of risk factors for future offending.

Strickland (2008) concluded that female sex offenders experience extreme levels of low self-esteem, coupled with role confusion. Role confusion stems from the inability to maintain healthy adult sexual relationships with a partner.

The lack of stable and normal sexual relationships results in females seeking out children or adolescents to fulfill this need. The seeking-out behavior could be compared to a role reversal in a parent-child relationship; for example, the mother depending on the child to fulfill her emotional and sexual needs. Role-reversal can be described as a cognitive distortion that relates to poor behavioral control and responsibility (2008).

The past experiences of female sex offenders are strong influences on their future crime and sexual deviancy. One part of the female sex offender's profile is her common cognitive distortions when referring to her sexual offenses. In cases involving children, Green and Kaplan (1994) note that female sex offenders rationalize their offenses and fail to recognize the consequences of their crimes. Female sex offenders describe the child in sexual terms and place blame on the child for being "seductive." In cases of co-offending groups, female offenders lessen their own responsibility for the offense and believe that they did not hurt the child.

### **Male and Female Offending Typologies**

There are multiple typologies and sub-types of offending for female and male sex offenders. Female offending types have seen less research than the male types, but some

researchers have made attempts to narrow them down to a few profiles. Multiple researchers have made attempts to categorize female sex offenders and identify their characteristics. Mathews et al. created a five-type system often utilized for female sex offenders, comprising the male-coerced offender, the experimenter, the teacher/lover, the predisposed offender, and the mentally unstable (1989). Although the creation and study of typologies by clinical practitioners and researchers may allow for better understanding of female sex offenses, researchers have not yet agreed on a set list of typologies (Miller, Turner, & Henderson, 2008).

The more common typologies of female sex offenders are the solo offenders, co-offenders/male accompanied, and educator sexual abusers. The solo and co-offenders differ in clinical characteristics and profiles. Research conducted by Gillespie et al. (2015) notes significant differences between solo and co-offenders in their environmental niches and personality factors. Solo offenders typically choose victims unrelated and/or male victims under the age of 13. In addition to a victim preference, solo offenders are more likely to be diagnosed with a mood disorder and a substance abuse disorder than are co-offenders.

In comparison with solo offenders, co-offenders are more likely to have been arrested for non-sexual offenses (2015). Gannon and Rose (2008) cite a connection between recurrent childhood sexual abuse in female sex offenders and their vulnerability to being victimized by their partners in the future. Male-accompanied offending typically includes a female offender with passive and dependent personality traits. Male-accompanied female offenders usually experience emotional or physical domestic abuse before and after the initial offense.

Sexual abuse perpetrated by educators has attracted increasing interest and coverage by the news media in the past decade. Sex offenders who use their profession as educators to locate victims utilize the process of grooming to abuse their students. The teacher/lover offender scenario presents a unique typology of female sex offending. A teacher who sexually offends against her students will utilize grooming processes such as special rewards or attention to the victim. Through these rewards, the teacher is able to affect the child's self-esteem and cognition (Knoll, 2010). Research conducted by Davis, Winsler, and Middleton (2006) finds that rewards from teachers correlate with the child's performance and motivation. Students given rewards are shown to have higher

levels of motivation to achieve academically. Furthermore, grooming does not stop with the child. Teachers utilize the manipulative practice of grooming with the parents or guardians of the child to gain greater access to the victim and the trust of the family.

Educator sexual abuse does not limit itself to teachers, but includes coaches, counselors, tutors, and administrators (West, Hatters-Friedman, & Knoll, 2010; Moulden, Firestone, Kingston, & Wexler, 2010). Teacher/lover scenarios typically describe women who believe they are not abusing their students, but rather educating them about sex. Similarly, "heterosexual nurturers" describe women who develop sexual relationships with children or adolescents for intimacy reasons. Sexually abusive educators are categorized by their preferences in age and victimology. Educators who prefer to abuse elementary children are typically considered impressive in their profession and may have achieved awards for this. They are well-liked by parents and students and use these relationships to become closer to the children. This appreciation by the school and parents makes allegations of abuse more shocking and difficult to believe. These types of abusers will often attempt to leave the school or

district before allegations can be fully investigated, seeking employment elsewhere to continue their abuse.

The second group of educator abusers are those who choose older children or adolescent aged individuals. Unlike the educators who abuse younger children, these educators typically act out impulsively and without premeditation (West, Hatters-Friedman, & Knoll, 2010).

Research conducted by Ratliff and Watson (2014) offers a profile for teachers who sexually abuse their students. The researchers reviewed and collected data from teacher arrests and convictions in the southeastern United States in 2007-2011. Demographics and similarities of each arrest and conviction were analyzed to create a profile of educators who sexually abuse their students. The profile concluded that male educators are more likely to choose younger victims (12 years old or younger), whereas females prefer victims 13 years old or older. In line with the teacher/lover typology proposed by Matthews, Matthews, and Speltz (1991), current research portrays female educators as preferring older victims and becoming infatuated with the attention they receive from adolescent boys. Women teachers who victimize adolescents use sex as a way to find an emotional connection through intimacy (West, Hatters-Friedman, & Knoll, 2010).

Sex offenders use deviant techniques such as "grooming" to carefully choose their victims and foster dysfunctional relationships with the victims. The purpose of grooming is to convince a victim to allow a sexual encounter and to keep it a secret. The offender's grooming encourages secrecy between the victim and the offender. The grooming process separates the victim from their family and friends. Through isolation, the victim is sexually exploited and their vulnerability manipulated. Grooming encompasses preying on children who feel unloved and ignored by their family and friends. After a child is isolated, an offender may attempt to normalize sex through conversation and desensitize the victim through the use of pornographic videos and pictures. To keep the abuse secret, offenders may use bribes or threats against the victim, such as the threat of shame or blame of the victim (Knoll, 2010).

Individuals in positions of power use means such as coercion and intimidation to sexually abuse children. Authority figures are educators, parents/guardians, relatives, sports coaches, and any other individual who has power over a child. Children are typically afraid to report abuse by an authority figure. They fear backlash, embarrassment, and shame for partaking in sex, regardless



of the sexual contact being nonconsensual. Abusers in positions of authority are more likely to go unnoticed due to them not fitting the stereotype of a sex offender (Weiss, 2002).

Sub-types of the sex offender typologies are concerned with victim preference, such as pedophilia, child molestation, and rape. Both females and males participate in these types of crimes and offending. The DSM-V defines pedophilia as a paraphilic disorder characterized by intense and recurrent sexual urges towards prepubescent children. These fantasies do not necessarily have to be acted upon to qualify as a pedophile (American Psychiatric Association, 2013). Pedophilic acts are not limited to penetrative sexual acts, but include viewing child pornography, oral sex, fondling a child, and exposing oneself to a child (Erdogan, 2010).

Current research identifies pedophiles as typically male, with various sexual orientations. The prevalence of pedophilia remains largely unknown due to a lack of self-reporting and convictions. Estimates assume about 5% of men are pedophiles (Seto, 2009).

Although the majority of research is geared toward male pedophiles, female pedophile characteristics and motivations mirror those of male pedophiles in various ways

(Murray, 2000). Cohen and Galynker (2009) describe two different subtypes of pedophiles: true and opportunistic. A "true pedophile" is one who focuses their sexual attraction on prepubescent individuals and has had multiple sexual encounters with them. Opportunistic pedophiles focus less on their sexual attraction to children, but rather offend against children due to opportunity and availability. True pedophiles may show motivations more closely related to deviant sexual desires, such as sadism, and an opportunistic pedophile may offend against a child due to the availability of the child and the lack of an adult partner (Cohen & Galynker, 2009).

Pedophiles are characterized by poor interpersonal relationships and skills, social anxiety, lack of self-confidence, and inappropriate portrayals of sexual behavior. Studies by Cohen and Galynker (2009) report pedophilic acts are not impulsive, but rather premeditated acts. A lack of impulsive behavior is seen in pedophiles who hold high responsibility jobs and those in power positions. The impulsivity factor of pedophiles does not is not present in most offenders.

Research on the motivation of pedophiles hypothesizes that pedophiles are individuals who lack self-confidence and healthy social skills and who exhibit social anxiety.

In comparison with other sexual offenders, pedophiles report childhood sexual abuse at higher rates than non-pedophilic offenders. Researchers have identified common cognitive distortions and traits of psychopathy within pedophiles profiles. Pedophiles rationalize their inappropriate desires for children through cognitive distortions such as rationalization and normalizing of their actions (Cohen & Galynker, 2009).

Child molestation, although similar to pedophilia, lacks the sexual attraction towards children. Child molesters typically prefer an adult sexual partner but choose children due to opportunity and access. Many child molesters do not engage in penetration but are more likely to fondle a child's genitalia (Murray, 2000). Research agrees that child molesters exhibit cognitive misunderstandings about children and the sexualization of children.

Ward and Keenan (1999) proposed five different deviant cognitive beliefs or implicit theories utilized during a perpetrator's offense. The five implicit theories serve as a guide to predict and understand the future behavior of child molesters and the ways in which they process information. The five implicit theories are entitlement, the dangerous world, an uncontrollable sex drive, the

degree of harm, and the sexualization of children. Entitlement encompasses the belief that the individual is "entitled" or has the right to have sex with children. The dangerous world theory either describes children as more vulnerable and accepting than adults or implies that everyone is a threat and needs to be controlled. The nature of harm is the distorted belief that sexual abuse does not harm the child or cause any distress. Lastly, the sexualization of children places children in the role of a capable sexual being. The offender believes that the child enjoys sex and sexual acts.

Multiple studies have re-analyzed Ward and Keenan's (1999) work and discovered evidence for each theory (Marizano et al., 2006; Keown et al., 2010). Along with Ward and Keenan's research, other studies conclude that child molesters show higher levels of distorted schemas and understandings of sexual acts with children.

The birth of the internet and newer technology created a unique subculture of pedophiles who use the internet to prey on children. Through access to the internet, deviant sexual offenders create groups for support and approval of their sexual tastes. The internet allows pedophiles to communicate with children and to view child pornography (Hold, Blevins, & Burkert, 2010). 13% of individuals

considered to have problematic online viewing patterns, such as engaging in prostitution or illegal activities, have viewed child pornography online. Of the 13% reporting problematic sexual viewing history, 6% have sexually exploited a minor (Babchishin, Hanson, & VanZuylen, 2015). One of most problematic exploitative enterprises on the internet is the exchange, creation, and viewing of child pornography.

Statistics and estimates report at least 20,000 sexually explicit images of children are uploaded on to the internet each week (NSPCC, 2009). Users of child pornography are described as a very diverse group of individuals and professionals. Child pornographers included clergy members, law enforcement, politicians, and educators (Seigfried-Spellar, 2015). The majority of child pornography offenders are male, but self-reporting surveys show women participating in child pornography viewing as well (Segfriend-Spellar & Rogers, 2010). Online child pornography users are not necessarily sexually attracted to children, nor are they always sex offenders. Instead, internet child pornography users may find motivation through sexual addictions, financial gains, or simple curiosity.

Research conducted by Wortley and Smallbone (2010) organized child pornography offenses into three subgroups: production, distribution, and possession. Production of child pornography includes the creation of sexually explicit images of children. Images of children circulated on the internet are sometimes professionally documented and typically portray abuse of children in impoverished countries. More commonly, producers of child pornography record and document personal exploits and upload these to the internet. The distribution of child pornography includes uploading and dispersing exploitative images of children through different outlets on the internet. The distribution of child pornography is often organized with complex pedophilic rings or organized crime rings, but often is done by amateurs who expect financial reward for their contributions. Downloading child pornography involves accessing images, but not does not require the images to be saved on a computer or hard drive. Accessing child pornography is a purposeful act carried out using advanced computer skills (2010).

Research concludes that internet offenders have a unique profile, unlike that of traditional offenders. A study by Reinjen, Bulten, and Nijman (2009) analyzes the differences in personality and demographics of internet and

traditional offenders. Internet offenders, it is concluded, are significantly younger in age than non-offenders. They are also more likely to live alone and to report not having a partner. Lastly, internet offenders rarely have children of their own.

Although the groups differ in some characteristics, they did not show significant variation in their results on the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI). The MMPI's purpose is to measure psychopathy and dysfunction within the personality (Reinjen, Bulten, & Nijman (2009), Babchishin, Hanson, and Hermann, (2011).

In a meta-analysis conducted by Babchishin, Hanson, and Hermann (2011), researchers identify many other differences between internet offenders and offline offenders. Online offenders reported having greater empathy for their victims, higher sexual deviancy, and lower instances of impression management. Traditional offenders were typically older than online offenders, emotionally identified with children, and had more cognitive distortions (2011). In a study conducted by Shelton, Eakin, Hoffer, Muirhead, and Owens (2016), the researchers used 251 concluded FBI online child exploitation cases and analyzed the patterns in characteristics of each offender. The research concludes that internet offenders are

extremely diverse in demographics. The majority of the offenders were Caucasian, and all were males. Marital status, age, and occupation were all varied, with no evident patterns. Demographics varied, but many offenders reported a sexual interest and preference for children (2016).

Online child sex offenders present a new set of challenges for law enforcement and users of the internet. Online child sex offenders used similar grooming techniques when manipulating victims. Internet offenders use online outlets to befriend children and eventually pressure them for sex or sexual favors. Offenders utilize online chat rooms and popular social networking sites to find children to assault. Similar to traditional offenders, online offenders attempt to normalize sexual behaviors by using pornography to "teach" children how to masturbate or perform oral sex (Cohen-Almagor, 2013). Online offenders represent a current and constantly changing place for offenders to victimize children.

Historically, rape did not include the sexual victimization of men, but rather only included sexual assaults committed by men against women. Legal definitions of rape in the past prohibit the possibility of a woman committing rape. Past legal definitions and statutes



defined rape as penetration of the mouth or vagina with a man's penis without the victim's consent. The gender bias of past laws and legislation hindered researchers seeking to study rape committed by females, due to the lack of accurate definitions.

Female-perpetrated rape or sexual assault against men remains an under researched topic. This lack of research stems from statistics naming men the main perpetrators of rape and sexual crimes. Although crime reporting and research recognizes women as the main victims of sexual assault and rape, the last 40 years have recorded a steady growth in the number of men reporting instances of rape (Fisher & Pina, 2013). Official data in 2008 reported only 1% of forcible rape cases being committed by a female offender, with male offenders in 99% of forcible rape cases. Data suggest a large disparity between female and male committed rape, as with other types of female perpetrated sexual abuse, female rape offenses are extremely underreported (Walker, Lateano & Benedetto, 2014).

In a mock jury study researching juries' perceptions of rape victims, a jury perceived rape perpetrated by a man to be more dangerous than that by a female rapist. In contrast, when presented with a case of a female raping a

male, the jury believed the male victim may have experienced pleasure rather than distress during the assault. Additionally, female perpetrators were given lesser sentences than male offenders. The view of the mock jury can be explained by rape stereotypes that perpetuate the view that rape is typically carried out by a stranger, but statistics indicate that rape is more likely to be perpetrated by a person the victim is acquainted with (Sommer, Reynolds, & Kehn, 2015). Ignoring female-perpetrated rape as a current issue encourages gender biases and harmful stereotypes. Acknowledgment of female-perpetrated rape assists in creating a platform for victims to report crimes committed against them.

### **Impact of Female-Perpetrated Sexual Abuse**

Victims of female sexual abuse experience similar experiences and trauma to "typical" victims of abuse. Victims of female abuse face isolation and rarely speak out against their abusers. Owing to the outdated belief that female-perpetrated abuse is "harmless", victims of female abuse face complications being believed by law enforcement. Research identifies that children who experience sexual abuse by a female struggle with trust to a greater degree than do those abused by a male (Brayford, 2012). Female sex offenders are frequently in the role of a

caregiver, and when this role is exploited, it causes a great amount of distress. Victims of female abuse tend to blame themselves for the abuse due to the idea a female or "caregiver" has abused them. Victims struggle with admitting that their caregiver had the ability to hurt them.

Female victims particularly experience shame and low self-esteem in relation to body image (Tsopelas, Tsetsou, Ntounas, & Douzenis, 2012). Denov's research concludes that psychological disorders develop as a result of the sexual abuse committed by females. Along with psychological disorders, substance abuse disorders and difficulties forming healthy interpersonal relationships were observed (Denov, 2003). Sexual crimes committed by females greatly impact their victims in negative ways and throughout their lives.

Sexual abuse not only affects the victim, but also the victim's respective siblings. Siblings of victims of child sexual abuse experience distress similar to that of the victim. The sibling may express anxiety, sadness, or depression after the victim discloses the abuse. Levels of distress are affected by length of the time over which the abuse occurred, the severity of the abuse, the location of the sexual abuse, and the relationship of the offender to

the victim. Older siblings in particular may feel more guilt and shame than younger siblings.

### **Risk Assessment Tools**

Risk assessment tools are used to determine the amount of risk a sexual offender poses to the outside community and the likelihood of violence and recidivism. The Static-99R, developed by Karl Hanson and David Thornton, is the most commonly used test to measure recidivism and future violent behavior in sexual offenders. Unfortunately, this tool was created with the intent to measure only the recidivism risk of male sex offenders and does not work for females. The Static-99R contains ten items, including intimate relationship history, age, nonsexual/violent offense conviction history, past sexual offending, criminal history, and the characteristics of the offender's victims (such as gender and familiarity with the victim prior to offending). The items on the Static-99R are scored using past police reports, interviews with the offender, and legal documents. Self-reports are only used when they are able to be corroborated by other sources (Holoyda & Newman, 2016).

The Static-99R is only utilized for individuals who have been convicted of at least one sexual offense either against a child or adult. After the tool is scored, an

individual can land a score of between -3 and 12. The scores represent four categories of rates of recidivism: low, low to moderate, moderate to high, and high risk. (Holoyda & Newman, 2016).

The Static-2002 was created to improve on the definitions and usage of the Static-99r. The Static-2002 contains 14 items and is scored between 0 and 14. Like the Static 99r, the Static-2002 was designed only to evaluate men who have committed at least one sexual offense (Parent, Guay, & Knight, 2010). To better understand recidivism in sex offenders, the Violent Risk Appraisal Guide (VRAG) was created to evaluate recidivism in male violent offenders with mental disorders. Although the VRAG is not specifically for sexual offenders, it is commonly used to score the likelihood of recidivism in male sexually violent offenders (Guay, Parent, & Knight, 2010).

Risk assessment tests include phallometric assessments such as penile plethysmography. Phallometry measures the physical reaction a male sexual offender has while listening to audio tapes of child and adult sexual interactions and/or visual stimuli showcasing nude or seminude pictures of children and/or adults. Pedophilic interest is measured through sexual arousal while viewing stimuli involving children. In a risk assessment study

using phallometry, research was conducted to investigate if men with sexual interests in children were able to suppress their sexual arousal when instructed to do so. The study found that pedophilic men had great difficulty suppressing their sexual arousal when viewing images of children (Babchishin, Curry, Fedoroff, Bradford, & Seto, 2017).

Although the study explored pedophiles' abilities to abstain from sexual arousal, it was unable to correlate recidivism with the inability to suppress sexual arousal.

Similar to the penile plethysmography for male sex offenders, vaginal plethysmography exists for female sex offenders. Vaginal photoplethysmography (VPP) measures sexual arousal through genital blood flow changes to the vaginal region. The use of VPP on female sex offenders has been shown to be reliable and significant by statistical studies (Knack, Murphy, Ranger, Meston & Fedoroff, 2015). A study by Suschinsky, Lalumiere, and Chivers (2009) indicates that the VPP is a valid tool to measure sexual arousal. The study concludes that the VPP tool is able to accurately measure the differences between a female participant viewing sexually arousing stimuli and non-sexual stimuli. The female participants who viewed sexually arousing stimuli showed physical responses that were measured by the VPP. The same participants viewed non-

sexual stimuli and no vaginal changes were detected (Suschinsky, Lalumiere & Chivers, 2009). Although the VPP is able to measure sexual arousal, it is rarely utilized for female sex offenders. The use of the VPP for forensic populations has yet to be validated and currently very few studies exist on the topic (Knack, Murphy, Ranger, Meston & Fedoroff, 2015).

Female sex offender risk assessment tests are rarely used in the criminal justice system and clinical world. Currently one of the more common assessment tests for female offenders is the Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI). Although the LS/CMI is gender neutral and is used to service female offenders, it does not specify to female sex offenders or their unique experiences (Rettinger & Andrews, 2010). The LS/CMI was created to assess the risk of recidivism and rehabilitation needs of offenders.

A study conducted by Rettinger and Andrews (2010) analyzes whether the gender-neutral approach of the LS/CMI assessment questions benefits female offenders. The study did not exclusively recruit female sex offenders.

Another frequently used sex offender risk assessment test for female sex offenders is the Stable 2007. The Stable 2007 is an interview style set of questions

measuring the risk of general sex offender recidivism (Babchishin & Nunes, 2012). The Stable 2007 includes 13 questions on the offender's sexual deviancy, cognitive process, relationship with others, and issues with supervision (Hanson, Helmus & Harris, 2015). Similar to the LS/CMI, the Stable 2007 was created for male sex offenders but is used to assess female offenders as well.

### **Public Perceptions of Sex Offender**

Sex offenders incite fear and discomfort in communities, pushing law enforcement and legislative outlets to create policies meant to protect society. In response to public outcries and concerns about sex offenders and their risk to communities, legislatures choose to create policies tackling these issues. The early 1990s marked the beginning of notification laws aimed at tracking the whereabouts of sex offenders. Laws such as the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act started a trend of sex offender registries and the right of law enforcement agencies to have access to addresses of all sex offenders.

Two years later, the Jacob Wetterling Act was amended to become Megan's Law. Megan's Law created a community notification system which allowed law enforcement to disclose to neighborhoods about the sex offenders who



reside in them. States differ in how they implement Megan's Law and how much information is made available to communities (Levenson, Brannon, Fortney, & Baker, 2007, Schiavone & Jeglic, 2009).

In 2006, Megan's Law was reinforced by the Adam Walsh Act. The Adam Walsh Act changed Megan's Law to include a tier system for sex offenders, based on risk assessment and furthering its jurisdictions (Kernsmith, Craun, Foster, 2009). In the last ten years, 30 states have created housing restrictions for sex offenders. These restrictions prohibit sex offenders from living near parks, playgrounds, schools, and daycare centers (Schiavone & Jeglic, 2009).

The public perception of sex offenders and the attitudes towards notification laws are not widely researched topics and few studies exist, because of this fact, the studies have produced mixed results. Redlich (2001) surveyed law students, law enforcement officers, and laypersons on their perception of notification laws' success in preventing and deterring sexual abuse against children. The participants were asked questions about sex offenders' constitutional rights in relation to notification laws. The study concludes that law enforcement officials are less likely to believe notification laws violate constitutional rights, whereas law students express

the opposite view. The layperson's stance remained in the middle ground, expressing no significant support for either view. Redlich's study suggests that the majority of the population (the layperson) have no definite stance on notification laws and how they affect sex offenders (2001).

Sex offender registries and notification laws apply to both sexes, but women remain scarcely represented on sex offender registries. Cain, Sample, and Anderson (2017) researched public perceptions of females on the sex offender registry and whether or not they posed a risk to communities. Over 900 participants were gathered from the state of Nebraska and given a 105-question survey concerning attitudes to female sex offenders. The survey concludes that the majority of participants believe female sex offenders deserve to be on the sex offender registry. Respondents also stated that they would take preventative measures if learning that a female offender lived in their neighborhood. The majority of the responses disagreed that sex crimes perpetrated by females were less dangerous than male sex crimes. Even though the responses tended to be uniform, participants aged 50 and older answered differently. The majority of participants 50 years old and older believed that female sex offenders did not pose a larger threat than male offenders. They answered that a

woman's sex offenses were less serious than a man's (2015). The results from the survey illustrate a perceptual attitude difference towards female offenders when surveying older populations of participants.

A public view and policy study of sex crimes against children reports a public perception that crimes against children should be punished harshly. The survey concludes that 97% of participants believe prison time should be given for offenses against children, rather than probation or treatment. Although the public requests harsher punishments for offenses against children, only half of the participants were willing to pay additional taxes for sex offender treatment programs (Mears, Mancini, Gertz, & Bratton, 2008). The public views crimes against children as unacceptable, but information regarding attitudes towards female sex offenders remains limited.

***Media Portrayal of Female Sex Offenders.*** The media projects powerful representations of cultural ideations and perceptions of society. Research describing the impact of sexual offender reporting in the media is miniscule in the United States. Public perceptions of sex offenders affect the possible future treatment and detection of offenders (Thakker, 2012).

Shangara and Wilson (2006) also indicates that stereotypes negatively impact the detection of sexual predators. Stereotypes such as the idea of sexual offenders as being only strangers distract the public from the dangers of perpetrators within the family. Stereotypes encouraged by the media have the propensity to impact law enforcement proceedings and criminal trials (2006).

Harris and Socia (2016) researched the use of the term "sex offender" in the media and the effect this has on audiences. Past research concluded that the majority of the public views the phrase "sex offender" as a large, single population. There is a failure to differentiate between high and low risk offenders and their likelihood of recidivism. The public remains widely undereducated on sex offenders and the risks they pose to their communities (2016). The label of "sex offender" has a negative stigma for an individual and sees them subject to intense and constant surveillance.

Jung et al. (2012) analyzed the difference in the perspectives of laypersons and professionals who work with sexual offenders, such as clinicians, researchers, and law enforcement. Using fabricated newspaper articles, the researchers instructed the participants to record their attitudes and perceptions of the various offenders.

Laypersons more often reported that sex offenders were likely to recidivate than did the professionals. Although opinions differed between the groups, both had similar attitudes to sex offenders. Both groups judged child molestation cases more harshly than they did any other sexual offense, including exhibitionism and rape. (2012). The general misunderstanding in this area leads to a skewed perception of the risk of offenders, especially female sex offenders.

In a study conducted in Australia, researchers analyzed different media reports to examine the interpretations of female sex offense cases and seek out obvious bias towards female sex offenders in the use of the language to describe the cases. The study finds major bias in favor of female offenders, in comparison with male offenders. Male offenders receive harsher descriptions and reactions than do female offenders. Justifications and sympathy are presented for female offenders' actions. In terms of the discrepancies in media reporting, the language used to describe female offenses utilizes terms such as "love" and "affair" or discussed the offender and victim as a couple. In contrast, in cases with a male offender, the reporting used terms such as "victim" and "offense". The study was able to identify major differences in the media's

portrayal of such cases (Landor & Eisenchlas, 2012).

Although this study identifies gender bias in the reporting of offending, the reasoning for differences in gender offending remains theoretical.

In a similar study conducted in New Zealand, Thakker conducted focus groups of laypersons to discuss the perceptions of and attitudes towards sexual offenders. The participants recognized different levels of seriousness of sexual offenses and the harm they produce. The most alarming responses and attitudes from the groups were in their ideas of rehabilitation and recidivism. The focus groups expressed the belief that sexual offenders cannot be rehabilitated or treated. Thakker attributes this misconception to media reports which portray sexual offenders as incurable criminals (2012).

Mackelprang and Becker (2017) investigated not only gender, but also how attractiveness affects judgments of female offenders. In their study, 445 undergraduate students from the University of Arizona were surveyed and asked to respond to vignettes and questions concerning the attractiveness of offenders. Each vignette contained a picture of the alleged offender. The results of the study indicate a significant difference between male and female crimes. The participants argued for higher bail, longer

prison sentences, and more time on the sex offender registry list for male offenders. They viewed male offenders as having more responsibility for their actions and also made more negative responses to the male offender vignettes.

Female offenders were given more leniency and there was a consistent belief that female offenders were also negatively affected and hurt by their crimes. The level of attractiveness of the female offenders also correlated with differences in perception, whereas the attractiveness of the male offender was not associated with a difference in responses. In general, female offenders were treated with more leniency, but those considered more attractive received even more leniency (2015).

A second Australian study researching media responses to female-perpetrated abuse recorded social media responses to online news articles concerning female educators raping male students. The responses to the news article indicate that the public greatly downplays female-perpetrated sexual abuse and describes the victim as "lucky" to have had the opportunity to have sexual contact with an "attractive" woman (Hayes & Carpenter, 2013). Media outlets and language selection reflect societal attitudes towards female offenders and the understanding the public has of them.





CHAPTER 3  
METHODOLOGY

## METHOD

### Participants

Before data were collected or analyzed, the Institutional Review Board of California Baptist University approved this study and the research methods. The author took 16 publicly accessed anonymous statements from websites including internet news articles and public forums featured on Reddit, CBC News, Penn Live, SF Gate, The New York Post, The East Bay Times, Arkansas Online News, The Sun U.K., Mercury News, 13 WHO TV Channel 13 News, and Fox News, and analyzed them for language describing female sex offender's crimes. The author chose these articles for their accessibility when searching key phrases or keywords in the Google search engine.

The author collected a total of 924 (n=924) comments and statements from Reddit and popular public news websites, and further categorized them according to whether or not the article had discussed a female or male perpetrator. A total of 841 comments were collected from female sex offender articles and 91 comments from male sex offender articles. The coding and analysis did not include comments which did not pertain to the article(s).

The author selected the articles on the basis of their comments and analyzed them for their word choice. The

articles detailing female offenders were compared and contrasted to similar articles featuring male offenders. The language style of each article was analyzed.

### **Design**

The current research was phenomenological. A phenomenological approach was used to study the experiences of the public of perceiving and understanding female sex offenders through the media. The phenomenological approach focuses on the individual's experience and allows for research to find patterns and frequency in the data (Adams & van Manen, 2017).

After the articles were chosen, the author analyzed the words used in the article by searching for bias in the language referencing the offender's gender. For example, words or phrases used to soften the offense of a female offender, such as "slept with" or "sex" rather than rape, were considered when comparing the gender-based articles. The language featured in the descriptions of the female sex offender's crimes were qualitatively coded for phrases lessening the crime, such as "sex romp" instead of rape.

The study sought descriptions of female offenders and opinions of them and their crimes, and compared the word usage to that associated with male-perpetrated offenses. The key search phrases included "female sex offender",

"male sex offender", "man sleeps with underage", "female sleeps with underage", "male pedophile", and "female pedophile". These phrases were searched in the internet search engines such as Google. Analysis of the statements and language were qualitatively coded and collected (see Appendix A for comments). Before the comments of the articles were collected, the language used in the articles were analyzed and searched for bias. The articles were examined for statements describing the crime, the victim, the offender, and the details of the assaults.

The comments on each of these articles were also qualitatively coded for phrases and words responding to the female sex offender's crimes. The comments were searched for phrases excusing the female sex offender's crimes, comments considering the child or adolescent's experiences as "lucky" or a learning experience rather than rape or sexual assault, and comments defining the crime as lesser than those committed by male sex offenders. Comments disgracing the offender and their act were also recorded and counted as "positive" comments. Each comment was analyzed and placed into an Excel document. After the comments were collected, each was coded to identify its subject matter.

## **Procedure**

To find articles describing female sex offenders, keywords were used to search Reddit and Google. The phrases included "female sex offender", "male sex offender", "woman has sex with child", "female pedophile", "male pedophile", "female teacher has sex with underage student", "male teacher has sex with underage student", "female sex child", and "male has sex with child". The Reddit search engine and Google search engine were used to search these phrases. If the chosen article contained comments, then the article was used. The article would then be read, and the word usage analyzed after being inputted into a Excel document. The article would be analyzed for statements downplaying or excusing the sexual assault. After this, all the comments for the respective article were placed in an Excel document and subsequently coded for subject matter and topic. All the comments were coded for their unique themes and topics.

## **Data Analysis**

All 16 articles utilized in the current research were analyzed for language and words describing the incident, the offender, the victim, and the nature of the crime. Out of the 15 articles, three featured male offenders to use for comparisons to the female offender news stories.

Each comment collected from the chosen news article was entered into a Microsoft Excel sheet. The author read each comment multiple times and qualitatively coded them for a subject matter from the comment. The comments were coded for an overall theme behind the statements in reference to the article to document any common themes occurring in the 924 comments.

CHAPTER 4

Results

## **Results**

### **Introduction**

The themes and conclusions of the current study were drawn from the 924 comments ( $n=924$ ) featured on 16 news articles on the following websites: Reddit, CBC News, SF Gate, Penn Live The New York Post, The East Bay Times, Arkansas Online News, Daily Mail, The Sun U.K., Mercury News, 13 WHO TV Channel 13 News, Fox News, and The Washington Post. All of the comments were transcribed into a Excel document and coded for their subjects.

After viewing each statement, only 429 comments of the 924 ( $n=429$ ) were used for the purpose of the study. Out of the 429 statements, 34 of the comments derived from the four male sex offender articles. The remaining 495 comments lacked a theme or did not respond directly to the actual article. Each theme received a color coding for clarity within the Excel document. The recurring themes within the 429 comments were noted and recorded.

### **Results**

The 16 articles from The New York Post, CBC News, SF Gate the East Bay Times, Arkansas Online News, Daily Mail, The Sun U.K., Mercury News, 13 WHO TV Channel 13 News, Fox News, and The Washington Post, considered their writing styles and word choice. Articles featuring male offenders



were collected to compare with similar female sex offender articles. Four articles naming a male sex offender were collected to compare to the female sex offender articles (Appendix A).

Article #3 from 13 WHO TV Channel 13 News, titled "Two Teachers Arrested for Having 'Threesome' with student, 16", was analyzed for its language and word usage. The title of the article refers to the initial rape as a "threesome" and continues to describe the continued abuse of power and rapes as a "relationship" between the student and the female teachers. The first sexual encounters between the two parties were described as "sex acts" and the sexual experience was not identified as rape or as an act of wrongdoing.

A similar article, Article #4, appeared in the NY Post and is titled, "Male teacher has sex with student. Did 2 years in jail but maintained relationship". Article #4 uses the word "relationship" in a similar way to Article #3, but in the case of the male sex offender, the article places the word in quotation marks, implying the term is inappropriate and ironic. In the case of the female sex offender in Article #3, the word "relationship" describes the assault by the teachers of the student. There is a contrast in that the male offender's actions and they are

viewed in a negative light, whereas the female offenders' actions are described as more of an unfortunate sexual experience.

While coding the 429 comments from Reddit, CBC News, The New York Post, The East Bay Times, Arkansas Online News, Daily Mail, The Sun U.K., Mercury News, 13 WHO TV Channel 13 News, Fox News, and The Washington Post, the research uncovered six common themes: sexualization, insensitive humor, victim shaming, double standard, denunciation, and victim gender.

### **Sexualization**

One of the first themes coded from the comments was sexualization. Out of the 429 comments collected and utilized, 60 (15.19%) reflected the theme of sexualization. Sexualization included comments referencing the offender's appearance and comments sexualizing the offender's actions. These comments were specifically aimed at the female offender and typically portrayed her as a sexual object rather than a predator. The following articles attracted comments reflecting this type of sexualization.

The first article was on Reddit and titled, "Pretty hot teacher sleeps with student in Wylie. High School was never this fun for me." Comments sexualizing the offender and her appearance were present. (Each comment is numbered

to reflect its place in Appendix B and all comments have been transcribed as their original spellings.

**Comment # 1:** "She has crazy eyes..."

**Comment # 5:** "Pretty hot"

If you look waaaaaay down there, you can see your standards

**Comment #6:** "Hey we are talking high school here, in high school almost anything qualifies as boner material."

**Comment #17:** "Dude was 17, hardly a kid. Besides, this is just awesome."

**Comment #32:** "Well she looks fabulous in her mugshot and

that's all that matters. I wonder why the kid turned her in."

A second Reddit article was titled, "Female teacher sleeps with student. Gets off scott free."

**Comment #42:** "I wouldn't have minded being one of her victims."

Article #3 was from WHO TV Channel 13 News and titled, "Two Teachers Arrested for Having 'Threesome' with student, 16."

**Comment #62:** "Man where were the teachers like this when I was in school! HAHA! The ones I had were definitely not this hot nor this adventurous."

**Comment #70:** "Yet another reason not to dropout of high school."

Article #5 was from Mercury News and titled, "Former East Bay high school teacher who had sex with student avoids jail time."

**Comment # 121:** "Come on everybody knows when boys have sex with their female teacher it's not a problem, he "got lucky". I want to know why I never had any teachers like her."

Article #6 was from Arkansas Online and titled, "Report: 3 male teens were sex abuse victims of former Osceola teacher."

**Comment #125:** "Looking at her picture these boys will be scarred for life; I guess goo is disappointed she got to them before he did."

**Comment #144:** "Statutory sex laws are noticeably flawed. The young man wanted to have sex with his teacher who is very attractive. The teacher wanted to engage in sexual relations with a young stallion."

Article #10 was from Mercury News and titled, "Former female probation counselor arrested on charges with two teenage boys."

**Comment #189:** "The only issue here is she was a probation counselor and they were incarcerated. Had they been out not on probation shed been ok. If i was a youngster and a hot lady seduced me I'd keep my mouth shut. I'd enjoy pounding her every chance."

**Comment #198:** "She was oppressed alright... that's why she was diddling with the youngings... smh"

The previous comments focus on the appearance, sex, and sexuality of the offender. They focus on the offender as a sexual being rather than as a rapist or sex offender.

### **Insensitive Humor**

Another common theme noted throughout the coding process was insensitive humor. This refers to jokes commenters make about the situation, including ridiculing the victim and what happened to them or downplaying the situation. Out of the total 429 comments, 52 (13.16%) reflected insensitive humor. These comments lack sympathy or empathy for the victims and fail to recognize the negative impact rape and sexual assault may have on them.

Under an article titled "Two Teachers Arrested for Having "Threesome" with student, 16" from WHO TV Channel

13, there were numerous comments displaying insensitive humor:

**Comment #77:** "I know I would have been harmed, I would end up in treatment for an overdose of bragging"

**Comment #93:** "Wow, what a lucky chap. Would like to be in his shoes."

**Comment #95:** "Well, technically it is learning"

**Comment #102:** "LUCKY BOY LOL"

Article #15 from the Washington Post and titled, "Texas teacher who had sex almost daily with 13-year old student could face decades in prison."

**Comment #733:** "LOL! Really? The boy will be scarred for life 'cause the sex will never be as good as it was!"

**Comment #701:** "Sex everyday for 9 months? This poor kid is going to be sadly disappointed when he eventually gets married. I feel sorry for him when reality hits."

**Comment #694:** "Impeach the judge? Are you out of your mind? I think the judge should sentence her to daily detention, 2 hours per day minimum with the young man supervising :)"

**Comment #650:** "I heard that after this became public, the

young teenager suffered an injury -- sprained his wrist from too much high-fiving with his buddies"

**Comment #565:** "When I was thirteen that was called "sex education". I'm a guy and would have jumped at the chance to do it with any older woman."

Under an article posted by the Daily Mail titled, "Female pedophile jailed for two years after she had sex with an eight-year-old boy 50 times," there were numerous comments displaying insensitive humor. This article was unique in that it detailed an account of a child being abused, rather than an adolescent. Despite the age of the victim, commenters continued to make insensitive jokes about the victim and his situation.

**Comment #233:** "Niiiiice... give him the luckiest boy in the world award"

**Comment #236:** "Wait, has she performed oral sex with him?... nice"

**Comment #237:** "This is serious. We need to track this student down and give him the "Luckiest Boy in America" medal right away."

An article titled "Texas Teacher who had sex almost daily with a 13-year-old student could face decades in prison", from the Washington Post, attracted comments portraying insensitive humor towards the victim:

**Comment #399:** "We really need a different standard here. Every boy wants to bang his hot female teacher, God bless her."

**Comment #409:** "13 year-old having sex with a teacher that looks like? Lucky kid."

**Comment #412:** "She should be praised for going above and beyond for getting the boy to come to class"

**Comment #439:** "My God we need to find this poor boy and give him an award for luckiest kid on the planet!"

**Comment #526:** "Where were these sexy, horny broads when I was 13?"

#### **Victim Shaming/Blame**

The third category, victim shaming, includes 78 (19.75%) comments reflecting a lack of understanding of the experience and sympathy for the victim. Victim shame/blame includes comments blaming the assault on the victim, assuming the victim will not experience a negative impact, claiming the victim is not a victim at all, or naming the victim as the aggressor or the one who "started it" with the female offender. Victim shaming describes the victim of the assault as enjoying the sexual experience, regardless of their age. These statements tend to reflect the view that men are unable to be victims of sexual assault when the offender is a female.



In an article titled "Former female probation counselor arrested on charges of sex with two teenage boys," which was posted by the Bay Area News Group, numerous comments included victim shame/blame statements.

**Comment #188:** "As to the boys speaking later and not sooner? Wonder if they wanted to keep it going on and she refused? People are scum. Could be worse, she could be one of those fat female guards with a flat-top haircut and a pack of hot dogs on her neck"

In the article "Female pedophile jailed for two years after she had sex with an eight-year-old boy 50 times," there were many comments evidencing victim shaming:

**Comment #234:** "Was only found out after he was overheard bragging about it at school. Yep, kid definitely sounds scarred."

**Comment #256:** "Has anyone thought about asking the boy what his wishes are in all of this?"

The victim shame/blame perspective indicates that the victims of the female sex offender "deserved" the assault or did not attempt to stop the ongoing abuse.

### **Double Standard**

The double standard theme appeared frequently, with a total of 75 (18.99%) comments. The double standard theme implies that male offenders are treated differently and unfairly, compared to female offenders in the criminal justice system. The comments tend to reflect more anger at the implied double standard than at the actual crime itself. There is little sympathy for the victim or the offender. Those who comment on the double standard focus on the criminal justice system and the unfairness men may experience when committing similar crimes. These comments are neither negative nor positive in context, but they represent an interesting perspective on female-perpetrated sex abuse taken by some of the public.

In Article #1 from Reddit, titled, "Pretty hot teacher sleeps with student in Wylie. High School was never this fun for me," derived from NBC, statements regarding the apparent double standard in the treatment of female and male offenders:

**Comment #3:** "Lucky for her she's not a dude and the student wasn't a girl... or else she'd be facing rape charges instead of "improper" relations."

**Comment #10:** "And what if it was the other way around? Older male teacher and 17-year old female student?"

Similarly, in Article #3 from WHO TV Channel 13 News, "Two Teachers Arrested for Having 'Threesome' with student, 16," commenters attacked the perceived gender bias of the justice system.

**Comment #61:** "It's not her that needs to be imprisoned. It's highschool male teachers that need to go free as well - they should lose their license to teach, end of story. no involuntary acts committed by either party."

**Comment #82:** "Are you FRICKIN kidding me right now why are most of you men rooting for this?? Oh yeah a student hooked up with two female teachers okay yeah they're attractive but if this happened to a female student with male teachers THIS WOULD BE LOOKED AT DIFFERENTLY. I'm sure you'd still root for this too right?? This is what the human race is turning into and it's very sad."

**Comment #90:** "These teachers should be treated no differently by the legal system than if they were males and the student was a female. There is a level of trust that goes with their position as teachers, and they clearly violated that trust, morally, ethically and legally. Gender is meaningless and should be prosecuted equally."

In Article #15 from the Washington Post, titled, "Texas teacher who had sex almost daily with 13-year-old student could face decades in prison," there were numerous statements on the double standard.

**Comment #401:** "If this was a male teacher, having raped a 13 year old girl, there would be no question of a lengthy prison term. Just because she is a woman should NOT be a factor in adjudging her punishment."

**Comment #425:** "If it was a male teacher having sex with a 13 yr. old girl that resulted in a pregnancy that was terminated by an abortion, he would never the outside of the prison again..."

**Comment 451:**"The law is not fair in any way. Most women who commit this crime get very lenient sentences compared to men and often are not required to register or their crime is stricken. Does not matter if the judge is a woman or a man, they all give out lighter sentences. IF a man did this, he would be put in jail for most of the remainder of his life and while there be raped constantly by other inmates or even beaten to death. It is sad our society is the way it is. The law is not just - no one ever said it was."

**Comment 467:** "If this had been a male teacher having sex with a female student, everybody would want his

head on a platter, but if it's a woman, suddenly everything's different. NO, IT'S NOT. It's an adult taking advantage of a child who doesn't have the emotional or intellectual capacity to make an informed decision."

**Comment #481:** "It would almost be amusing, if not insane, how different the posts become when the perp is a woman and the victim a boy."

Double standard comments represent individuals who believe the justice system works in favor of women offenders.

Although these comments concern a perceived failure of the justice system, they do not acknowledge the damage the victim may experience after being assaulted by a female offender.

### **Denunciation**

With the fifth theme of denunciation, 113 (28.61%) of the comments condemn the offender and the crime committed. These comments do not excuse the behavior of the offender nor do they express sympathy for her. The denunciation commenters also challenge other users about their beliefs and their statements regarding the offender. Although they tend to view the crime accurately, some of these commenters advocate harsh punishments for the offender.

Comments on Article #15 from the Washington Post, titled, "Texas teacher who had sex almost daily with 13-year-old student could face decades in prison," reflect the theme of denunciation.

**Comment #487:** "the hurt and mental issues will haunt this boy for the rest of his life, you have mental issues if you think otherwise"

**Comment #458:** "Sex between an adult and a 13 year old is hardly consensual"

**Comment #449:** "Lock her up and throw away the key! She is a twisted pedophile."

**Comment #613:** "An example needs to be made of this teacher."

**Comment #602:** "Yes, children and teenagers are sexual - and very vulnerable as a result. That is why it is up to adults to draw the line."

In article #7 from Penn Live titled, "Cumberland Valley teacher performed sex act with student in her classroom, police say," contained comments denouncing the female sex offender's actions.

**Comment #143:** "This is the problem with society. People thinking this is ok. It is not. This woman should know better. We all know the 17 and 18 yr old BOYS don't have the best judgement in the world. The

teacher is an adult with much life experience and trusted not to engage in sex with a student. Never mind the people in her life she betrayed by these actions. Let's hope she is never a teacher again. There are predators everywhere."

**Comment #133:** "What is wrong with teachers like this ? What was she thinking ? Oh wait, she wasn't thinking. Teachers like this need to have their license yanked permanently. They have no moral compass and are not fit to be teaching".

Article #3, posted by 13 WHO TV Channel 13 News and titled, "Two Teachers Arrested for Having 'Threesome' with student, 16," comments expressed outrage at the nature of the crime.

**Comment #59:** "Stop justifying innocent men being raped by disgusting women."

**Comment #87:** "I am appalled that these teachers took advantage of one of their young charges. They should face a penalty fitting the crime, they should be sent to Iowa to have multiple three ways with this old man."

**Comment #101:** "Are you sure about that? Because I believe if you are a teacher you are held to a higher standard and I think having sex with the students is frowned upon and Illegal!"

The comments expressing disgust, in the theme of denunciation, represent a group of individuals who do not view female offenders as less harmful than male offenders.

### **Victim Gender**

A less common view in the comments was the idea that a male victim is less likely to experience trauma than a female victim. There were only 17 such comments (4.3%). This thought process was not expressed in every article, but it is important to note the gender differences in the victim dynamic as well as in that of the offender. These comments indicate that a female victim is weaker than a male and will face worse trauma as a result.

Article #3 posted by 13 WHO TV Channel 13 News, titled, "Two Teachers Arrested for Having 'Threesome' with student, 16," attracted comments arguing that a female is weaker and in need of more protection than a male.

**Comment #80:** "Mainly because this is in no way as bad as if it happened to a young girl. It is in no way the same thing. Much as you deny it, boys and girls are different."

**Comment #91:** "Gender does matter. A 16 year old girl can't physically turn away a sexual advance from an adult male, but a 16 year old boy certainly can successfully resist an adult woman, even two. There's



a double standard for a reason. Is it a violation of trust being between a teacher and student? Absolutely. But it's definitely not as bad as a young female, who is more easily manipulated, and more likely to feel remorse for it afterwards because let's face it, men aren't the most moral creatures in general."

Responses to Article #15, posted by the Washington Post and titled, "Texas teacher who had sex almost daily with 13-year-old student could face decades in prison," indicated that a girl is more susceptible to sexual harm than is a boy.

**Comment #536:** "Not the same. Sorry. That boy is the hero among his friends at this time. When a female of 13 yrs old goes through the same scenario, it's looks at very differently. That's just the state of reality and nature."

**Comment #537:** "He is unlikely to get pregnant. Not a small distinction."

**Comment #610:** "Sex between a female adult and male adolescent isn't nearly as harmful to the adolescent as sex between a male adult and female adolescent. It just isn't."

Table 1. Themes found in comments discussing female sex offenders		
Table 1. Main themes analyzed in comments discussing female sex offenders		
Theme or Variable	N	%
Sexualization	60	15.19
Insensitive Humor	52	13.16
Victim Shame/Blame	78	19.75
Double Standard	75	18.99
Denunciation	113	28.61
Victim Gender	17	4.3

(n=395)

### **Male Sex Offenders**

The research considers 34 (n=34) comments on four news articles concerning male offenders. The themes of the comments have similarities with those on the female offender articles, but the majority of the comments on male offenders are negative and denounce the male offender. There is less sympathy for the male sex offender and very little humor expressed in the comments.

Table 2. Themes found in comments discussing male sex offenders		
Table 2. Main themes analyzed in comments discussing male sex offenders		
Theme or Variable	N	%
Sexualisation	4	11.76
Insensitive Humor	1	2.94
Victim Shame/Blame	7	20.59
Double Standard	3	8.82
Denunciation	19	55.88

(n=34)

For example, Article #13 from CBC News titled, "Man who flew to Calgary for sex with underage girl sentenced to 7 years in jail," mainly attracted comments displaying disgust for the offender.

**Comment #301:** "Don't worry, this man will be beat to death

in prison long before his 2nd year."

**Comment #306:** "Now these are the type of people who actually deserve to get beat the fuck up and dragged corpse style out of an airplane."

Under Article #16 from the SF Gate, titled, "San Jose teacher arrested for allegedly having sex with student,"

the majority of the statements reflected negative views of the offender.

**Comment #865:** "Anytime any teacher (coach, priest, parent, authority figure) engages in anything even vaguely sexual with a student (parishoner, etc.) under the age of 18, they MUST know that it will at some point in time lead to jail time, a lifetime as a registered sex offender, and probably major financial penalties too"

**Comment #881:** "Well, they got him off the street and out of the classroom..."

**Comment #889:** "Aside from the legal issue, any teacher who has sex with a student is MORALLY unqualified to teach..."

The commenters on the male offender articles represent a small sample of the population.

### **Summary**

In the 429 comments and statements collected from Reddit, SF Gate, CBC News, Penn Live, The New York Post, The East Bay Times, Arkansas Online News, Daily Mail, The Sun U.K., Mercury News, 13 WHO TV Channel 13 News, Fox News, and The Washington Post, there are six major themes: sexualization, insensitive humor, victim shaming, double standard, victim gender, and denunciation. The most common

theme is denunciation, with victim shame/blame following. Male offender article comments leaned more towards the denunciation of the offender than other themes. Although the comments more often expressed disgust than anything else, the female sex offender comments more commonly shame and blame the victims than the male offender comments do.

CHAPTER 5  
DISCUSSION

## DISCUSSION

The purpose of this study was to research the phenomenon of female sex offenders and the ways in which the public perceives these offenders, using analysis of online media.

The research analyzed a total of 429 comments from 14 online news sites—Reddit, CBC News, SF Gate, The New York Post, The East Bay Times, Arkansas Online News, Daily Mail, The Sun U.K., Mercury News, 13 WHO TV Channel 13 News, Fox News, and The Washington Post. 395 of the comments were female sex offender articles and 34 male sex offender articles.

### Conclusions

Each theme represents a unique view on how the current media and public view and understand female sex offenders. The goal of this research was to better conceptualize how the public currently perceives female sex offenders. The misunderstandings presented in the comments and statements of the news articles offer useful insights. The six themes of the 429 used comments represent a societal perspective of sexual offenders and show how an offender's gender ultimately influences that perspective.

The sexualization of the female offender reflects a skewed view on women and their ability to harm underage

individuals through sexual assault or rape. By sexualizing the offender, the commenters demean her and lessen her crimes by drawing attention towards her sexuality and appearance. The comments imply that a young attractive female does less harm than one who is older or unattractive. In addition, it is important to note that the older the victim, the more sexualized the female offender is. Although the comments on reports of older victims tend to sexualize the female more, the comments concerning children still refer to the offender's appearance and sexuality. These types of comments highlight the ways in which society views women and judges their crimes in correlation with their appearance. The perspective of many of the sexualization comments is that an attractive woman is unable to perpetrate abuse, regardless of the age of the victim. The comments reflect an idea that the more attractive a female is, the less trauma and abuse she can induce in a victim.

One of the more alarming themes, insensitive humor in the comments reflects a lack of understanding of the trauma the victim may face in the future and the seriousness of the female offender's crime. This represents a general lack of understanding of female-perpetrated abuse and the negative effects it has on its victims. The comments



express the societal belief women are unable to commit sexual abuse and the victims are "lucky" or "asked for it."

As Denov (2003) notes, the traditional stereotype of women accentuates the belief that they are "caretakers" and mothers, unable to harm others, especially children. The insensitive humor lessens the seriousness of the sexual abuse and does not allow sympathy or empathy for the individual affected by the abuse. The insensitive humor treats the rape and sexual abuse of males as a joke. This type of humor appeared in comments on news articles concerning the abuse of children ranging in age from prepubescent to adolescent. The insensitive humor and inappropriate banter does not encourage the public to take seriously the victim's trauma and future pain. This perspective is a concern for future victims of female-perpetrated sexual abuse.

The victim/shame theme encompassed comments arguing that male victims are incapable of experiencing rape or sexual assault. This theme represents a dangerous view on victims of female sex offender abuse. The comments blame the victim and assume that they perpetrated the abuse by seducing the female offender. This supports societal stereotypes that boys should enjoy all sex and are unable to experience sexual abuse due to their being sexual beings. These

comments state that boys always want sex and are incapable of experiencing sexual abuse by a female. This idea is dangerous and discourages boys and men from coming forward to report incidents of rape and abuse. Although there seemed to be an understanding that female sex offenders should be punished accordingly, with a high volume of denunciation comments, a good portion of the comments express that the sexual abuse must have been 100% consensual and that the victim either initiated it or did not attempt to stop it. This manner of thinking does a disservice to the victims in the cases and indicate they were willing participants, regardless of the status or age of the female perpetrator.

The denunciation theme within the comments on the female and male sex offender articles indicates a general disgust for sexual crimes. Many comments express disagreement with the crime, there are instances of advocating extreme punishment for the offender. These included female castrations, such as forced hysterectomy or torture and execution.

With each article collected, a trend arose from the titles of the articles. Article titles and initial presentations prime the reader for how the article will formulate an opinion on the case. Whether or not the

journalist intended to invoke a gender bias with their titles, the word choice and introduction create a first impression. For example, one of the articles utilized for the current study—from WHO TV Channel 13 News and titled, "Two Teachers Arrested for Having 'Threesome' with student, 16"—begins by describing the rape as a "threesome."

Readers of this article are being primed to consider the sexual abuse as a "threesome" or a sexual experience, rather than rape by two school teachers. By using terms such as "threesome" to describe sexual abuse, the article is downplaying the assault. Using sexual terms or diverting attention from the abuse with the use of "positive" words can prime a reader's bias before they begin reading the details.

### **Limitations**

The current study faced many limitations during the research process. During the process of gathering data, there was much difficulty locating male sex offender articles featuring a comments section. The majority of the articles collected featured a male victim and female perpetrator. There was a difficulty in locating articles concerning male sex offenders and one victim. A search for articles revealed that many concerning male sex offenders were about sex trafficking rings or child pornography

stings. Articles on the subject of one male sex offender offending against one victim, with a comment section, were difficult to find.

This complication raised questions as to whether society is no longer shocked or surprised when men offend against underage victims. Even articles with the option to comment often lacked responses from readers. The female sex offender cases tended to instigate responses and were presented as "rare" and shocking. A larger sample of comments and articles on both male and female offenders would increase the value of the current study.

A second limitation is due to the phenomenological research method. The small sample size of the male sex offender articles may mean that this study does not give a clear indication of the themes.

A third limitation lies with the interpretation of the data. The comments were coded by an individual who may or may not hold unknown biases. With qualitatively collected data, it is important to recognize that the individual who codes and interprets the data has a bias, whether or not this is noticed.

Lastly, all of the comments were interpreted based entirely on the wording as presented. This project did not allow for clarification or follow-up on the comments. With

online text, it is possible to misinterpret the meaning of a comment and the intention of the writer.

### **Future Study**

The media role and public perceptions in this area are still widely under-researched and little understood. Future studies should strive for larger sample sizes and better comparisons of male offenders. More research needs to be completed to compare male and female offenders and public perceptions. It is important to study these differences to better understand the public's perception of each type of offender.

Female sex offender bias within the media and public perceptions should be studied in relation to jurors and the implications of these gender biases for justice. With better understanding, hopefully education for the public on female- and male-perpetrated abuse can be improved.

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## Appendix A

Sexualization

Humor

Shame

Double standard

Denunciation

Gender

**Article #1 Pretty hot teacher sleeps with student in Wylie. High School was never this fun for me:**

**<https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Wylie-Teacher-Arrested-for-Improper-Relationship-with-Student-236553721.html>**

1.

She has crazy eyes ...

2.

I guess it's a power thing for these women? I couldn't imagine what a sane woman would see in a high school boy...those were awkward years...

3.

Lucky for her she's not a dude and the student wasn't a girl...or else she'd be facing rape charges instead of "improper relations."

4.

Okay so all of my posts have been in jest, but the person

I feel the worst for is this chicks husband..

She is "Mrs."Sims. Or...was.

Poor guy got dissed for a 17 year old student. That's

gotta hurt.

5.

Pretty hot

If you look waaaaaaay down there, you can see your

standards.

6.

Hey we are talking high school here, in high school

almost anything qualifies as boner mate

7.

HA! that made me laugh.

8.

This is sexual assault, this was not, "fun." We don't

know how the student was affected. We don't know what the

circumstances were; but please remember that just because

the victim was male does not make this okay.

9.

Oh please, a 17 year old male having consensual sex with

this woman is not sexual assault. As the video said, this

was only illegal because she was his teacher, not because of his age. If this was just some chick he met elsewhere, we wouldn't even be hearing about this. And I'm sure this was a lot of "fun" for him, probably up until the moment he got caught.

10.

And what if it was the other way around? Older male teacher and 17-year old female student?

11.

It would be improper but still consensual.

12.

greed, but the comments are still concerning to me.

13.

Our definitions of fun seem to differ here.

14.

You seem to be ignoring the fact that the kid isn't in elementary or middle school. He's 17, 1 year from legal adulthood. 17 year olds are more than capable of making these kinds of decisions while understanding the consequences without being scarred for life.

Imagine he was 18 and the woman wasn't his teacher. Would you be saying the same thing?

15.

A 33 year old woman with a 17 year old boy, when she's in a position of authority in relation to him? I don't understand how any sane person can think this is okay. There's a reason these types of "relationships" aren't acceptable, even after the victim is of legal age, such as in the case of college students sleeping with professors.

16.

There's a reason these types of "relationships" aren't acceptable, even after the victim is of legal age, such as in the case of college students sleeping with professors.

Yes, because of the implication of favoritism and concern over lawsuits. Otherwise it's two consenting adults participating in behavior they chose. However, that doesn't mean these people aren't sane or that the young man was psychology scarred in any way, so please get off your high horse.

17.

Dude was 17, hardly a kid. Besides, this is just awesome.

18.

There is nothing "awesome" about this. You people are seriously messed up.

19.

Niiiiice.

20.

This just absolutely made my night last night.  
She was a teacher my senior year at the high school I went to. I wouldn't be surprised if she made it around when I was there.

21

makes you say that?

22.

Say which part?

23.

she got around.

24.

Sometimes with situations like this, they can be repeat offenders.

Just wouldn't put it past them.

Edit: My grammar is fucked. Did I mention she was an English teacher?

25.

But would you put it past her?

26.

Just the tip.

27.

Well, she looks fabulous in her mug shot and that's all that matters. I wonder why the kid turned her in...

28.

Probably bragged about it and some one heard and told the parents.

**Article #2 Shameless Females teacher sleeps with student.**

**Gets off scott free:**

**<https://nypost.com/2017/04/26/teacher-accused-of-having-threesome-with-student-found-not-guilty/>**

29.

This is a local-ish story for me. Her father is a judge. There is your explanation.

30.

Every young boy should be happy to have sex with adult women, women cannot rape, duh! /s

31.

Her father is a judge

32.

As we all know, he seduced her. shes the victim here!

33.

Cue the obligatory "Where were these teachers when I was in school?" and "Whatever student ratted her out must be a faggot." comments.

34.

not surprising

35.

Clown face

36.

what was the evidence?

37.

I wouldn't have minded being one of her victims.

38.

One of my high school teachers (male) was definitely sleeping with his students (female). That went on for years. Everybody knew what was going on and nobody cared. He was a cool guy and good looking. That eventually caught up with him, which sucks. I can understand a creepy guy sort of pushing himself on women, but that was not the case. He was a total stud.

39.



We had a female teacher who slept with students for about 20 years of her career.

40.

only in your dreams

Kurt Douglas thought it was a good experience

**Article #3 THREESOME w/ 2 teachers**

**<http://whotv.com/2014/10/02/two-teachers-arrested-for-having-threesome-with-student-16/>**

41.

I dunno man. Threesome with two teachers? Sounds like the kid got carried away with his story a bit. Sex with the first teacher, sure, but once the jury figures he's lying about the threesome the whole thing may as well be made up.

42.

How is a young teacher fucking high school guys a bad thing? Back in the day, in the ancient times, women like these were hired by rich families to man up their sons. You see when a boy has got permanent sex partner and especially someone who is older than he is and more experienced than him, then it allows him to focus on other stuff more important than vagina. If i had in my

15-17 years a woman like her, i might have been right now  
a much more successful and much more self-confident guy.

43.

Yeah cool my kid has a std or a kid on its way along with  
child support at 18. Thus is not back in the day at all.

44.

stop defending teachers who are sexually innaproprate  
with students just because you have fucked up fetishes  
and your teacher was the only chance you had to get laid  
in HS lol

45.

Nice shaming tactic BRICKS.. seriously no guy does not  
want to fuck his high school teacher if she is even semi  
hot. which they always are. its not legit rape. you are  
siding with the political correct bullshit. It tells me  
that the reason you are MGTOW is because women do not  
want to be with you, I think that's a bad way into MGTOW.

46.

Bingo

47.

so bitter

48.

Nothing bitter /u/Love-rent-e if the female Teacher gets pregnant from the male student and keeps the baby, then that male student is locked in paying child support. That's something a male student especially in high school shouldn't be experiencing.

49.

so bitter

So thirsty.

Here, I crushed some blue pills up and added water. Drink down hard.

50.

That's one of the dumbest things I've read. Totally opposite in the direction of MGTOW. You would rather have a woman as a support?? WTF

51.

then it allows him to focus on other stuff more important than vagina.

52.

That shouldn't be a man's focus in the first place; hence, MGTOW.

53.

But it still is a goal of many... at least unconsciously

54.

I understand. It's programmed into our biology.

55.

The boy could give the teach the preppers

56.

Cool when your daughter is 15 let me fuck her. It is so fun teaching new girls the joys of anal :)

57.

You are a degenerate

58.

It says high school. I know we're supposed to call her a rapist, but is that really rape? That guy definitely liked every second of it.

59.

Stop justifying innocent men being raped by disgusting women.

60.

Hey man, if a Chad rapes a girl it won't be rape, because he's handsome and the girl probably wanted to fuck already, so that means she loved it, right?

61.

It's not her that needs to be imprisoned. It's highschool male teachers that need to go free as well - they should lose their license to teach, end of story. no involuntary acts committed by either party.

62.

Man where were the teachers like this when i was in school! HAHA! The ones i had were definately not this hot nor this adventurous!

63.

amen to that... once in a great while, we'd have a female student teach that turned your head

64.

You would have probably run away in terror. In those days most people had a conscience.

65.

nope nope nope, don't believe it without seeing the video. Gotta see the video. And if it turns out true, imagine the trauma they caused that poor kid. All the attaboys from the other football players etc.

Ok jokes are fun, but this would be bad for a male teacher to do it to the girls, so yes it's bad.

66.

He was 16, having sex at 16 isn't unusual nor usually traumatic. A 16 year old is a grown person. This shouldn't be illegal but rather a workplace issue due to the perceived conflict of interest.

67.

Clearly you don't pick up on sarcasm. The community would be in uproar in disgust if these were male teachers & a female student. Or hell even a male student. Only men can be pedophiles? I think not.

68.

What about bill Clinton???

69.

A 16 year old having sex damn well should be unusual. You parents that allow it are either too lazy or stupid to prevent it.

70.

yet another reason to not drop out of high school.

71.

Yea, change the no child left behind moto to no child behind left alone!

72.

Stop stealing others' jokes

73.

"The male student was hospitalized later the next day for excessive High Fiving in the hallways"

74.

So nobody is going to chastise the women for their behavior in these comments? We'll congratulate the 16 yr old male for his part in this; But if it were a female student would there be "high-fives" for her? Doubtful. If it were men, they'd be labeled deviants, pedophiles, rapists, and many other titles befitting their behavior. No equality among criminals too, it seems.

Likewise, the kid shouldn't be held up as some role model for his male peers, as all it does is objectifies not only those two women, but all women as a conquest to be had. Really wish our society could be better than this

75.

Wow. I'm impressed. I wouldnt think anyone could have found a way to make the teachers the victims in this. Most of the other commentators are not pretending that boys and girls are the same. Like it or not, the boy is very likely IS getting a ton of points with his peers her

76.

you're a pathetic turd buzz4t...grow some and be a role model u obama supporter.

77.

I know I would have been harmed, I would end up in treatment for an overdose of bragging

78.

Twins Basil... TWINS

79.

I thought one of my teachers was hitting on me when I was around this age (I never figured out conclusively whether or not it was so) but I did not have the reaction many might think (including myself); I was actually quite nervous (even scared) at the concept. Whether or not it's a legal issue depends largely on the age of consent in Louisiana, but this is definitely a conflict of interest

80.

Mainly because this is in no way as bad as if it happened to a young girl. It is in no way the same thing. Much as you deny it, boys and girls are different.



81.

The difference is only in your head because as a guy(which I am assuming you are), it appeals to some male fantasy you might have had as a teenager. I mean heck it does to me. What if it had been two male teachers with a male student. Even if the student was gay, this wouldn't fit your fantasy, so it would still be outrageous to you I bet. It astounds me this sort of 50's mentalities that we all still have in these situations that this is no big deal for high school guys, but high school girls are delicate little flowers that would only succumb to some predatory male, whereas I am sure that in some situations the contact is initiated by the female student.

Regardless, there is a trust that is inherent when we send our kids to school that the teachers and staff will educate and protect them and manage to refrain from sleeping with them. I think a violation of this trust deserves that same amount of outrage regardless of the gender of the teachers or students

82.

Are you FRICKIN kidding me right now why are most of you men rooting for this?? Oh yeah a student hooked up with two female teachers okay yeah they're attractive but if this happened to a female student with male teachers THIS WOULD BE LOOKED AT DIFFERNTLY. I'm sure you'd still root for this too right?? This is what the human race is turning into and it's very sad.

83.

So what if a female student hooked up with male teachers? I wouldn't care, as long as she wants it, there's nothing wrong with that.

84.

It says it was HIS English teacher.

85.

this would only be bad if he were home schooled

86.

You may take your bow and leave. Your work here is done. Your award will be on the left as you leave, sir/ma'am.

87.

I am appalled that these teachers took advantage of one of their young charges. They should face a penalty fitting the crime, they should be sent to Iowa to have multiple three ways with this old man.

88.

I dont know how they "took advantage of him" he obviously came back for more. I mean yeah it would be different if it was a girl obviously, but I think with two teachers looking like that every boy in school was thinking about and he just got chosen to be that one

89.

The problem is, if this was widely allowed, teachers could hold this over him or affect his grade if the relationship(s) go sour. Age, consent or bragging doesn't even matter, the teachers are in a position of authority over the guy.

90.

These teachers should be treated no differently by the legal system than if they were males and the student was a female. There is a level of trust that goes with their position as teachers, and they clearly violated that

trust, morally, ethically and legally. Gender is meaningless and should be prosecuted equally.

An adult has to be responsible enough to prevent a situation like that from ever happening to begin with. A teacher has an even larger responsibility; as an educator they not only teach students, but are a mentor and moral compass. I sincerely hope these women are prosecuted to the fullest extent possible

91.

Gender does matter. A 16 year old girl can't physically turn away a sexual advance from an adult male, but a 16 year old boy certainly can successfully resist an adult woman, even two. There's a double standard for a reason. Is it a violation of trust being between a teacher and student? Absolutely. But it's definitely not as bad as a young female, who is more easily manipulated, and more likely to feel remorse for it afterwards because let's face it, men aren't the most moral creatures in general.

92.

This is such a bad generalization as to be laughable. I agree that if we are talking about physical rape then I your first couple of statements have merit. But the idea that a girl can't mentally resist being seduced or is more likely to feel remorse is a silly holdover of gender roles from the 1950's. If you think that high school girls are never the sexual aggressors in these types of cases then you need to enter the modern world. In addition, just because this appeals to some sexual fantasy you might have had as a teenager, neither you nor I have any clue as to the psychological impact to this student. It may forever alter his perception of woman and he may never have a proper adult relationship because of it. The main point however is that if a teacher (or teachers in this case) cannot be responsible enough adults to not sleep with their students than they deserve the fullest punishment of the law regardless of their gender or the gender of the student.

93.

Wow, what a lucky chap. Would like to be in his shoes.

94.

You never had a threesome before man? What's wrong with you?

95.

Well, technically it is learning

96.

Lucky chap!

97.

WTF?!?! How come this never happened to me when I was in school... Press charges??? Why this is another incentive to stay in school...

98.

This is not at all something to be laughed about. What if the student wasn't smart enough to use protection? It's possible he could have a disease in his body for the rest of his life because of two dumb teachers. I can't even imagine what the parents are going through. You really have to have a sad pathetic life to have sexual relations with a minor. I hope these sexual offenders get punished to the fullest extent possible.

99.

I'm annoyed by people trying to connect this with "if it were two male teachers"...I understand why they're making the comparison, but there is no comparison. Even a threesome with two men and an adult woman is considered deviant. Threesomes are typically only desired if it's involving two women..

100.

Uh...to the people expressing outrage over this, keep in mind that in in some states, like here in Iowa, the age of consent is 16 and this wouldn't have even been a crime at all

101.

Are you sure about that? Because I believe if you are a teacher you are held to a higher standard and I think having sex with the students is frowned upon and illegal!

102.

LUCKY BOY LOL

103.

First and foremost you have to admit at the least the two teachers made an extremely bad judgement call in having sex with a student,,reguardles of his age.. Secondly,, you have to commend the student, , not only did he convince one older female to have sex but two,, and then

he got them to do a threesome at that... It might be more common today than it was back when i was his age but getting a mff threesome isnt normally that easy a thing to pull off,,,and then on top of that he got older women, ,who violated the law and risked losing their careers to agree to it multiple times,apparently..

Granted if this had been two male teachers and a female student society would look at this differently,,, they would be perverts and she would be a slut... To each their own,, as I see it it was a very bad descision on the teachers part and if they wanted him so badly they shouldve waited until he reached the age of consent, ,, at least then it wouldnt have been illegal just unethical..

104.

why, why these things did not happen to me growing up ??

105.

There are a lot of stories about this on the news channels.... One has 3 kids and her dad is a judge.. The kid is African American and all they have is his story so far. You know,,,, it could be they are innocent

106.



What was the race of the student involved that's all I want to know.

107.

lucky high school boy :( when i was 16. the hottest women were only the cheerleaders and some of them liked lesbian stuff with other girls :)~

108.

Yet, We have males who are about 20/24 dating 16 years olds and getting them knocked up. No one does anything about that?

**Article #4 Male teacher has sex with student. Did 2 years in jail, but maintained relationship. Read the comments. - <https://nypost.com/2011/07/25/teacher-says-he-cant-be-sued-because-he-only-pursued-student-outside-of-school/>**

109.

Boy, statutory rape AND he was in a position of power over the girl. Clearly a martyr.

110.

The girl is legally incapable of consenting, thus this man is in the wrong.

"straight up consensual sex???" Seriously? When I last looked, the age of consent in New York is 17.

111.

whom he continued to see after his arrest, records show. This could have been for a week or for all 2 years. It doesn't tell us that the relationship is serious at all.

112.

I don't defend anyone's claims that it's ok to fuck teenagers. I don't think this is a good example of anything, but the comments here are disappointing. There isn't any reason to think that psychological and brain development in teenagers isn't stunted by the infantilizing treatment they get rather than the infantilizing treatment being necessitated by immaturity. The criminalization of what would be consensual sex if not for the law is obviously stupid.

The guy spent 2 years in jail. He paid his debt. He has a great argument against the sexual harassment claim. The commenters saying he must be guilty of everything else he is ever accused of because he fucked a teenager are just stupid.

Article #5 Former East Bay high school teacher who had sex with student avoids

jail<https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/02/09/former-high-school-teacher-who-had-sex-with-student-avoids-jail/>  
<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2018/02/09/former-high-school-teacher-who-had-sex-with-student-avoids-jail/>

113.

Sentence her to home confinement. Now who's home could they pick? hmmm...let me think...

114.

Talk about double standard in today's society. If this was a male teacher, he would had been crucified. Way to go CA.

115.

It's not just CA. This sentencing "double-standard" is nation-wide. However, it varies widely (don't get caught doing it in Georgia, for instance). As for double-standard, it undoubtedly comes down to perceived, or real, impact on the victim as well as the actual circumstances of the offense

116.

Let's face it. There is a double-standard when it comes to women having sex with their students, of either gender. This woman is a pedophile, period. She should be in prison. However, we ARE in California, where Fruit and Nuts reign.

117.

I'm sorry to throw cold water on your "Fruit and Nuts" label, but sentencing leniency for female teachers occurs in most parts of the country (depending, of course, on the circumstances and even the judge).

118.

Uselessly punitive. Six months to force someone to be stir crazy and understandably resentful for being a human. And drug tested all the while? What does that have to do with anything?

Toss it out.

119.

Double standard once again, if a male teacher had #metoo'd a chick he'd be sitting in jail now.

120.

A male teacher would have gotten the book thrown at him with public calls for castration. Instead we get "Hot for Teacher" jibes.

121.

Come on everybody knows when boys have sex with their female teacher it's not a problem, he "got lucky". I want to know why I never had any teachers like her.

122.

What a waste of taxpayer money to house her in prison it would have been.

**Article #6 Report: 3 male teens were sex abuse victims of former Osceola teacher**

**<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2014/jan/17/police-3-male-teens-were-sex-abuse-victims-osceola/?f=news-arkansas>**

123.

I though Bill Clinton said that a BJ is not sex???

124.

What is wrong with heterosexuals?

125.

Looking at her picture these 3 boys will be scarred for life; I guess goo is disappointed she got to them before he did

126.

That's where the bigots always go, JC.

And you went there in record time!

Uh, congratulations?

127.

gooey-I've never been to Osceola; why do the bigots always go there? Is that where you and your friends meet?

128.

so they released her on her own recognizance with an ankle bracet.....right!!

129.

America - What a country, What a concept!!!

**Article #7 Cumberland Valley teacher performed sex act with student in her classroom, police say**

**[http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2014/03/cumberland\\_valley\\_teacher\\_sex.html](http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2014/03/cumberland_valley_teacher_sex.html)**

130.

Sorry - but I disagree. If you lack confidence in yourself mentally or physically then you need to get help. Lets face it, when your family says you are great, smart or pretty; that is just not enough. You want to hear it from outside sources. This is where things gets screwed up. Sometimes it helps to get professional help. It's a hard pill to swallow.

131.

an, pls try again. I would very much like to understand what you attempted to write.

132.

>married

133.

What is wrong with teachers like this ? What was she thinking ? Oh wait, she wasn't thinking.

Teachers like this need to have their license yanked permanently. They have no moral compass and are not fit to be teaching.

134.

"Teachers like this need to have their license yanked permanently."

I believe that is generally the case.

135.

We don't have cameras in our classrooms. So she was safe.

136.

I'll never comprehend what makes people risk their career and freedom to sleep with a kid. You could put Kate Upton in my bed and I'm just not going there if she's underage. What part of lifetime registered sex offender who can never teach again is confusing?

137.

Your picture is odd.

138.

Consensual sex between 2 people is not abuse. Get with the times.

139.

I agree. Times have changed.

140.

Whats that, let those without sin cast the first stone thingy....

141.

Reminds me of the case at Steel-High a few years ago. Female middle school teacher was screwing around with boys. I can't believe a woman with a teaching job would be



stupid enough to fool around with some high school boy  
and to do it at the school.

142.

I assumed the age was 18. That was my bad. But the  
difference would be the law and that's what I was only  
getting at. No need to get all rash with your comments,  
helm. Never did I comment on the boy having his life  
ruined. In fact, if you read any of my prior comments I  
made on other people's posts, you'd see I'd completely  
agree with you on that point.

143.

This is the problem with society. People thinking this is  
ok. It is not. This woman should know better. We all know  
the 17 and 18 yr old BOYS don't have the best judgement  
in the world. The teacher is an adult with much life  
experience and trusted not to engage in sex with a  
student. Never mind the people in her life she betrayed  
by these actions. Let's hope she is never a teacher  
again. There are predators everywhere.

144.

Statutory sex laws are noticeably flawed. The young man wanted to have sex with his teacher who is very attractive. The teacher wanted to engage in sexual relations with a young stallion. The sex was consensual, and you know what? It was probably fun for the both of them. I don't see any harm done unless she cheated on a husband or something.

145.

She did cheat on her husband, who is a state trooper and has children. It was an affair, done on school grounds, and she was still in a position of power over the boy until he graduated. I'm sure it was fun for the both of them, but that doesn't mean it's right.

146.

I'm ok with her resignation. Criminal charges shouldn't be filed...it was sex (well almost)...I promise he would figure it out very soon if he hasn't at that age...

147.

are you serious!!?? Why have her resign then..why no line her up int he hall and let her 'educate' the rest of the boys that 'will figure it out soon anyway'...we entrust these people with our kids...be them 6 or 16...You have some issues POP.

148.

I think it's pretty safe to say she won't get hired any where in the area for a job teaching young people. You are absolutely correct, she betrayed many by doing what she did and set an extremely poor example as a teacher. There is an ethic and a professionalism one should live up to, when doing their job. She missed on all points.

149.

Oh thank you for the compliment, Helmsley, nice to see you aren't like many of the others here, thinking with the wrong body part and reliving their youth instead of calling this what it was: extremely poor judgment by the teacher.

150.

RelevanceLive your attitude is why we still have sexual abuse in today's society. You should talk to a counselor who treats abuse victims. Whether you want to believe it this classic sexual abuse.

151.

helm. I think you're focusing too much on the word abuse. Obviously they enjoyed it or else they wouldn't have continued it. BUT, she was his teacher. She was still his

teacher for a few more months. That is a crime. Having relations with students is a crime.

152.

Hotdog, some schools have specific rules or guidelines about whether a student can date a professor or not. It's just something that would need looked at in the faculty handbook or whatever.

153.

Harmony, this is 2014; not 1940.

154.

The age where sex can be consensual for boys in PA is 16, so you are correct that these incidents were consensual. And you are also correct that it will most probably not be something that he ever regrets or feels bad about. In fact he will probably be reminiscing about it when he's 80.

BUT, she should not have had a relationship with a boy who was her student and she definitely should not have had it at the school!

No, she probably won't go to jail but she should definitely never teach kids again.

155.

I graduated in 1964 and not ONE of the teachers at my school was fat. What does that say about obesity in America. I had several very attractive men teachers on whom I had the direst crushes. There were rumors about my english teacher and a senior girl. The difference may be that we didn't have cell phones to record the havey cavey stuff.

156.

This case highlights how men and women are indeed different. While women can be predators, men are significantly more likely to prey on women. Therefore, at a minimum I would argue the relationship was at least consensual. However, had the roles been reversed with a male teacher and female student, like in Susquehanna Township School District, my opinion would be the opposite. Regardless of one's opinion, in both scenarios under the law, a male and female teacher should be treated the same.

157.

Eevelbob, i see your point, it should not have been done on school property. And as for harmony, you are a brainwashed fool if you are going to compare her to sandusky. If 17 year olds can be charged as adults for other crimes, but are charged as minors in sex cases even if they are over the age of consent, is preposterous. Get back to reality. He obviously wanted to hook up with her, and i do not blame him. But yes it should not have been done on the property.

158.

skywalkin, not all of them were old and fat. I graduated in 1954, and I had 3 very young and well built teachers, but I never heard of any one of them having sex with any of their students, altho, I am sure more than myself often looked at them and dreamed.

159.

Graduated in 1974 and during that time two close female friends were having affairs with their teachers. Everyone suspected they were seeing the teachers, and shortly after graduation, the truth was made public, both married their lovers!

Make love not war!

160.

I feel the same way. Only problem is that had it been a male teacher and my daughter, I would feel the exact opposit. I know that's not right thinking this way in todays society. Just being honest.

161.

By freely giving up his cellphone and showcasing his affair to another female student, one seriously has to wonder if this young man was living out his "Summer of '42" fantasy. Regardless, I wonder if this will be Mary Kay Letourneau and Vili Fualaau all over again.

162.

I wonder if you would have the same attitude if this had been a male teacher and female student?

163.

@Jeffrey Johnson, why are you using Hampden Township at the beginning of your article? The school is located in Silver Spring Twp, hence the reason Silver Spring Twp Police are investigating. What is the age of the student please? Was this student questioned by police with his parents present?

I would really, really like to see PL reporters actually write a story, something other than parroting a police report or release.

164.

The dateline of Hampden Township was used because the judge's office where the search warrants were issued and viewed by the reporter is in Hampden Township. He wrote this story on location.

165.

Interesting Megan, thanks I was not aware that the District Magistrate issued search warrants. Also, if the "reporter" wrote his story from his home would he list that as the location? I just think by listing Hampden Twp in his heading, that its misleading.

166.

If he wrote the story from our offices (which are also in Hampden Township) or at home, there would be no dateline. Datelines are used when we physically go out to a location, in this case the judge's office in Hampden Township.

167.

Also, I sent the other two questions about the victim's age and the parents to reporter. The victim's age was not disclosed in the search warrant, nor does it mention if a



parent was present. He is going to inquire about these at the news conference tomorrow. I hope this helps!

168.

The age of the student was not listed in the search warrants and they did not state whether he was interviewed while accompanied by a parent. Those are questions I can ask at a press conference that is scheduled for 11 a.m. tomorrow.

169.

i know of this other situation QUITE WELL and that's all I can say. You're right, there are alot of good teachers and faculty members at CV, and I don't want to discredit them. On the other hand, there's quite a few "bad apples" there and something needs to be done there to rein them in.

170.

Messages don't infer, they imply. You infer from them.

171.

@Tom Bux I was attempting to use the language the police used in the search warrants.

172.

I figured it was a quote of their language.

173.

Then use [sic] to indicate that it was written that way.

**Article #8 Grafton man accused of having sex with 15-year-old girl while he was married**

**<http://fox6now.com/2017/01/11/grafton-man-accused-of-having-sex-with-15-year-old-girl-while-he-was-married/>**

174.

No comments for the white thug paedophile??? I guess when you're white it's alright

175.

@STFU- Take your posting name and put it to use!!!!!! I'm tired of your ranting as of recent comments on other stories.

Like the black community doesn't have this issue... But they have "babies" and keep on keeping on with many "daddys" and take welfare and food stamps, drive around in cadillacs and lexus' (that cost more than their house (and neighbors together) with your nice clothes, iphones, jewelery... and due to the lack of "common sense" this doesn't get reported. You don't rat on your own.....

Alot of bad dishonest people -from all races... Just go and protest somewhere about BLM and what you don't have

or feel you should but can't due to the whitey holding you down.

God bless your hated soul and may Jesus help you see what is real.

176.

well sir, you got us there, i agree and have nothing to say

177.

Thank you for saying what we are all thinking

178.

hey stfu, im the race bater here, its myjob not yours.

leave this to the professionals

179.

I'm waiting for the usual comments when it's an underage boy and an older woman. Crickets.

It's statutory rape, regardless of who the child is.

Protect your kids, regardless of gender.

180.

When you white I guess its right

181.

White is right

182.

Damn right, I mean white!

**Article #9: BAD EDUCATION: Teacher jailed after sleeping with four underage pupils on her 'bucket list'... telling one of them 'I just became a paedophile':**

**<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3689224/Sex-obsessed-teacher-s-aide-jailed-having-sex-five-high-school-students.html>**

183.

**dirty old woman just as bad as a dirty old man**

184.

**Burn the bitch!**

185.

Caution Judges at Work! Does anyone remember the footballer who was jailed earlier this year for six years for a lesser offence involving only one 15 year old fan? Without for a moment condoning his behaviour, why the huge disparity in his sentence from this one? Was he punished because he is a man or he is rich and famous or either or both of the judges have lost their judicial compass?

186.

Sick freak needs a bullet right in the middle of it's forehead, just like all kiddie fiddlers

**Article #10 Former female probation counselor arrested on charges of sex with two teenage boys:**

**<https://www.mercurynews.com/2017/09/28/female-probation-counselor-arrested-on-charges-of-sex-with-two-teenage-boys/>**

187.

A pig kills people and at the most, he gets a slap on the wrist and this lady will rot in jail. Not that rape is justified, but when you compare rape with murder you can see that both law enforcement and the judicial system are a bunch of hypocrites.

188.

As to the boys speaking later and not sooner? Wonder if they wanted to keep it on going and she refused? People are scum. Could be worse, she could be one of those fat female guards with a flat-top haircut and a pack of hot dogs on her neck.

189.

The only issue here is she was a probation counselor and they were incarcerated. Had they been out not on probation she'd been ok. If I was a youngster and a hot lady seduced me I'd keep my mouth shut. I'd enjoy pounding her every chance.

190.

ditto!!!! :))

191.

Your Californian "18 y/o can't legally have sex with a consenting 17 y/o" seems stoneage to us here.

In Canada criminal law is federal and our age of consent is 16. We see that as more reasonable and civilized. We even have "close in age exemptions" that can take the age of consent down to as young as 12.

BUT even here in liberal Canada what this woman \*allegedly\* did would be called rape, because she was in a "position of authority" over the boys/teens and they were under 18 at the time. (The article doesn't say their ages at the time of the alleged offenses, but they're only 17 and 18 now, and the alleged offenses took place in the past.)

AND, even here in liberal Canada, the law in Canada is explicit: Consent is no defense when the rape is due to the victim being under age.

The great problem is that when an adult prematurely sexualizes a boy or girl, that boy or girl typically grows up into an adult who sees premature sexualization of children and teens by adults as normal.

This is what you have in CALIFORNIA:

<https://www.ageofconsent.ne...>

What is the California Age of Consent?

The California Age of Consent is 18 years old. In the United States, the age of consent is the minimum age at which an individual is considered legally old enough to consent to participation in sexual activity. Individuals aged 17 or younger in California are not legally able to consent to sexual activity, and such activity may result in prosecution for statutory rape.

California statutory rape law is violated when a person has consensual sexual intercourse with an individual under age 18 who is not their spouse. Punishments vary depending on the respective ages of both victim and offender. Separate crimes exist for sodomy with minors

and sexual intercourse between a child under age 14 who's attacker was at least seven years older.

California does not have a close-in-age exemption.

This is what we have in CANADA. Even though our age of consent is generally 16, a probation officer, teacher, police officer, priest, coach, who has sex with a client, student, suspect, victim, parishioner who is under 18 makes themselves a rapist by doing so.

<https://www.ageofconsent.ne...>

What is the Canada Age of Consent?

The Age of Consent in Canada is 16 years old. The age of consent is the minimum age at which an individual is considered legally old enough to consent to participation in sexual activity. Individuals aged 15 or younger in Canada are not legally able to consent to sexual activity, and such activity may result in prosecution for statutory rape or the equivalent local law.

Canada statutory rape law is violated when an individual has consensual sexual intercourse with a person under age 16.

There are two close in age exemptions.



a. One allows a minor aged 12 or 13 to consent to sexual congress with an individual less than two years older. b. The other allows 14 and 16 year olds to consent to partners less than 5 years older.

The age of consent is raised to 18 when the older party is in a position of trust or authority over the other, the younger party is in a relationship of dependency with the owner, or if the relationship is exploitative.

Every act of anal intercourse is criminalized with the exemptions for married couples or 2 people over age 18.

The exemptions become invalid if a third person is present or if the act does not take place in private.

You can read our actual law on the Government of Canada website here:

<http://laws-lois.justice.gc...>

Section 150.

It is pretty clearly written.

192.

and canadass legal age of consent for years was 14! only recently was it upped to 16. btw some states in US have 16 and 17 legal age also.

193.

If you don't care about the ill treatment of males, because, "well they're just males" think of how crimes like this impact women.

The woman has prematurely sexualized at least two teenager boys. You can expect that the boys be replicating her actions with teenage girls when they're her age.

Treating boys and men like subhumans not only harms boys and men. The sexism comes around and bites girls and women in the end.

That is, karma is not something that only bites men.

You seem to have spelled "rape" incorrectly.

194.

Why doesn't this article use the word 'rape' a single time? Switch genders, and this article would say "Rape rape rape, rape rape, rape rape."

195.

Chief Probation Officer Laura Garnette needs to ,.be investigated. Top down review. Time for new leadership?

196.

Sooo...it took Santa Clara county authorities A YEAR to take this pervert into custody?....oh yah...she's a woman and it IS CALIFORNIA....my bad....SMFH

197.

Female child molester = slap on the wrist.

Women are oppressed, remember?

198.

She was oppressed alright...that's why she was diddling  
with the youngins....smh

199.

Easy money. Just take it from her administration leave  
payments.

200.

Those poor boys must have been pretty desperate.

201.

It was a person in authority over them. Even in Canada,  
where the age of consent is normally 16 for having sex  
with adults, there is an exemption that makes it rape  
when the adult holds a position of power or trust over  
the teenager (parent, teacher, police officer, priest,  
probation officer, etc.).

202.

You're locked up in a detention facility in Morgan  
Hill.....and you're horny as hell....doubt highly they  
were looking at her face

203.

And I'm sure women who are raped were asking for it  
'cause of the way they were dressing

204.

Ehhhh...if you say so...

205.

DJ is obviously contrasting Simon's "socially acceptable" PC against men and boys with how the equivalent statement against women is "socially unacceptable". In other words, he felt some people would not instantly comprehend how hypocritical it is to say, "I'm sure the young men did not see a problem with this" so he was pointing it out. I'm surprised it needed to be pointed out, but clearly it did.

206.

yet they are the ones who reported it..

207.

I wonder how much money they will get. I'm sure due to her position that they felt that they had no choice, or something like that. The lawyer will definitely come up with something good and the county will pay out millions

208.

It's California.....they just hit the lotto

209.

But legally there is a problem. A person in authority  
having sex with a charge. Not to mention they were minors

210.

Oh brother...you must be a hit at the parties

211.

Personal attacks have no place in rational discussions.  
And that goes for this as well as those making follow on  
personal attacks against Reggie.

OED definition of bigotry:

"Intolerance towards those who hold different opinions  
from oneself."

Wikipedia definition of Ad hominem (Latin for "to the  
man" or "to the person"[1]), short for argumentum ad  
hominem:

Where an argument is rebutted by attacking the character,  
motive, or other attribute of the person making the  
argument, or persons associated with the argument, rather  
than attacking the substance of the argument itself.

Fallacious ad hominem reasoning is normally categorized  
as an informal fallacy,[4][5][6] more precisely as a  
genetic fallacy, a subcategory of fallacies of  
irrelevance

212.

Finally, someone on this board who understands debate, thank you. Your reply is well stated SouthSideSam. But my guess is those like Dexter and Minority are close, if not fully, angry bitter trolls who will look for any opportunity to pervert the debate process.

213.

Here are the links for those quotes:

<https://en.oxforddictionari...>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wi...>

214.

I am. I dress well and dance well. I am well read, and as a conversationalist there are none better. Women young and old love me. Also as a host, I am a gourmet cook and mixologist.

2150

Sounds like a statement from a guy coming out of the closet lol

216.

Sorry sparky. I am straight as a snipers bullet.

217.

Need a pin to pop that narcissistic bubble?

218.

No brag just fact.

219.

Bishop Fulton Sheen, one of my heroes. Wise man.

220.

Reggie is your brother? I wouldn't admit that if I were  
you

**Article # 11 Female pedophile jailed for two years after  
she had sex with an eight-year-old boy 50 times**

**[http://www.nydailynews.com/news/crime/british-mom-jailed-  
sex-8-year-old-article-1.1726526](http://www.nydailynews.com/news/crime/british-mom-jailed-sex-8-year-old-article-1.1726526)**

221.

If the pedo was a male he would have had a much longer  
sentence. But Equal Opportunity you know...

222.

She got 2 years, if it was the other way round he would  
have rotted in there.

223.

could have becomes could've

so would have becomes would've

224.

I'd hit it

225.

/r/pussypass

226.

Lenience because she stopped doing it. I wonder how many times that has happened to men?

227.

This is a Daily Mail article. Can't believe anything in it.

228.

Nice.

229.

Nice.

230.

Nnniccce

231.

Nice

232.

Nice...

233.

Niiiiice..give him the luckiest boy in the world award

234.



was only found out after he was overheard bragging about it at school.

Yep, kid definitely sounds scarred.

235.

Niceeee...

236.

Wait, has she preformed oral sex with him? ...nice

237.

This is serious. We need to track this student down and give him his "Luckiest Boy in America" medal right away.

238.

Nice

239.

luckiest boy? For getting raped

240.

I don't think someone that thinks he was raped would brag about it to all his friends. I'd say he's quite proud.

241.

It doesn't matter if he was proud or not, he was raped according to what the law says.

242.

Doesn't matter. Had sex.

243.

If this was a man in American he would not see the outside of a prison until he was too old to even get it up.

244.

Good

245.

It is not said that she's a pedophile. Not everyone who commits child sexual abuse is pedophilic. It is a primary or exclusive sexual interest in children, very often with feelings of love. Non-pedophilic offenders also have an interest in adults, and motives might include compensating behaviour (unable to socialize with grown ups etc). EDIT: typo.

246.

People don't want to hear that though since it challenges what sensational media has led them to believe. In their eyes even law abiding pedophiles are to be skinned alive and strung up by their balls for doing... um... nothing.

247.

That is true. But these people you are referring to need a counterbalance.

248.

Not everyone who commits child sexual abuse is pedophilic.

You are correct - this is pederasty. Pedophilia is a preference.

249.

That kid is gonna be the next Chris Brown.

250.

The sad thing about this is that when kids have sex at a young age it is somewhat seen as something that is almost (if not fully) a necessity to them. When you introduce a kid to things like this (when the mind is developing the most) it makes them feel that this is a part of life and when they go without it they feel depressed, unloved, unwanted etc(for the rest of their lives)... You guys are saying "Nice" and things such as that and making light of the situation, but this woman could have very well ruined this poor child's life. He may have serious sexual issues going into the next grade and no other kids are sexually advanced as this boy now which also can cause issues for him. It's not all awesome, unfortunately...

251.

"Morris slept with the boy, who cannot be named"....Voldemort?

252.

I have an 8 year old son and this sickens me to my core.

253.

I know, why is this other kid so lucky? It's really unfair.

254.

My hometown, I'm so...proud?

255.

The first thing I thought when I saw this thread was "Is she hot?" I have no soul.

256.

Has anyone thought about asking the boy what his wishes are in all of this?

257.

Legally it doesn't matter. Minors are unable to give consent according to the courts. They are considered to not be mature enough or knowledgeable enough to make the decision, and the power influence of the other party can affect the child's state of mind.

258.

Has anyone thought about changing laws that are wrong?

259.

NAMBLA's working on it

260.

If she was a minor, why was it illegal?

261.

There are laws that prevent minors with large age gaps from engaging in sexual activity, since the older one will have power over the younger one (which is the same reason that sex with a minor is illegal, regardless of supposed consent).

262.

How would you feel about your 8yr old having sex with a 16yr old?

263.

"sexual intercourse with a child" is different than if it was two minors

264.

They were both minors. She was 16 and he was 8.

265.

i think that the classification of child and minor are different. sexual intercourse with a child is different than sexual intercourse with a minor. plus there's alot to do if they're in a position of power, like a teacher, babysitter, or what have you.

266.

16yr old can give consent to have sex and a 8yr old doesn't. Didn't really think people would need this explained to them.

267.

At least the kid can brag he had sex WAAAY before anyone in his class when he'll be in high school.

268.

Lucky bastard . . .

269.

I make the same jokes as the rest of guys...Because the double standard is strong with this sort of thing. But c'mon...Two fucking years? This kid's gonna be in therapy till he's at least 21, and probably fucked(in a bad way) for life. I'm glad the US isn't the only country that gives out shit prison sentences. Good job UK.

270.

I did two years for a few photos. The female ones are always so lucky, more so when hot.

**Article # 12 Female Florida teen to accept plea in underage sex case - does not have to register as sex offender:**

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/10/03/fla-teen-underage-sex/2916137/>

271.

I really didn't think it should be a 'sex offender' offense in the first place. I do not believe 18/14 is an acceptable age range, and it needs to be discouraged. Surely though such mistake shouldn't destroy the rest of a person's life, and they do not deserve to be thrown into the same group as violent rapists and child molesters.

The whole issue with this Florida thing is with the obvious double standard, especially coming from the SJWs. I would however go out on a limb to say that if anything, the media coverage on this did bring some major public awareness of how unjust our system can be. It's just too bad it took a girl being in trouble for the conversation to actually happen.

272.

Absolutely. A 18 year old male would have had his life ruined over this situation.

273.

If a male violated a court order 3 times in the same scenario he wouldn't be freed from prison until he was middle aged. It is really sad to think about it.

274.

Cases like this are interesting though in that they highlight exactly where the discrimination occurs. In this case it shows that its not so much about the 'female victim' that makes for a harsh sentence, but a male perpetrator.

So do you guys agree the discrepancy in sentencing is more on the perpetrator side of the equation (Hypo/hyper-agency)?

275.

I think it might be more complex than you're suggesting: it doesn't matter that the victim was female BECAUSE the perpetrator was female. And, in fact, it might matter; if the victim had been a boy, this probably would have gotten even less press and nothing would have happened to her.



276.

The whole issue with this Florida thing is with the obvious double standard.

Absolutely. I agree. The law should be changed so that teenagers who bang teenagers should not be registering or necessarily be charged as sex offenders. However. Right now. That's the way it is. If this were male, he would be charged and registered and nobody would blink. So. Until we change that law, she should be charged and registered *equally*. If she were male and in flagrant violation of court order (multiple times), then the key would be thrown away. So the key should be thrown away for her, *equally*. Change the law, or apply it *equally*. But the pussy pass reigns, so she will get to walk with a good scare and a slap on the wrists, and probably a bunch of money thrown at her for free college and a book and movie option. And *none* of her supporters, nor herself, will take part in any effort to change that law so that teen boys who are in her position get treated *equally*.

277.

If a law is unfair the best case is repealing it. If this cannot be done it is best it is applied as infrequently as possible. Throwing women into the sex offender registry does not help the male victims of these unfair laws.

278.

Throwing women into the sex offender registry does not help the male victims of these unfair laws.

This is where you are incorrect. Applying the law equally will make women, who vote more than men, take notice of the unfairness of that law and do something about it. It will give them an equal stake in that law. Give them a pass and they will not have any motivation to bother at all. It will just be another example of one set of rules for them and another for us.

279.

Double standard aside, what should be the offense be here? She broke Florida law and slept with someone under the age of 16 (Florida's age of consent for those 23 and under).

280.

3rd plea deal after violating her court order and if she doesn't fuck up, her record and the case will be expunged.

281.

Agreed that this shouldn't be a "sex offender" offense.

282.

It's too much. She should get neither jail nor house arrest -- kids fucking kids should not be a crime. As for those who continue to insist she's being targeted for being a lesbian, they are either ignorant or misandrists. Either way, fuck them.

283.

Please explain your point since you are being down voted. But the real issue here isn't that she was charged but that she flagrantly defied a no contact order and disregarded any respect for the law once they were caught. And actively pursued the minor.

284.

With any luck, she'll go back to the well again (lord knows she can't control herself) and this time the state will nail her for violating the terms of her bargain. It'd be the only bright part of this whole goddamn

travesty. They'd probably just find another excuse to let her off, though.

285.

Thank god she does not. One less victim of these terrible sex offender laws. She does not deserve such a punishment and my desire for equality does not trump my desire to see people treated reasonably.

286.

As long as the people are female, eh? Oh sure, you can say that you want to see everyone treated reasonably, but your hollow words won't get any guys out of prison or off the sex offender registry.

The laws will only change when women are tried and convicted like men.

287.

She shouldn't (especially since the parents only laid charges because they didn't like the fact their daughter was a lesbian), and neither should all the boys in the same situation (regardless of orientation). Add this to another thing the US needs to follow Canada's lead on: adding close in age exemptions.

288.

There are close in age exemptions, they were too far apart (14 and 18).

289.

The federal government can't write a blanket age less than 18 for consent. Also, there's no real proof this was about the girl being a lesbian, that's just what the jailed woman's parents said to try and buy sympathy in the media. The other girl's parents had warned her away repeatedly since the woman turned 18, and only after she refused to stop contacting their daughter did they call the police. It seems pretty straightforward to me, but I don't agree she, or anybody else in this situation, should have been a sex offender (although 18/14 is kind of gross).

290.

Romeo and Juliet laws, dickshits.

Article #13 Man who flew to Calgary for sex with underage girl sentenced to 7 years in jail:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/paul-binh-do-calgary-child-pornography-california-flight-sentenced-1.4065882>

291.

Not that I don't think he deserves the sentence, but how does this guy get more jail time than murderers in this city?

Am I the only one who thinks that this is seriously broken? These guys beat a man to death in the street in 2012 and I am pretty sure they are already out:

<http://calgaryherald.com/news/crime/murder-suspect-granted-bail-for-third-time>

Wtf?

292.

He was tried, convicted, and sentenced in California, US.

Not here.

293.

That would make sense.

294.

I don't know the specifics of the case you linked to but I can easily see some logic in the sentencing (again not for the specific case as I don't know).

Get in a fight? Try to rob somebody? Maybe drunk?

Accidentally kill them even though you were doing something wrong to begin with. Punishable but potentially forgivable.

Trying to have sex with a minor in a thought out plan that has time and money invested in it? Whatever, I don't care. Maybe some psych help on the 1st arrest but I have absolutely no qualms about people who have sex or try to have sex with children being removed as humans.

295.

Nah, they beat the guy to death in the street while he was on the way home from the grocery store. Their excuse was they thought he kicked their car.

296.

Whatever Dahmer, screwing with kids is worse than murdering adults IMO.

297.

No, no, no, ignore me. I've been dead for 23 years!

298.

I'm kind of upset that at least 8 r/calgary redditors think screwing kids is better than murdering adults O\_o  
299.

To be fair, your post says "screwing with kids" and not screwing kids.

300.

Two suspects in that trial we're found guilty of second degree murder and one was acquitted of all charges.

301.

Don't worry, this man will be beat to death in prison long before his 2nd year.

302.

How often do you think people are beaten to death in Alberta prisons??

303.

Douglas Garland not to death... at least not yet.

304.

Good to see these types of activities are being intercepted, rather than coming out after the fact.

305.

What about that senator in Ottawa, I am sure he is still walking around freely...

306.



Now these are the type of people who actually deserve to get beat the fuck up and dragged corpse style out of an airplane.

307.

Did the Creep catchers get this guy?

308.

No, the Calgary Police, RCMP, and police from California did. Because she told her story to an adult, who was able to help facilitate the discovery and arrest of the individual. Please don't give that group any credit or hint of credit, especially for a cross border incident. They don't have that kind of authority.

309.

I honestly was not trying to give them credit at all. I was really just poking fun at them and that it would be kind of ridiculous if they had ever helped lead to an arrest

**Article #14 Woman charged with having sex with 15-year-old boy, giving teens alcohol and drugs:**

**[http://www.pennlive.com/news/2017/03/party\\_house\\_owner\\_gets\\_jail\\_ti.html](http://www.pennlive.com/news/2017/03/party_house_owner_gets_jail_time.html)**

3150.

Elle King is a bad influence on these women, "I had me a boy, turned him into a man..."

311.

She's just a kid herself.

312.

I wonder how old her poor children are??? She must be one sad, sick, low self esteemed individual to be 25 and WANT to hang out with and have sex with kids this age. She is a pathetic loser that lives in a trailer park and has sex with 15 year old boys and gives drugs to 10 year olds.....what a winner!

313.

@wemmy Wow, hadn't realized she had children. I sure hope they took them away from her to keep them safe. God only knows what she's done to them

314.

1st grader and younger. She still has access to them

315.

geez, when I was 15, i had sex with my english class student teacher, best time of my life, no harm done to either of us!

316.

@gladtobegone Goodness. I hope he was nice to you.

317.

@AuntBetty @gladtobegone well I was a guy with a female student teacher, she was great, didn't need drugs, but it is all about consent. I think a 15 yo is more willing than victim

318.

Stop the presses!!! Pennlive declares the teen years start at age 10!

319.

Accused of giving them alcohol and pills.....several occasions...and where were the parents ? hormones rage and BS happens...these kids were not held captive...they decided to keep going back to the house...someone must have got caught and spilled the beans to supposedly save themselves ! Does not make it right ....but wake up.....Like this is a big story ??

320.

@Chase If this was a story about a 25 year old man giving drugs and alcohol to 10 - 15 year olds and having

sex repeatedly with a 15 year old girl, would you feel the same way?

321.

@Chase Can't imagine what universe you are from if you think it is EVER acceptable to give psychotropic medications to children. Legally, they are unable to consent, therefore it's ALL on her, no matter how many times they came back. You must be another family member trying to blame the victim!

322.

Thank you!!!

323.

Age 10 is NOT a teenager.

324.

Trailer Park = rural housing project

325.

You know I recently sat thru a Sexual Assault Prevention and Reporting Program classes as part of my employers yearly requirements

What I found while listening to the speakers from different local agencies (some of the same agencies that teach our children in school), is that men can be a

victim of sexual assault, however all their Slides contained pictures of women victims

Lets be realistic... yes men do commit the bulk of the sexual assaults.

However until such time as when society and those that actually contribute to education of others on Sexual Assault actually start to accept that women can do exactly as Jerry Sandusky did and use images and stories of male victims or female perpetrators in their training material, women perpetrators will always be given lighter bail, fines, jail time etc.

326.

@Incarlisle The majority of the posts have sympathy for the accused and I am so confused by it. Drugs, alcohol, and sex and furnished to kids.

327.

@LakeshaSmith I am also, especially since most do not realize that her own children were exposed to this by her.

Also society as a whole has yet to accept that women can be just a vindictive, stupid or slaves to their own desires just like the men who commit this act.

328.

@Incarlisle No I didn't know!

329.

Welcome to the new norm. Very sad.

Maybe it's the new norm of these people getting caught rather.

330.

Right or wrong, there is definitely a double standard between men and women doing these things. This woman comes across as needing help and having some sort of problem where as a man doing the same thing would be considered, and rightfully so, a dangerous predator on young women. I wonder if that double standard is based on subconscious feelings we all have, knowing how sex is perceived differently between men and women.

I am very concerned about the drugs and alcohol here. You never know if this introduction to these at this age could result in life long addiction issues.

331.

@haggus

you are so right ! I can't understand why her bail is only \$20,000 and if a man does the same thing it's between 50,000 to \$100,000 or more and that's if HE only touches an underage child !!!

332.

This lady sure doesn't look 25. More like between 35-40.

333.

@susqdad She is NO lady.

334.

The really sad part is her own 3 children where there when this happened

335.

Look at this girl, she's about as immature as it gets. She's a damned moron! When I pulled up her Facebook page, I thought I was looking at a 18 or 19 yr old. Guess she's about to grow up!

336.

" and gave teens as young as age 10 alcohol and a prescription drug."

Kids growing up so fast... they are now teens at 10. Or maybe it's a common core math thing... ten-teen, eleven-teen, twelve-teen, thirteen...

337.

She should have stuck to adult males in local bars and taverns; she probably wouldn't have had much trouble finding a suitable partner for an evening or two. Now, she's got herself into a serious jam, and influencing kids like she allegedly did is a crappy thing to do.

338.

Another argument for castration...

339.

@BadPenny Don't talk to some unfortunate Ethiopian ladies. Not really castration but it removes all pleasure a woman gets during sex.

340.

@UncleSham

how about HYSTERECTOMY !!

341.

@dgriff051 I'm not sure you know how this works.

342.

@dgriff051 @UncleSham Why not just sew her up?

343.

I feel bad for her. Hopefully she'll just get probation.

344.



@Blaze450 What?!

345.

@BadPenny @Blaze450 Probation.

346.

@Blaze450 @BadPenny No. Not for having sex with a 15yo. Maybe if the the kid was over the age of consent. Giving prescription drugs to kids should not be a pass under any circumstances. Neither should giving very underage kids alcohol be a pass. I could see if she gave a beer to a 20yo, getting probation. Nope there are many offenses here that need to be punished and not just a slap with a "do better next time" implication.

347.

She actually accused a male of the exact crime she herself is charged with, thus I did not know does not float. Probation is too lenient. Let's ask Sandusky what his thoughts on just giving her probation for 12 felonies that would require megans law registration

348.

I agree. There is way too much here for just probation. I will add that "innocent until proven guilty", but if she is guilty of many of these charges, probation is too light.

349.

@Blaze450

Maybe you can be appointed to be her LEGAL Advisor too, after all you did graduate from 5th Grade.....didn't you ?????

350.

@Blaze450 I hope you don't have any kids. You think it's okay to give drugs and alcohol to a 10 yo.

351.

that doesnt look like christine starry

352.

Oh my, how did WorkingClassGeek, I mean PennsylvbamaRising miss this one?

353.

@secondfirst I kinda wondered that too. I don't think he comments on the sex crime articles, only politics.

354.

@BadPenny

355.

Yeah but you know how infatuated he is with trailer parks.

356.

Pretty trashy of you to call people out like this.

357.

Also pretty trashy of you to use a mugshot as your picture.

358.

The online dictionaries define teenage as between 13-19; maybe there is a different usage in the media...?

359.

@oldmanfromkansas Everything is different with Pennlive.

360.

secondfirst

361.

You have strange taste in women.

362.

I met all my wives from pennlive stories.

363.

Trailer park?

Are we shocked by this?

364.

@No LST Tax Hike in HBG I'm not. And then again, I was not shocked when it was a well paid teacher, clergy, or a former speaker of the house/wrestling coach. Exactly what is your point about trailer parks?

365.

Let's just say many of them live up to their stereotypes.

366.

I'm not about to bash anyone but she needs help. But this went on for a few months. It wasn't just a one off and nobody knew about it. Regardless i hope she gets the help she needs but i will say if this was a man and teenage girls they would be going for Rape in the first degree. Everything charge would be higher and more punishable. Now on the other hand. She didn't kill anyone nor did she physically harm them. But law is law and this case because she's a female she will get off with less than if it was a male. Hope she recovers and is prays she never does it again, and be thankful her punishments aren't worse

367.

@justafan First, unlike murder rape doesn't have degrees, so there is no such thing as "Rape in the first degree." Second, the facts here indicate statutory sexual assault, which is different than rape. For rape you need forcible compulsion, or an unconscious or mentally impaired victim, or (for rape of a child) a victim who is younger than 13 years old. You can look it up in Chapter 31 of the PA Crimes Code.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/LI/LI/CT/HTM/18/00.031.HTM>

368.

Well giving a Cosby Cocktail to a 15 year old to get him drunk and then sex him up is rape.

369.

@Wakko Warner Maybe in your mind it is, but what matters here is Pennsylvania law, which is a bit more specific. You can look at Section 3121(a)(3) and (4) in the link I provided.

370.

@justafan Interesting that you bring up the double standard, but only reference it in terms of legal consequence. If this was a man who raped a 15 year old girl and had a "party house" set up where he was routinely providing minors as young as 10 with alcohol and prescription drugs I'm sure this comments section would be much different. Nobody would say "I don't want to bash anyone but he needs help..."

There would be about 6 comments that would all be some variation of:

"Sicko!"

"Why waste taxpayer money on a trial? A bullet to the head only costs fifty cents.

Some praise for the merits of prison rape and violence as a measure of justice.

Likely a call or two for violent castration

Oh, I'm willing to bet the people making the comments are also the same ones that show up as ardent defenders of the Constitution when it comes to the 2nd Amendment, they just kinda pretend the 8th doesn't exist.

When a female is the perpetrator, that is when you get even surface acknowledgement that treatment of a mental disorder may be playing a role and should be treated. Or some variation of "kid should have kept his mouth shut". Or "where were these women when I was 15?" Or "why wouldn't she have sex with dudes her own age, I'm sure she'd have no problems".

Unless the woman was ugly. Then it's basically treated as a funnier version of a man doing the crime.

371.

**\*\*Googles the 8th amendment\*\***

372.

@inhousedriveby Same.

373.

HaHa That's a good one ! You must be one of her friends... In 6 months you'll be able to visit her in prison. Ha Ha..

374.

@SKIPJACK first, you aren't replying to anybody secondly, the person you are trying to reply to already said they were the woman's sister.

375.

Everyone before you Bash anyone keep in mind there are 2 sides to every story. The news ALWAYS blows stories up. So don't go just listening to what they say!!

376.

@Celicabebel18 First of all, I'm always suspicious of someone who creates an account for the specific purpose of defending someone in a sensational story. Secondly, what could the other side of the story possibly be??? She didn't know they were 10-15? She didn't know that you don't give prescription drugs to other people? She didn't know that it was alcohol? Thought she had replaced it with water? Please, what is the other side of the story that would cast this young lady in a positive light and the children as the bad ones?

377.

I didn't say what she did was right. I am her sister and of course I'm gonna defender her cause we know what the rest of the story is.... But it's out there now until she is in court.1



378.

@Celicabebel18 Thank you for your response. It sounds like what you meant to say is that she has a family who loves her and it hurts to see her being bashed, not that there are two sides and you are defending her. I get it. I'm sorry you and your family are going through this, and I hope that your sister gets the help she needs.

379.

Thank you for that.

380.

@Celicabebel18 The rest of the story is that she raped a young boy. She could have easily stopped by a bar and picked up a man to have fun with. It's truly a shame that a young boy has been ruined for life. I hope she learns and moves on to repair what she did.

381.

@anotherowner I get your point and obviously what she did was wrong. But I highly doubt this boy is ruined for life.

382.

@Celicabebel18 Rest of the story? Such as she didn't know the kid was 15? That the other kids were only 10? That she thought it was okay to have sex with a 15 year old? That giving prescription pills to people who had no need for a prescription and were completely underage was acceptable?

I don't care if she's your sister or not, there is no defending what she did. All of the above isn't something new or just became illegal in the last few weeks so she didn't have time to know it wasn't right. This is downright common sense which has apparently been completely abandoned in situations such as this by all the excuses people give.

383.

@Celicabebel18 Yep, sleeping with a 15 year old is worth "defender" over.

384.

The other side could be, she's an idiot, literally.

385.

Does the other side of the story consist of the fact that she did not know it was illegal to have sex with a 15 year old boy?

I have to call B.S. on that especially in light of the fact that she herself accused a male of the exact same crime she herself stands accused of currently.

The information is contained in the PA Court of Common Pleas public docket

386.

teens as young as 10

they grow up so fast these days...\*sniff\*

387.

@69 I guess cause it's a double digit, but yeah... I didn't know it was pronounced tenteen. Learn something new on PL every day.

388.

Trailer park? Why am I not surprised?

389.

@xrtatic I don't know. This happens in the suburbs too. Maybe you rely too much on stereotypes?

390.

But this DIDN'T happen in the suburbs

It happened in a trailer park. Maybe you live in a trailer park and tired of being lumped into the stereotype? Solution: get out of trailer park.

391.

@Wakko Warner :) I guess you got out of the trailer park, but it is obvious that the trailer park never got out of you.

392.

@Sokratez I dunno.....tornadoes seem to like them too....

393.

Psych eval upon arrival to prison.

394.

You can tell just by looking at her that there's a huge, cavernous space between her ears.

395.

Please watch what u say. No need to bash anyone. There are two sides to every story. News always blows things up.

396.

@Celicabebel18 I don't care what side your on. Giving drugs or alcohol to anyone underage is wrong.

397.

I agree with u on that. I didn't say it was right

Article #15 Texas teacher who had sex almost daily with  
13-year-old student could face decades in prison:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2016/11/21/texas-teacher-who-had-sex-almost-daily-with-13-year-old-student-could-face-decades-in-prison/?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.ff9adbd71394](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2016/11/21/texas-teacher-who-had-sex-almost-daily-with-13-year-old-student-could-face-decades-in-prison/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.ff9adbd71394)

398.

What happens to the child?

399.

We really need a different standard here. Every boy wants to bang his hot female teacher. God bless her.

400.

I am glad the old double standard of calling a boy "lucky" who has sex with a female teacher are over.

401.

If this was a male teacher, having raped a 13 year old girl, there would be no question of a lengthy prison term.

Just because she is a woman should NOT be a factor in adjudging her punishment.

402.

30 years is way too long.

She is a sick woman. She should go to prison but 39 years is way too long

403.

OK 38 years.

404.

I wish I had a teacher like that when I was thirteen, or fourteen, or fifteen, or sixteen, or seventeen.

405.

just put her on probation, this isn't even worth a day in prison, don't tell me the kid didn't do anything, nobody is that stupid, i know he did

406.

13? Ah, no. If he was 16 or 17, then whatever, but 13, no....

407.

Texas Nothing new, she will never see the light of day.

Now if she short him she'd be out in 9 months IF she had money, if she was poor, then 3 life sentences.

Gotta love Texas, freedom for the rich. (only)

408.

I read this kind of stuff thinking it couldn't be true.

It apparently is. Then I read about all the pizza gate

scandal and again couldn't believe it could be true;  
don't know about it, just lots of news about it.

409.

!3 year-old having sex with a teacher that looks like  
that? Lucky kid.

410.

Pig

411.

Good to hear that boy is or will be in foster care. There  
may be something wrong with the parents of the boy too.

412.

She should be praised for going above and beyond for  
getting the boy to come in to class.

413.

Sadly, this boy will be a legend (in the "positive" way.)

A female student? Non-stop harassment, name calling by  
both males and females, chances of sexual assault for  
years from kids who think that since she had been  
sexually active in the past, it's not unreasonable to  
think they deserve some of "that," too.

Thanks for creating an atmosphere where that  
doublestandard can be a thing, society.

Also, I was all set to start yelling and screaming and hollering, maybe sometimes in all capital letters, when I got to the part that said the parents knew of the relationship. Luckily, I got to the part that said the kid is in foster care. Good.

That being said, I do wonder what other aspects did the investigation uncover, to lead to them removing him from the household altogether for at least 9 months. There's more to the story.

414.

I'm so tired of people crying about "double standards" in a case like this. I'm sorry but sometimes things just are different. Due to biology the physiological and psychological consequences for males and females are what they are. Just deal with it.

415.

Why is it that the female teachers in these scenarios are almost always smoking hot?

416.

Because teen males are shallow.

417.



Shallow? Compared to whom? Teenage girls maybe, who are the definition of shallowness? It's very relative, I'd say, but I still have to meet a teenage girl who doesn't care about fashion and consider herself a princess.

418.

Even good-looking women can be so emotionally damaged that they're unable to function in normal relationships.

419.

What is the law for men is the law for women. As an adult she is forbidden to have sex with a 14 year old. As a teacher she is not even allowed to have sex with a 18 year old student. If a male teacher had been having sex with a 14 year old girl the possibility of not going to prison and having the record forgiven would never occur. We need to end these double standards and start expecting the same behavior out of women as we do of our men. Either the sexes are equal in our abilities to made decisions or they are not. If we are going to treat women as a weaker sex then lets stop pretending in all other aspects of our society. She is a full grown woman, she has and had the capability of saying no. She could have told him to come back when he graduated school and tried

to pick up a relationship then. Sex was not a legal option she should go to jail and be labeled a sexual predator.

420.

Amazes me how often these things happen with female teachers and even more worrying as teaching becomes an increasingly female career choice. As an ex teacher myself I don't honestly understand why a predictably flirty 13 year old boy would be of any serious attraction to a supposed woman of 24 with a contractual legal, professional responsibility and in a position of trust. Every teacher should know that's a line you don't cross and the consequences are likely to be public

humiliation at least. And she appears to have wrecked his family as well as her own life. Dumb idiot.

421.

The 14th Amendment to the Constitution is equal protection under the law. There is a clear double standard that none of the politicians address.

422.

But there should be a double standard. This woman preying on a 13 year old boy is not the same as a 24 year old man preying on a 13 year old girl. Not the same at all! To explain why would take more time than I have, but I'm sure there are many - at least many men - who may agree with me.

423.

SlamFobe, I agree too, biology and other differences between males and females are very important and a double standard is right.

424.

The theory behind these statutory rape laws is that anyone under age 18 is by definition incapable of consent. But you have to wonder whether that theory is based on sound social science or puritanical meddlesomeness. I'm going to go out on a limb, and guess that most teenage boys are fully capable of consenting to sex with an attractive female teacher. "Consent" may even fall short in describing their degree of enthusiasm. Now, there are situations involving sex with teenagers which do not comprise true consent. A teacher or other authority figure might, for example, exercise undue influence, or take advantage of a delusional infatuation. But couldn't social welfare agencies and courts distinguish those situations from the others? You could have a rule that sex between an adult and anyone from age 13 to age 17 is presumed to be non-consensual, and thus statutory rape. But you could allow the parties to offer a defense of actual consent. That rule might get rid of a lot of the nonsense we have going on today, as when a newly 18 boy is prosecuted by having sex with his still 17 year old girlfriend.

425.

If it was a male teacher having sex with a 13 yr. old girl that resulted in a pregnancy that was terminated by an abortion, he would never the outside of the prison again ...

426.

Kid probably couldn't shut his mouth and bragged. I probably would have at that age and in that situation. I certainly don't see him as a victim. As soon as his balls drop, a boy turns into a perv before he turns into a man.

427.

Give me a break. The boy obviously came on to her and then had his way with her.

He will be dreaming about boinking her for the rest of his life. He got her pregnant!

What a victim!

428.

Where was she when I attended school???????????

429.

Lucky kid....

430.

So this poor woman who obviously has mental problems will be thrown in jail for 30 years, while a bully who has

been committing sexual misconduct for most of his life  
has been elected president. Weird country!

431.

That kid is probably a hero in his school.

432.

The book, Nailing Miss Crabtree: How to Become a REAL  
Teacher's Pet by maverick author Jim Hastleberry -  
"Assertive jock types always get most of the hottest  
teachers," the Lansing, Mich.-based writer says. "I'm  
just providing nerdier youths with some advice to help  
level the playing field."

433.

What if the teacher were a 24 yr old male and the student  
a 13 year old girl?

434.

So which one would be the victim? Stop churching this thing and learn what some 13yo girls are really like. Yes, "teach" can run, but can he really hide? Legal interest must change to rewarding the use of viable and effective protection--that's called birth control. Stop keeping use of birth control out of adjudicated cases as a defense. And effectively deal with any religion who fights this change. Any answer to wrongdoing in this area must be probation and or a nominal fine to discourage future liaisons and bring the teacher back on track. The purpose is to change behavior. Not punish it when no one is harmed by it. And don't hand me that religious crap that the girl or boy is "ruined" because we all know this just isn't so. Not from sex. Religion maybe. But not from sex. Sex doesn't get into our legal system and try to change laws to prevent needed medical procedures. But religion does. And they try to get YOU to do it so they won't get blamed.

435.

I wish I can upvote this at least 1000 times, esxcellent comment!!

436.

Astro; I had a 29 year-old male co-worker who was doing a 13 year-old girl back in 1979. It does happen...

437.

Since when is Heavy Combat in the Erogeous Zone a crime? A jailable offense? Do we need an overhaul of our courts....our legal system? Laws to prohibit this foolishness? And anyone who would even dare to introduce such a law to lock up people engaging in consensual sex. You know--the ones who aren't, who can't, get any? And abolish all contract prisons. Since when is a loss of freedom necessary to keep big business thriving and profitable? This is part of growing up. Not to be, never to be, punished.

438.

Sounds like you've been having sex with a few 13 yr. old's and don't like the fact that you should be in prison ....

439.

My God we need to find this poor boy and give him an award for luckiest kid on the planet!

440.



no, 13 years old is just a little boy still. having an ongoing relationship with a grown woman is too much for someone that age

441.

She did wrong, but Prison for having consensual sex with a young man.... I married a 17 year old in Texas and nobody thought anything about it. Too harsh, give her probation

442.

Let the time fit the crime ... 30 years ? ... You can rob a bank and not get 30 years in prison ...Remember my typing teacher had sex with four, five different guys in high school over a two year period ... I wasn't one of the lucky ones ,darn it ...And none of these fellow male students freaked out during or years later when we met years later at a 30 year HS reunion ...Guess it would be a completely different outcome if the teacher was a male and student was a female ..If authorities are going after the teacher, they should go after the kid's family who sound weird ....Young student must have really floated floated her boat ...

443.

The boy is in foster care so there were repercussions for the family.

444.

Haven't heard any mention of how the kid really felt. He may well have been digging it--probably since there were women teachers their male students have had more than math and history on their minds-. That being said, there are many cases where it is traumatic. We just don't know and a lot depends on how it was in this case. That doesn't make it right--it's still statutory rape, but it does go to the issue of whether there was undue power in the relationship.

Note that she initiated it. If they were together almost every day, he clearly didn't plead exhaustion of remedies.

Society can't let it go or every person that did rape would claim the above, but sometimes life imitates fantasy. I know a number of males who in their 20's went out with ladies significantly older than them. One married one of them.

That is looked on as shocking when some 28 year old going out with a Strom Thurmond isn't. Justice to be just needs to be particularized.

Yes 13 is young. But at that age it happens. 18% of males BELOW 15 have sex <https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/american-tee...>

Is it too young. Yes, but.....boys will be boys. Which means they'll lust after teachers who should not encourage but this kid had his dreams fulfilled.

Sorry, I just can't be shocked by this particular story.

445.

On re reading this I see I said "she initiated it" -- should have been he. According to the story she initially rejected his advances.....

Also it doesn't suggest he was a virgin. Could be he was the class

Lothario (see reference above) and she was the ultimate hottie.

446.

Did he float her boat .. Yes ...

447.

This woman was not a older neighbor of the boy or family friend (i.e a Mrs. Robinson type) She was a paid by the

taxpayers to teach the kids under tutelage. One who has a legal and moral obligation to not fraternize with students. If she fell in love with this boy, then resign from your job. Its a gross violation of professional trust - teachers are to educate children not fall in love with them and have sex.

448.

That argument I can agree with.

449.

Lock her up and throw away the key! She is a twisted pedophile.

450.

Yeah, that boy sure was a victim. HA HA HA HA

451.

The law is not fair in any way. Most women who commit this crime get very lenient sentences compared to men and often are not required to register or their crime is stricken. Does not matter if the judge is a woman or a man, they all give out lighter sentences. IF a man did this, he would be put in jail for most of the remainder of his life and while there be raped constantly by other inmates a or even beaten to death. It is sad our society

is the way it is. The law is not just - no one ever said it was.

452.

This pathetic, disgusting rape of a 13 year old child can't be expressed without turning vulgar. She should be in prison for 30 years. However, with that said, get off your "poor men" sermon. Unless you don't read the news, just in the last year there are 3 rapes committed by men who walked!! So shut up!!!

453.

As long as you realize that rape is in the eye of the beholder. Now get rid of your man hate.

454.

Cool!! If she gets probation, it will set a nice precedent for all the male sexual predators of 13 year

old females to also get probation. Or is that different somehow?

455.

You people are really brain-dead! Please check the news once in awhile. As I stated above, 3 guys walked in the past year for rape! Why? Well, imprisonment would have ruined their lives!! No one obviously ever worried about the lives of the rape victims. Worse, how about the FATHER who raped his daughter repeatedly from the time she was 10 or 11 until 14 and was released and must be on a sex offender list!! Oh, the "family" couldn't live without him!! That would be the MOTHER of the child her wonderful husband raped and the MOTHER-IN-LAW speaking on his behalf. Yeah, let's not get carried away with all these men who you think don't get probation's. For God

sake at least read the news before making remarks that have very little basis in fact.

457.

And a show of hands for ALL Americans (did he say ALL Americans? Yes, he did) who vote to decriminalize ALL consensual sex acts now called "crimes" and to use that money to rebuild our rotting national infrastructure. That is those crumbling bridges about to collapse (did someone say Memorial Bridge? And a Congress who WON'T build a new one...until your loved one dies in the Potomac) and those broken roads and highways and those badly needed NEW lanes on I-95 BOTH North and South, and that rotten nationwide underground plumbing waiting for a disaster near you.

458.

Sex between an adult and a 13 year old is hardly consensual.

459.

There is a reason that we have laws regarding minors and consent.

460.

Remember when an older girl breaking in a younger dude was a badge of accomplishment? A sign of manhood? Now, religion is putting them in jail. In jail for a long time. And, yes, the dumb cop is more than eager to arrest



them. And the judge? I won't go there. This woman has committed NO crime. She put a smile on some dude's face and yes where was she when I was in school? Yes, I can keep my mouth shut. Yes, it's no one's business but the girl and mine. And you know what? In Today's America, if I kept this a secret I would be charged with "obstructing justice." WHY, are we as a nation, now replicating what happened "over there" in the 1940s under some dude named Adolph? Because we sat back and did nothing. Organized religion has a huge problem with women's rights. So religion got into our legal system (through THAT political Party) and forced women be treated the same as men when engaging in that very private act. As in "if you want equal rights, you got 'em." And those female judges? Those female hanging judges? Nary a clue. And the nation spins on comfortably numb while our tax dollars go to jailing chicks and dudes who have consensual sex. While waiting for that bridge to collapse. Because all our money is going to taking away peoples' freedom--people who pose no, absolutely NO threat to others. Or themselves. Makes you mad, doesn't it? Or make that "angry." But enough to stop it? Time will tell.

Go sing that stupid song to someone who has the intellect level you have. How utterly stupid!! Children are children and we call them that until they are no longer children. And there is a very obvious reason for that, not that I expect a neanderthal like you to get it!!

462.

Call me sexist, but if the sexes were reversed, yes I'd call that manipulation and pedophilia. As a man who was once a boy, I say that boy is no victim and he'll sure be very OK as a grown up. I can guarantee he is not traumatized that he banged a 24 year old woman when his friends are relegated to watching Pornhub

463.

Why am I here?

464.

This is a sad situation but what is almost worse are the terribly stupid comments by what should be a highly intelligent audience. The boy cannot consent, his teacher and parents are supposed to protect him instead they allowed him to be exploited by an adult entrusted with his care.

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465.

Somehow this is Obama's fault.

466.

prison time please.

467.

If this had been a male teacher having sex with a female student, everybody would want his head on a platter, but if it's a woman, suddenly everything's different. NO, IT'S NOT. It's an adult taking advantage of a child who doesn't have the emotional or intellectual capacity to make an informed decision.

468.

This is a miscarriage of justice. This is an unusual and cruel punishment. Even though the law may prohibit sex with a minor, the facts of the case seem to require a different application of the law. The boy was certainly an adult physically and hence was able to impregnate this woman. They obviously loved each other. And the boys' parents approved of the relationship. The state is not only forcibly separating this couple from each other, sending the woman to jail, and sending the boy to a foster home. The law is punishing everyone because these two people loved each other? What kind of draconian law is this? This is inhumanity and cruel violation of human rights.

469.

"They obviously loved each other"?? As Tina Turner once asked, "what's love got to do with it?"

470.

Do we turn to Tina for the real way? The answer? Remember, Ike would discipline her because she wouldn't listen. He let her know who's boss but no one really liked this.

471.

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472.

Can you PLEASE call it rape and not "had sex with"? Geez.

473.

It wasn't rape: The crime of using force or the threat of force to compel a person to submit to sexual intercourse

474.

Statutory rape.

475.

Its fun for me to read all these people who has an OPINION-----right or wrong-----each act like they know the facts-----funny-----carry on dreamers-----I KNOW FOR SURE YOU WERE THERE AT EVERY SQUIRT-----funny stuff---- carry on fools

476.

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477.

This is wrong on so many counts. I don't understand grown men thinking this is okay. This woman should be imprisoned for the minimum mandatory prison term a man raping a young girl would do. Grown ups, we have fantasies of all sorts. The thing that differentiates men from boys is that a man knows the clear cut distinction between fantasy and reality, or at least should know. She should have reported this boy if he was coming on strong to her and assured his suspension from school for sexual harassment. Instead of being an adult responsible person that has signed plenty of legal paperwork stating that she would never rape a child and went through some background check to ascertain this, she decided to indulge her personal fantasies. That is the definition of rape. A 13 year old boy or girl in this country is still just a boy or girl and nothing more. This woman has ruined his perspective on life and limited him to being stuck with a sick perverted woman that would no less go behind his back and molest the neighbor's boy in the future. That the parents of this boy are okay with any of this is totally beyond me. I would want my son and daughters not to stumble and have pitfalls in life.

However, I do know they will and that is fine with me excepting that they make the mistake of being too young to discern a sexual predator from a childish crush; because I really feel that is my role to intercept and punish any sexual predator that would prey on my kids.

478.

"This woman has ruined his perspective on life "

Yes, wait until he finds what most women are actually like - unappealing, unattractive, over-weight naggers.

479.

Baron, yours is the BEST post on here. I couldn't have said it better. Every day, every week, every month.....I could go on and on.

480.

You both get what you deserve.

481.

It would almost be amusing, if not insane, how different the posts become when the perp is a woman and the victim a boy.



482.

The teacher should have had an impenetrable wall in place erected by her profession, the law, and personal ethics that no child, no matter how "mature," should have been able to breach. She failed that child. Men talk about how this was a victimless crime because she was a "hot" teacher, and to them I would ask, if your 12 or 13 year old son was being molested by his teacher, daily, for almost a year would you slug him in the shoulder and say "that'a boy" or would you dial 911 and contact an attorney without skipping a beat? Would you men be high fiving your 13 year old daughters if they were in the same scenario with a teacher? Get real.

483.

"Impenetrable" indeed.

484.

You mean if the 13yo daughter screamed at the teacher, "Did I wear you out? Did I wear you out?" On a Monday?

485.

If she were HRC, she would have gotten off. If she were Bill, she would get paid millions too.

486.

Sick.

487.

If she was Trump, she would have been elected POTUS.

If she were Trump, she would have made him have sex with her because she had power over him. Oh, wait, I guess that's what she did. I guess she should be elected POTUS.

488.

Did she hurt him, no evidence of that.

Do his peers revere him, yes.

Is this a big deal, no.

487.

the hurt and mental issues will haunt this boy for the rest of his life, you have mental issues if you think otherwise

488.

If you believe that--all of that?---any of that?--I've got some ocean front property in Minnesota I'll sell you. Real cheap.

489.

The real victim here is sanity. You don't have a months long sexual relationship with someone who is unwilling. Society assumes that a 13 year old is too young to make a decision like that when it is obvious that the boy wasn't the victim of any abuse. The teacher shouldn't be allowed to teach any more but putting her in prison is of no benefit to society or her or her lover or anybody else. She is more the victim of her own stupid lust than that boy ever was.

490.

We don't put people in prison to benefit society, we do it to punish them for their bad decisions. If we don't put her in prison, doesn't that send a message to the next teacher that it's ok to have sex with students? What if it was a man having sex with this boy, do you see that as ok?

491.

I think of all the education that I missed  
But then my homework was never quite like this  
Ow got it bad, got it bad, got it bad,  
I'm hot for teacher  
I got it bad, so bad,

I'm hot for teacher

492.

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493.

A lot of comments discuss whether or not she should go to jail. The first question, I think, should be: "Should she be allowed to go on being a teacher?"

494.

No, the only question at all is if a 25 year old male teacher had daily sex with his 13 year old girl student if he would get a very long prison term. He would.

495.

Better he be learning about everything in real time at 13 than watching porn, chicken choking with mags, and or building up to the pre-rapist status. Say what you want but believe this: round and round and round she goes but

where a woman's heart stops no one knows, not even her at times. Americans are such puritans.

496.

anab:

Not puritans, but skitzo.

497.

She's young and hot, she should get no jail time. No victims here.

498.

So many men on this comment page getting their jollies and wishing they were 13 again...no wonder our society is so screwed up.

499.

His parents should also be prosecuted for contributing to the delinquency of a minor (or some other more applicable charge).

500.

Yes, if anyone deserves jail, it's them.

501.

yes yes yes

502.

I think some people are missing the point. It's not about consent. She was his teacher. She is a grown woman he is a child. She became pregnant. Aside from the fact that she wasn't able to ward off the advances of a 13 yo, which speaks volumes in and of itself, she took no measures to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of diseases. Very irresponsible for this grown woman to do or, maybe, very manipulative. For women like her it is almost always about control. Sexually predatory women do not behave as their male counterparts, nor are they taken as seriously although they can inflict just as much damage and the overall agenda is self-serving. You have to ask will this boy eventually be too old for her in a few years? Who's next?

503.

"Advances of a 13 YO"? That's a pretty big assumption. The case would indicate that SHE made the advances.

504.

Wrong.

Read the article this time.

505.

She will get the minimum. A guy would get the max. Yes, we still have a double standard.

506.

If she promises to lose the makeup gunk... I'll be her sponsor and tutor for life! Sentence her to my house, please.

507.

Be careful what you ask for ... you might very well get it. How embarrassing to have your sex slave cheating on you with kids.

508.

Texas sharia law at work. Perhaps female teachers will be required to wear a burqa to make them less attractive to young male students?

509.

Please do not use the word "relationship" in describing this molestation.

510.

Please don't say "molestation" when the kid was happy to have her. 13 or not, he didn't run away, did he??

511.

If this was a 25-year-old male teacher having sex with his 13 year old girl student the Post would call it

molestation, in fact daily rape, and he would get a very long prison term.

512.

Molestation - undesired sexual behavior by one person upon another. When force is immediate, of short duration, or infrequent, it is called sexual assault. In this case it was neither.

513.

Excuse me, but however much some of you men would like to think that 13 is an adult age, it is not. Get over your fantasies (sick as they are) of being the boy in this scenario, and face reality...this is statutory rape, whether or not the boy "wanted it" and she should have been the responsible adult and shut down the situation. There is NO excuse for what happened, and you guys should get your jollies with a woman your own age (assuming that one would even want you).

514.

Kids are the property of their parents. There is a big confusion going on in such cases. As in the case of the Nigerian girls. It was mostly theft. Same here. So we dont protect children in such cases but their parents.



Shouldnt we treat children like adults insofar? They are free to decide what they want.

515.

What a crazy article and what a crazy law. A German pupil of similar age had sex with the mother of his schoolfriend and is now the head of some big administration like homeland security. We should give her a kiss.

516.

I am looking at German law. Under German law this is first degree rape and over this duration punishable by 30 years in prison in Germany.

In fact because he was her student, which is locii parentis, if he was 16, not 13, it would be first degree rape in Germany

517.

It hardly sounds like this boy was "assaulted". And what crime did his mother allegedly commit? Things like this happen regularly. In Tennessee you can marry your 13 year old cousin.

518.

.. but only if your cousin is of the opposite gender.

After all, Tn is a civilized place.

519.

Doesn't happen very often ... maybe only in Meomphis or far East Tennessee.

520.

That be one braging kid at the playlot yep ""I'm with the teacher."

521.

What dose a 13 year old know about anything ,I guess they played X-box to get warm up. There date, at the skate board park .

522.

What does one have to know to do the deed?

523.

I'll bet that 13 year-old can write a coherent sentence (and spell it correctly while he's doing it).

524.

It's great that so many of you can make light of this.

So, tell me, at what age should we get worried about these sickos screwing our children, 12, 11, 10? 13 is not the age of consent, and this isn't a laughing matter.

Give her life.

525.

Pre- versus post-puberty has been the routine cutoff for most of human history.

526.

Where were these sexy, horny broads when I was 13?

527.

At my high school in the early 70s !!!!

528.

As a guy, it's difficult to see her as a predator. I am left thinking, how come I didn't have a teacher like this. But if it was reversed and it was my minor daughter and the perp a male, I'd be enraged. I know it's probably not the PC position. But that's how I feel. Probably some biological explanation somewhere. I don't know, I am not too smart about such things.

529.

I understand what you're saying, but this isn't about feelings. If men and women are given the same legal rights, they have the same legal obligations, and the courts should treat them exactly the same way when they break them.

530.

Why should the legal rights be the same when the reality is different. Consistency is the famous hobgoblin of fools.

531.

Men are obviously given much much lower rights in criminal law and enforcement. They are 20 times more likely to be shot by cops compared to women

532.

It may be biological or cultural, or a combination. Any way it is, there was no victim here and she should be set free.

533.

Hey male commenters; she is a sexual predator. Would that you understood that. she is no different than a male sexual predator who preys on their young female students. Are all of you ok with your 13 yr old female relatives being raped by their 24 yr old male teachers?

534.

False equivalency.

535.

No, an exact equivalency. Get over your prurient adolescent fantasies.

536.

Not the same. Sorry. That boy is the hero among his friends at this time. When a female of 13 yrs old goes through the same scenario, it's looks at very differently. That's just the state of reality and nature.

537.

He is unlikel to get pregnant. Not a small distinction.

538.

I would support a system where a charge of rape must always be proven from first principles. I.e. you get rid of the concept of "age of consent", in court the prosecutor always has to make the case that the alleged victim did not consent, e.g. by calling the victim as a witness.

539.

She'll just marry him when he turns 18 like the other sicko did a few years back; going so far as to get pregnant on one of his under-age jail house visits.

540.

Where were these women when I was in school?

Dang, someone beat me to this post!

541.

hey professorwhite: Would you say that if it was a He and the She was your little 13 yr old sister?

542.

But that's not the case, is it? Biology is biology, and most teenage boys would do anything to have sex with an attractive, young female teacher. Legal issues are legal issues, different ballgame.

543.

Oh come on. Give her 6 months probation. Like it or not, kids these days are much more sophisticated these days with social media and the internet. If there was ever a victimless crime, this is it.

544.

GregHX So it will be quite ok if your daughter's male teacher does the same to her- yeah?

545.

Opinions Penny Each:

This teacher broke the law, but her relationship with the boy was essentially

a victimless crime. It seems that "aggravated sexual assault" is an inappropriate term to describe a loving relationship that was fully consensual, and "accepted" by the boy's parents. The boy was hardly a "victim" (!). The teacher should do some jail time for breaking the law, but her sentence should be proportional to the amount of actual physical and psychological "harm" done to the boy, as determined by a psychologist. IMO, a psychologist would probably conclude that this loving relationship did the boy more good than harm, and the words "assault" and "molestation" do not apply. Verdict: One year in prison, followed by 6-10 years of probation.

546.

The truly horrible thing is that when these sex abusers get pregnant they then collect child support from their victims.

547.

Where were these teachers when I was in school?

548.

I would have wrecked her the first day.kids?

549.

How does a child molester get "deferred adjudication"which could result in her serving NO JAIL TIME??? This is the first time I have ever heard of that term in a molestation case...

This woman did the exact same thing that Mary Kay Le Tourneau did with a 13yr old student and she got jail time...What gives??? And if true the boy's parents encouraged this relationship, then they should be held criminally liable and deserve some jail time no matter how small.....I have a bad feeling this woman will do NO JAIL TIME....Time will tell.....

Oh yeah, and I'm asking....Has a male ever received "deferred adjudication" and not gotten jail time??? Just wondering!!!!

550.

What gives is you are expecting the same result from to different states with 2 different justice systems for 2 different cases. Each case is unique and therefore different, so I would expect a different outcome. Crimes like this are wrong, but there are degrees that many people cannot or will not see. Most people have been



trained to act repulsed when such a story becomes public,  
so they won't be judged as soft on this kind of crime or  
heaven forbid express leniency for "child molestation".

551.

30 years for the sleaze

552.

30 days would be more appropriate.

553.

Bet he never missed school.

554.

If I had what he had I wouldn't have missed a day of  
school either!!!!!!!!!!!!!! And count me in for summer  
school.....

555.

Please. Your headline should read raped, not had sex  
with. Statutory rape is still rape.

556.

Do you think she's going to get decades in prison?

557.

I hope so. Pedophile pervert.

558.

The kid was not pre-pubescent; she is therefore not a pedophile.

559.

Pubescence has nothing to do with it. We in the world of modern science understand that children are children until at least 16-18 years old. Pedophile is still the correct word.

560.

Pig

561.

The US Constitution established a form of government in which States possess police powers that include protection of "morals".

It sounds as if Texas lawmakers, in their haste to prevent sex between teachers and pupils, have crafted a clumsy law that should never have been applied to this awkward and embarrassing case. I hope the Court approves deferred adjudication.

Not every human act -- even shocking ones -- is a matter of federally-protected civil liberties or separation-of-powers.

562.

The worst thing here is the abortion, the killing of the child

563.

~50% of all human fertilizations are aborted. Thinks of it as God's plan B. Another ~30% of all conceptions end in "miscarriages." Which is just a euphemism for a God induced abortion. It doesn't seem that God thinks it's a big deal.

Keep in mind also that the Israeli government covers the costs of all abortions of women between the ages of 20-33. Rabbi approved no less. None of the pro-lifers seem to have a problem with that. Pro-life members of Congress aren't trying to cut the \$4B of foreign aid to Israel. Pro-life members of Congress either don't really believe it's murder, they just jockey for the pro-life vote. Alternatively, pro-life members of Congress support the murder of unborn Jewish babies, which could be considered pretty anti-Semitic. You choose.

564.

Feel free to copy my text and send it to your pro-life member of Congress [or legislature] and ask them to explain their position.

Odds are they won't even give you a reply. Even if they do, they'll babble about our great ally .. blah, blah, blah.... and not address it directly.

565.

When I was thirteen that was called "sex education." I'm a guy and I would have jumped at the chance to do it with any older woman. Women like this poor teacher are penalized because so many other women have cried rape on men, especially when the woman is younger than 18, even though I know that plenty of 13-16 year old girls can pass for 18. So in the interest of "equality" women who have sex with young guys are accused of "rape." Last I heard I guy had to have a har\*\*n to have sex with a woman, so they are willing "victims." It is absolutely bull that they are going to be mentally scarred by this lucky event.

566.

You must be a t-Rump voter! Your attitude towards sex matches Don the Con's perfectly!

567.

MONICA

&

BILL

Now what were you saying ?

568.

"It is absolutely bull that they are going to be mentally scarred by this lucky event."

I'll bet that is the last time that kid ever has sex every day for 8 months.

569.

I'm with you all the way. There's no crime here. All human made-up nonsense. who was hurt here and how? Probably the best thing that ever will happen to the teenager. I feel bad for the woman who is going to be jailed for what...decades? Really? give me a break.

570.

Where was she when I was 13 years old 65 years ago. All I got was Froken Nilsson who took a special pleasure in slapping my face every day.

571.

I'm 66. But when I was 13, I was a newspaper delivery boy. I didn't have my first sexual encounter until I was a little older. But in the summer months, and on a somewhat daily basis, I got an advanced education of the female anatomy. A surgeon who worked at a local hospital was one of my customers. And during those warm summer months, his knockout-attractive young wife would sleep on a daybed buck naked ... in full view of an open window near where I delivered the paper. All I can say is, "Thank God for masturbation!" (grin)

572.

Why do they have to put charges against her when the family of the boy accepted it? Immorality? Geez. Been seeing news that are far mooore immoral than this.

573.

Sounds like someone is up for Comet Pizza!

574.

Try to think back to when you were a young, horny, impressionable 13-y-o. Now try to imagine all of the things that an attractive grown woman could manipulate you into doing because she was having sex with you. Think of the mind games she could have played, and the innumerable ways in which she could have ruined your life

because you were too immature and lacked the judgment to resist her. That is why it is the adult's responsibility to resist, and that is why it is abusive.

575.

oh what a load.

576.

Because it is rape. A family does not determine the law.

577.

I'm not saying this to justify pedophilia. But whether or not something is considered "statutory rape" is totally dependent on the definition of the person who wrote the statute. In Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet," Juliet was only 13 going-on 14 (quote, "she hath not seen the change of fourteen years"). Romeo's age was never revealed but he was thought to be just a little bit older (eg., still a "minor" in modern definitions of the term). And to my knowledge, no critic has ever referred to the play as a "rape play" ... statutory or otherwise.

578.

If the teacher was a man and the student was a girl, would we be looking at "deferred adjudication"? Why is that even being considered?

579.

I'm wondering also.....

580.

Girls get pregnant, boys don't.

581.

So rape is ok by men with vasectomies. You would be ok with infertile men raping 13 year old girls?

582.

time to go back, get the shotgun, the justice of the piece, and make them permanent partners for life. best punishment ever! (oops, i think it was 'peace')

583.

The 13 year old should be required to contribute to his child's upbringing in the form of a per cent of whatever he earns for the next 18 years.

584.

I'm not sure what's gonna happen.



However, after watching 'That's My Boy', it will be a raunchy snoozer.

585.

Its not a big deal. Theres family involved.

586.

from <http://dissidentvoice.org/2010/01/before-you-take->

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587.

"SSRIs also produce kleptomania as seen with the Ryder/Zoloft case observes Henderson, pyromania as seen in an English millionaire who burned down his own house and immolation suicides and a "strange kind" of nymphomania. "SSRIstories has 10 cases of women school teachers who molested their minor male students. The O'Reilly Factor has said it's receiving one case a week of this same kind of new crime." "

(In an earlier post, infra, I mentioned that there are prescription drugs that cause this particular deviant behavior of women teachers having love affairs with their teenage male students.)

588.

She's a little on the thick side. Nevertheless, no male who sexualized a 13 year old girl would ever have a shot at diversionary probation (nor should he). The double standard is so unfair. His parents are obviously deranged, and foster care is a much better place for him I'd bet...

589.

if she looked then the same as she does now, we could have saved a boy his innocence

590.

teenaged boys are not innocent, trust me on that one

591.

So it is perfectly fine because the teacher is "hot"? What if she was an ugly man instead...would all you fantasizing so-called adults be just as gung-ho?

592.

She's a little on the thick side. Nevertheless, if this were a male, there would be no talk of diversionary probation if he had abused a younger girl everyday. His parents are obviously deranged and foster care might be a better outcome for that young man...

593.

She could be our first woman president, she meets the new criteria.

594.

She is quite Trumpish.

595.

There is a prescription drug out there, an antidepressant as I recall, like an SSRI maybe, that had the side effect of causing a lot of these teacher-student love affairs. Anybody remember what that drug was called? CBS news dot com has a slideshow that has fifty (50) such affairs, some of which were one night stands and some were more like this one, more of a family affair. Could be that this has always gone on, and who knew? or could be that we're seeing an epidemic of a pretty peculiar kind of irrational behavior. The mug shots on the CBS slideshow are interesting -- depict an interesting state of mind -- because the young attractive women teachers, while certainly unhappy-looking, don't look the least bit either regretful nor really, like, involved. It's anything but a rogues gallery. They look so normal -- which I suspect they totally are.

596.

Prescription drugs can't cause specific behaviors, that's Hollywood stuff.

597.

But she's young and hot so they will let her off easy.

Isn't that the way it works? Hasn't every "Gee when I was 13 I wish..." moron weighed in by now?

598.

She's a blob now - no threat to any self-respecting kid -  
let her go free

599.

America's classic taboo of sex. my wife is a kindergarten teacher. she catches 5 years olds trying to look down her blouse and more. she sees the little boys look at the little girls and how the little girls look at and treat the certain boys they like. she also sees little kids that are obviously gay (boys and girls) at that age too. not saying this was right, but the sexual thoughts are very present in school age kids.

600.

What you're describing sounds more like the result of the American media's obsession with sex, not any taboo.

601.

Hardly, kindergarten kids aren't paying any attention to the media, other than cartoons and toy commercials.

602.

Yes, children and teenagers are sexual - and very vulnerable as a result. That is why it is up to adults to draw the line.

603.

Teachers under the age of 25 should not be teaching in middle school and especially high school. I remember when I was in 7th-12th grades, there was tons of talk about the teachers the boys and girls were attracted to, all of whom were fairly new out of college. You have many boys and girls in this grade range who are physically very mature for their age, and they're going through a hormone frenzy. That's just a recipe for disaster interacting with teachers (and coaches) who are only a few to several years older, and in some cases not much more mature emotionally/mentally.

604.

folks have to police themselves. i was a camp counselor at 17 turning 18. some of the campers were as old as 13-14 and attracted to us as older males. Even at 18 i wasn't going to entertain 12-13-14 year old girls though it was only a 3-4 year age difference. however, when i was in middle school and a teacher like that would have given me a shot the rest would have been history. Pops would have been proud, moms would have been mad. Pops would have won that argument.

605.

I get your point and was also a counselor at 17. But "folks have to police themselves" is a convenient excuse to not improve bad situations. Obviously, some people can't police themselves, which is precisely why we have rules, regulations, and laws.

606.

"Teachers under the age of 25 should not be teaching in middle school and especially high school"...??? I'm guessing that a lot of education majors about to graduate...will vehemently disagree with your suggestion.

607.

If you want higher standards among the teaching pool pay them more.

608.

Not only was no harm done to the "victim" here, this is, in fact, nearly every 13 YO boy's dream come true. And now the state is going to spend how much incarcerating the teacher, who almost certainly suffers from some sort of mental issue? Certainly ban her from teaching and require her to get mental health counseling and then let's move on.

609.

Will you sing the same tune when your 13-year-old daughter is "blessed" with being impregnated by her male teacher?

After all, it is only sex ed, RIGHT?

610.

Sex between a female adult and male adolescent isn't nearly as harmful to the adolescent as sex between a male adult and female adolescent. It just isn't.

611.

To compare a teen girl to a teen boy is ludicrous. Two VERY different mind sets at that age.

612.

DanFromMV, that is abject nonsense. Lots of girls have relationships with older men and come through it just fine. So do lots of boys who have relationships with women. But all too many do not.

The problem is that people who want to have sex with children do so, in part, because children are easily manipulated and very trusting. Predators of both sexes lack the integrity and emotional stability to succeed in relationships with mature adults. So they will say anything, do anything, and coerce children into doing things they would never have done otherwise.

613.

An example needs to be made of this teacher.

614.

a. The woman here has big problems. She abused her position of trust, murdered her unborn child, wrecked her credibility and future career prospects, will soon be a convicted felon and sex offender and caused lasting damage to a child and his family. Was the illicit sex with a 13 year old worth it?

615.

Hahaha... 'murdered'. Good one, Jesús.

616.



Lucky kid.

617.

I heard the boy was injured after the word got out about their relationship. He was injured while high-fiving.

618.

what about young girls being impregnated by their male teachers?

Is that an injury?

619.

hey Ejercito, get over yourself. Your response is ridiculous, it's a false equivalency. When such a case emerges, it's handled differently, as it should be.

620.

Ejercito - Totally different worlds. Sorry, but the male and female world are not the same. That boy is the hero of his town among his friends at this time. It wouldn't be the same if this happened to a young girl. It's just the state of reality. Now whether that's right or wrong, that's a different discussion.

621.

Im and AR, it is not a false equivalency. Your puerile male fantasies still do not justify statutory rape.

622.

Are you kidding?

This boy is not damaged!!!

Ty Cobb's mom was 12 when she married and started a family.

Jesus was born to a 13 year old.

I started my understanding of women and their needs at 14 with a 31 year old married woman. Believe me, the and the teacher are both fine. He learned a great deal about girls, their needs, and himself. No one was hurt here.

623.

Ty Cobb (the Georgia peach) held 91 major league records when he retired. One of the most aggressive players In the history of the game

624.

You sound more like an American pedophile than an American Farm Boy.

625.

How would he react if his 13-year-old daughter was impregnated by her teacher?

Pissed off because he did not get to impregnate her first?

626.

How on earth do you think you know the age of Jesus's mother when he was born? To quote our President-Elect, "Where's the birth certificate?"

627.

She is a mess.

Whatever was she thinking???

628.

Having consensual sex for 9 months does not sound like sexual assault to me.

629.

That poor young man.

Imagine the pain he's feeling from all of those high fives from his friends.

630.

Hahahaha!!!

631.

Would you laugh if your 13-year-old daughter were impregnated by her male teacher?

632.

If that kid as a result later turns a rogue mass serial female killer, that would be poetic justice.

Most of these were molested when young and or had single moms as parents.

Poetic justice, as i said.

Sure as hell, our gynocentric injustice system will not give her any serious punishment at all.

It's just as if men have to unite on their own and punish women, for that women EVER get held responsible and get punished and men EVER see ANY justice.

It strangely reminds one of sharia law and one must wonder, how that came into existence and also how strict sharia treats women. Maybe where were spot on with something ...

Just thinking aloud here tho.

633.

A bunch of innocent women being killed would be justice? Surely you didn't really mean that, because some of your other comments make more sense.

The woman in this case needs to pay the price herself, not anyone else who just happens to be the same gender.

634.

well, yes, because wherever one looks around, women never see ANY problems with double standards and exploiting and dehumanizing men. So, sure, in a way pretty much all women are guilty in a sense, and in that sense, it would clearly be poetic justice, yes.

But im sure you will not get that, because you are just precisely one of those women, embracsing and defending injustice, obviously.

635.

First of all, I am male.

Second, I'm surprised you actually think doubling down on an already outlandish generalization is going to bolster your credibility.

636.

I don't want to see the young lady go away for 3 decades, but given the severity of her crime she needs to be sent to prison for at least 5 years and have a felony on her record.

637.

You sound very angry. And misogynist.

638.

justicepater Wow! You are a very sick person.

639.

She went from kind of hot to whale. Jeez, lady, it's eating for two, not eating for twenty two.

640.

I loved my grammar school teachers.

641.

In the biblical sense?

642.

Sounds like the teacher is being dealt with, but these parents need to be charged with felony child neglect.

643.

Kind of sad how people can make such flippant jokes about a 13 year old boy being exploited, as if the net affect on him is actually good. Some of the alleged grown men here are sounding pathetic, recounting their pubescent fantasies.

That teens (male and female) have sexual or romantic fantasies about their teachers or other authority figures does not mean it's OK to indulge them. Kids that age rarely understand all of the emotional consequences, which often surface years later when they realize that their vulnerability and naivety was exploited by someone who should have known better. It's not ONLY the age difference, it's the fact that an authority figure who should have been a mature an ethical role model behaved selfishly and immaturely themselves.

Sure, she made him feel "like a man" in his naive interpretation... But in fact, he was a boy that was used

by a teacher and not protected by his parents, and that will eventually dawn on him.

644.

I fully agree. And i have a theory about such men :  
They are losers in live and incredibly sexually needy, probably because they fail with women completely. Fat basement dwellers is likely.

645.

Well said, Marin. The posters here who are high-fiving themselves and wishing they were in the place of this 13 y.o. boy are simply indulging in their own puerile fantasies. That's part of the problem with our society, which thinks sex is just a-ok, so long as you are male and can't get pregnant.

646.

So hw is that different from a male teacher, having sex with a girl who is horny and wants it ?

Exactly : It isn't !!

If anything : The whole worlds knows, that women mature earlyier, so the punishment should even harder, when its female on boy.

Also, because boys in that age are suffering puberty, they are 100% exploitable by almost every female at this time and have no control over their body at that time. If that women doesn't get a sentence equal of what it were when genders were reversed, then we clearly have a 'justice' system, that dehumanizes males, a system that considers boys as freely exploitable mass with no rights whatsoever.

647.

They'll be the same when boys can get pregnant.

And not a day before.

648.

Boys can get pregnant.

<http://people.com/bodies/transgender-man-navigates...>

649.

justice whatever, your statement "If anything : The whole world knows, that women mature earlier, so the punishment should even be harder, when it's female on boy." You realize, I hope, that such a vast generalization makes everything else you wrote, completely irrelevant. You obviously have great dislike for women. I bet you're an emasculated man with a lot of issues. Good luck with that.



650.

I heard that after this became public, the young teenager suffered an injury -- sprained wrist from too much high-fiving with his buddies.

651.

Dude, come out of the locker room. The actual facts about the lasting effect of this kind of 'relationship' are nothing like your juvenile fantasies. Grow up.

652.

"Dude?" I'll bet you're in your jammies, in your mommy and daddy's basement, hunched over the 'puter they bought for you.

653.

this is true , & i wonder how the 13 y o boy felt when he learned she'd destroyed their unborn child

654.

Here's a shocker for all you SJWs -- males and females are different.

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esteem. It would also have been one of my fondest memories.

Like I said, men and women, boys and girls, are different.

655.

Different, right !

Woman mature faster.

Men at that age suffer puberty and have zero control over their bodies and are thus fully exploitable by every female.

while at same age ( 2 years more mature ), females do NOT suffer any testosterone-overdose or alike, but have clear conscious and selfdetermination over whatever they decide to do.

YET, the law - absolutely irrationally - punishes MALE teachers WAY harsher than female teachers, thi girl studends now EXACLY what they decide to do, while the female teacher who exploits the boys get a pu\*\*y pass, which is a slpa in the face of humanity, equality and especially every male in this country !

656.

I have extreme difficulty reading your posts. Maybe because I'm dead?

657.

The women is happy. The boy is happy. The family is happy. Leave them alone.

658.

while this fulfills most 13 year old dreams, it's still a horrendous idea. the vast difference in age and mental maturity makes it a wholly unequal relationship and therefore unhealthy.

659.

A lot of assumptions flying around here. Not a one asking, "what does the young man want?"

660.

that's because we don't entrust 13 year olds to make adult decisions.

661.

Unless the 13 year old wants an abortion.  
Or wants to have sex with someone.

662.

game. set. match.

Wilfred Skubi!

663.

And yet, sometimes, 13 year olds are charged as adults in crimes.

664.

I was a 12 year old that "wanted it" that continuously cried "for no reason" and couldn't understand why I kept trying to kill myself when I had someone that "loved me" and promised to take me away from my abusive household. After many years I realized that, if he had actually loved me, he would have called the cops on my family. If he had actually loved me, he would have tried to help me - not take advantage of my vulnerable situation. That is what people that actually love someone do - they protect them \*specially\* when they are vulnerable. And what are children but vulnerable?

665.

So sorry for your experience. When I feed I try to take out the most atrocious of the human race.

666.

I suspect this is more likely to be a psychological illness with this teacher rather than just a person with horrific morals. There are diseases that involve sexual addictions, in many ways similar to alcoholism and drugs. I very much doubt that this incident was the first sign of mental problems. This may have been the first one that couldn't be ignored.

667.

If she was a male would anyone really care if she had a "psychological illness". Sick? Most likely. She is like any other pedophile and she picked teaching so she could be close to young boys. This is just probably the first time she has gotten caught. The boy's parents are equally as guilty. They must have been tired of raising him and thought she could take over.

668.

I was a teacher for 45 years. I had many very attractive students in my classes. I approached each student as if they were my child. I did not allow myself to fantasize about a relationship.

If she was old enough (and mature enough) to be a teacher, she was old enough (and mature enough) to separate any feelings she had toward a student.

Society puts teachers in a special position to work with children. It is of the utmost importance that we, teachers, respond in the most professional and caring fashion.

If the mother, or any other family, was aware of this relationship; Dante must have a special circle for them.

She should receive the maximum sentence for molesting a child. I can't help it if she has/had mental problems. She knew the relationship was wrong on so many levels. She deserves the maximum penalties, if found guilty. It only takes one abuser to damage the reputation and work of 1,000's of honest, caring, responsible teachers.

669..

Clearly she was old enough, but not mature enough

670.

Unfortunately society doesn't pay teachers as if they're in a "special position".

671.

What does that have to do with anything? Society actually does pay teachers, who on average get 10 weeks vacation, plenty.

672.

When the parents are being investigated by Child Protective Services and the boy himself is in foster care, you should probably stop using "but his parents were cool with it" as a legal defense. Pro tip.

673.

I kinda want to forward this to my mother, who took me to hotels so I could spend time with my 24 year old "boyfriend" when I was 12. He got me toys and out of her sight, and I guess that was good enough for her. Because of her constant manipulation, I wasn't even able to call what happened to me "abuse" until I was an adult, even though I had tried to kill myself many times from the age of 10. I won't forward it, though, cause she still doesn't give a crap... Unfortunately, those that should be reading your message wouldn't give a crap even after reading it. Anyways...

674.

I would think you were making this up if I hadn't recently had a woman casually tell me that her parents basically sold her for drugs when she was just a child, and she didn't even know or care what their names were.

675.

Really, really sorry this happened to you. I hope you have good people in your life who love you, respect you and "have your back." FB, you deserved so much better. Peace be with you.

676.

These laws have to be changed when it comes to young men. If me or my friends were having sex with a 24 year old women when I was 13 it would have been a dream come true. No doubt about it. Boys can defend themselves much better than girls and our traditions are much different than women's when it comes to sex. She should get a year or two at most.

677.

she can serve it at my house

678.

She should get 50 years, at least!

679.

Many girls actively seduce their teachers and some get what they want then. Strangely if the teacher is a man, he always gets convicted with ... RAPE ... and gets a very very hard sentence. How is this ? Why they call this rape then ? Can you please explain and enlighten us all ? If anything : The whole worlds knows, that women mature earlier, so the punishment should even harder, when its female on boy.



Also, because boys in that age are suffering puperty, they are 100% exploitable by almost every female at this time and have no controll over their body at that time. If that women doesnt get a sentence equal of what it were when genders were reversed, then we clearly have a 'justuce' system, that dehumanizes males, a system that considers boys as freely exploitable mass with no human rights whatsoever.

680.

You mean an interesting point but it ain't spelled "puperty".

681.

I guess that young mans good luck has turned very bad.

682.

what's this woman's crime? raising this boy's expectations for the rest of his life too high? and it *\*was\** his idea, after all.

683.

Adults consenting abuse is why abuse continues.

684.

All pedophiles say it was the "kid's idea".

685.

Woah, that is the texbook response typically given by child molesters !

Sir, do you have pedophile tendencies much, maybe ?

686.

damn the dual standard, i'd pat him on the back if he was my son. if he was a she...there'd be no safe place on planet earth for the teacher. some how, i think the boy thinks of this as a trophy accomplishment. a young lady probably wouldn't.

687.

Double standards are a threat to standards.

They should not be tolerated.

688.

Who knows what lurks in the minds of horny female teachers.....da student do.....

689.

Sorry, but this is a different deal than a male teacher taking advantage of a female student. If when I was 13, I would have had the chance to jump a good looking female teacher, I would have been ecstatic. Sex every day for 9 months, what a rush.

690.

So why are willing 13 year old females less responsible than willing 13 year old males?

691.

Because in almost every case a 13 year old boy can walk away from the situation without any fear of physical control from the female adult. With the situation reversed (13 year old girl and adult male), this isn't possible, with maybe a few exceptions.

692.

No, it is not. Ethics and morality apply the same to male and female.

No exceptions.

693.

If the Judge gives her less than the 30 years that she has earned.....Impeach the Judge.

694.

impeach the judge? are you out of your mind? i think the judge should sentence her to daily detention, 2 hours per day minimum, with the young man supervising

695.

Or maybe you wish you could do the supervising, Salvo?  
Just more infantile male fantasy.

696.

Aside from the age issue here, the relationship is inappropriate because the teacher is an authority figure, in a sense like that between a boss/manager and employee among adults in that there is an inequality that is exploited or a real lack of ability to grant consent.

697.

Fine. Fire the teacher.

It shouldn't be a crime.

698.

So if your 13-year-old daughter was impregnated by her male teacher, it should NOT be a crime?

Or are you a male teacher hoping to make babies inside the wombs of your 13-year-old female students?

699.

good for him!.....at a boy!.....oh....sorry.....shame on him!.....shame.....tee hee hee

700.

Shame on him? You mean shame on her, an adult that used a young person with issues at home to satisfy her own selfish sexual desires, right?

701.

Sex everyday for 9 months? This poor kid is going to be sadly disappointed when he eventually gets married. I feel sorry for him when reality hits.

702.

Actually, as a child that was sexually abused since birth, and as a 12 year old that had a 24 year old "boyfriend" (I am sure some of you think this was a mature consensual relationship, even though he bought me toys and I came from an abusive household, right?) I have grown up to despise everyone that took advantage of my situation, and what I most value now in a partner is that they are stable and "normal" - which includes having sex whenever we \*both\* want it, and not only when someone tells me they want to use me. Yes, consensual adult sex is indeed less frequent, but it doesn't make me want to constantly kill myself or give me nightmares - and that is something to appreciate.

704.

I am glad you posted that.

Many of the commenters here need to read it.

705.

I am sorry that happened to you.

706.

Well it's just like the sentences for white versus blacks. Blacks do the same crime with harsher sentences. The rational, well blacks deserve harsher sentences for no other reason than well God made em black.

707.

i dont get it.. i had sex with several teachers when i was young.. a couple of mom's too.. the first at age 13.. but mostly my high school years.. i enjoyed it.. i was taught about sex by mature women.. who knew what they liked.. and had no problem instructing me what to do.. it gave me a greater appreciation for women of all ages.. and given my numbers of lovers.. i would say women of all ages appreciate me..

don't screw these two peoples lives up because you do not understand this.. love knows no age.. its just love... protect the children from predators.. but dont screw them up in the process of helping... not everyone is a predator.. some are simply in love... it is consensual with parental approval.. none of your business i would say..

708.

Too bad this excuse didn't keep you out of prison.

709.

You were home schooled, right Bonobo?

710.

The experienced "improved" you? Is that why you indicate you move from one sexual partner to another? Would appear you are damaged enough to be unable to form a monogamous, long term relationship. Would appear you are a victim and can not see it.

711.

She is too pretty for prison just like they said Debra Lafave was in Florida in 2004 for committing same acts against one of her 13 year old students.

Let's just give all females who commit these crimes house arrest and lock up the males who commit the same crime life in prison.

712.

Let's treat them equally instead.

713.

IF the system lets this 24-year old woman off with probation, the judge, lawyer, and woman should ALL face lifetime in prison. While I not longer remember the details, several years ago another teacher and a 13-yr old boy had sex, she had the baby, finally left prison and they married. To my news no further news regarding that travesty. She has ruined this young man, confusing him about the meaning of "love". It was all about hormones, and she took advantage of his vulnerability. To allow this woman to walk free on "probation" would be a travesty of justice. She should be jailed for 30 years, IMO. The boy's parents. One can only wonder what type of family can they be???

714.

Anda3713, I recently saw a 20/20 or some such show with the adult teacher and the student you are referring to. They are still together and their daughters are now older than he was at the time she molested him. They appeared to be a happy family, but I'd say this was a one in a million outcome for this type of situation. She did serve her time and they persisted in their relationship. Is it understandable? No.

715.



What is it with teachers?

a more perfect Union

what is it with the boys parents?

716.

Obvious why the kid was take away from them.

717.

In school year 2016-17, 50.4 million children will be attending. I'd suggest that the few stories you hear like this per year is a pretty minuscule average. I'd also like to point out that most of them occur in Southern States, with very young teachers. Not making any judgements, just sayin.

718.

FIRST, source your facts. Of course, you're judging! What kind of ignorant fool are you?

719.

Of course I am judging. That's why i ended it with "just sayin".

As for facts, here

<http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=372>

50.4 million students. Don't have a source for how many teachers get charged with this crime, but anecdotally speaking, I read a dozen or so of these per year. It is an incredibly small percentage, which was my point to the original post which made it sound like a large percentage of teachers are engaging in this behavior.

720.

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721.

If you'd knocked her up, trust me, nobody would think you were a hero...much less be jealous.

722.

Wanna bet?

723.

Right? She didn't teach him to withdraw?

724.

There certainly is a difference.

Between fantasy and reality.

725.

Lol

726.

Nope. They're not.

You fantasized about your teacher. Girls fantasize too. But the reality of a relationship is very different from the fantasy. There's usually control and the younger person usually ends up dropping out of education because the adult doesn't want to deal with someone who has assignments to do. Studies show that once the children reach adulthood, they very often feel resentful and abused.

727.

Well you just made it ugly..

728.

"often feel resentful and abused". Sounds like many young adults, whether they suffered an incident like this or not.

729.

The poor kid sounds like the product of a chaotic home life. That probably plays into his being vulnerable to the teacher taking advantage.

730.

Age difference here: 10 years.

Age difference between Harrison Ford and Carrie Fisher: 14 years.

Age of consent is arbitrary. Ms. Fisher was 19, he was 13.

731.

What? She was 23. He was 13.

732.

Age of consent is hardly arbitrary. It differs from state to state, but somewhere between 16 and 18 is common.

733.

LOL! Really? The boy will be scared for life 'cause the sex will never be as good as it was!

734.

I know this is wrong and she should face some kind of penalty. I used to dream about having affairs with my teachers when I was 13-16. But do you remember the other story of the teacher and the 15 year old? She went to jail for 5 years I think, after giving birth and they got married, now they live happily with their daughter, but she is now a felon which hurts their family, but is looking to have it expunged. Back in the day 14 and 15 year olds would get married normally older men and young girls, but society has changed, but has it changed for the better? Or should we Make America Great Again?

735.

does pedophilia and underage marriage make America great again?

736.

"....make America Great Again". Hilarious!

737.

The Real Carlos Danger, that couple is married with two daughters who are older than he was at the time of the child molestation by their mother of their father. What are the statistics on that kind of relationship? Doesn't happen too often these days. And in the by-gone days? Old men still molested young girls and some married them and

used them as 'wives' to clean up after them and cook their meals.

738.

Poor kid.. And what he might do to other children when he becomes an adult.

739.

Well, I'm glad that no one in the last hour and a half worth of comments I read tried to excuse her actions. I always hate it when people try to say that a female teacher having sex with a student is okay, but a male teacher having sex with a student isn't.

740.

Rollingforest, go back and re-read the comments.

741.

They are morally equivalent.

742.

As someone who graduated from HS in 1976, I can say that this type of thing has been going on for some time.

Examples: My late wife being propositioned by her English teacher @ the age of 14, a 22 year old student teacher having sex with 16 year old guys, and the topper, a Dean of students who abandoned his wife and eight children after he got a 16 year old pregnant. Nothing happened to any of the perpetrators in question. Not excusing it, just saying it is better reported. And rightfully so.

743.

I think we need more mature teachers. Every story like this seems to have one factor in common. The female teachers have no life experience, they go from High School to College to Teaching. We all know how little college does to mature you, it might actually regress your maturity.

I remember my teachers, the were ex-hippies and vets.

744.

I don't think "life experience" prevents one from becoming a pedophile.

And yes, every nearly teacher goes from high school to college to teaching. Just like most folks in every other profession do.

745.

"Life experience" doesn't prevent pedophilia. Their childhood experiences usually predispose their later behaviors with children. It is very sad but medical research frequently indicates sexual abuse as a child.

746.

You mean mature like Mark Berndt?

747.

No sex with students from the institution where you are a faculty member. No sex with minors. No exceptions. Not ever. Lock her up.

748.

They leave comments open on a story like this?

749.

yet you commented.

750.

Why is it when an adult female child molester preys on a male child that it is phrased in the press as her "seducing" him or "having sex with" him?

Of course she'll get a light sentence. We've seen enough of these disgusting women to know how lightly our legal system treats them.



751.

I agree that all people should be equal under the law, regardless of gender, ethnicity, wealth, etc. Violating teacher-student is wrong. Under age is extra wrong. She deserves a conviction, with punishment & sex offender registration.

Nevertheless I have to be honest... if a woman like her had asked me at that age, hell yes, with my only regret being the loss of some video game playing time. And supposedly he initiated the flirting.

How to reconcile these responses, ethical vs emotional? Perhaps if the victim doesn't feel victimized, and local case workers find no negative changes in their behavior, then the judge should be allowed to consider that in sentencing. Don't factor the gender, but do factor the outcome.

752.

Trumpkin, I said punishment, not necessarily jail. If (and only if) the kid turns out to be perfectly fine, most lenient could be many years of home detention with work release.

Registry? ABSOLUTELY. Teachers shouldn't have sex with students. Adults shouldn't have sex with 13 year olds. She demonstrated that she can't follow those simple rules, and her future neighbors deserve to know that.

753.

"Factor" the brain development of the child, not if he "feels like a victim" or thinks it was wrong. Not if professionals find any negative behaviors. Negative results frequently don't show until years later. Mr. Barron argues like a abuser argues. Lots of justifications from him.

754.

Well then it's also ok, when the male teacher is handsome and the girls is horny. RIGHT ?

755.

Before you cry sexism consider this. A very good lawyer makes a big difference in the way a crime is treated. That's why some people get away with their crimes and some don't. I can also assure you there is a male teacher in a nearby school district who did in fact rape and impregnate a 14 year old who is still teaching. So shut your stupid mouth.

756.

Sounds like this kid already had some issues, and this woman took advantage.

757.

yes: the issues are called "testosterone".

758.

I question that a prison sentence is appropriate in this situation, but it is Texas so she is fortunate not to be facing the death penalty! Probation and strict monitoring would be justified.

759.

Would you say that if it was a male teacher having sex with a 13 year old female student? I doubt it. Why let this woman off easy?

760.

I say the same, when the teacher is male and the girl totally was into him. But STRANGLY that NEVER is considered and simply doesnt fly. Strange, eh ?!. Could you pls enlighten us on this one, please ?

761.

Wish I had teachers that looked like that when I was growing up.

762.

You did, you just didn't notice.

763.

Many girls fall in love with their teachers and some get it then. Strangely if the teacher is a man, he always gets convicted and gets a very very hard sentence. How is this ?

764.

I think "harsh" may have been a better choice in this context

765.

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766.

I'm struck by the absence of the word "rape" in this article. If this were a male teacher and a female student, that word would surely be used.

767.

I wondered that too. The article does say 'she initially resisted the boy's advances'...

768.

Horrific. The press seems to encourage female child molestation with their euphemisms and soft glove treatment of these monsters.

769.

mmm ... "rape" implies that at least one party to the congress does not freely consent to what is going on. 'hole lotta consent going on in this case, far as i can tell

770.

Statutory rape.

Look it up.

771.

mmm...a 13 year old cannot give consent.

772.

13 is not the age of consent.

773.

Not necessarily. Have you people who auto cry sexism ever heard of having a really good lawyer? Yeah they control the press to. Especially if it is small town press in a small town in Texas. Get a clue.

774.

Wow, what a strange and bigoted post "Brittanney."

The Washington Post is a in Washington DC, not a small town in Texas.

775.

Ummm, not sure her ankle is where she should wear the monitor...

776.

If only she had just played naked Twister with him after giving him booze and doing a live sex show in front of him, she could have avoided prison. Of course, it would have helped if he had been three years older as well.

I don't understand women being sexually into thirteen year old boys.

777.

I remember the naked twister gang. Always wondered what their rear-window-sticker family was like.

778.

It's odd isn't it. I don't understand men that are into thirteen year old boys either. Must be some kind of sickness.

779.

In Afghanistan, it is called "tradition" among tribal leaders.

780.

it's called pedophilia.

781.

This is such a sick situation which is made even more so because people, both male and female make sexual relations so damned important.

782.

I once was a teenage boy. I cannot think of a single male classmate from that era who wouldn't have been utterly delighted to have this kind of entanglement with a female teacher. That said, 13 is much too young and this woman has serious emotional problems.

783.

The difference between today and when you were a young teenager is the total immaturity of teachers like this gal and the total unwillingness of adults to discipline kids.

784.

Jim, that's true, but not every boy wants to have sex with every teacher and not every girl is against having

sex with a teacher, yet people treat the teachers differently based on gender which is wrong.

785.

When I was 19, I had a boyfriend who'd lost his virginity at the age of 13. He was in a juvenile group home and two counselors took him to a concert, got him drunk, and then took him to a hotel. As a teenager he bragged about it, and all the guys were jealous. But it has screwed with him for the rest of his life. Something is off about his impulse control around sex - he's struggled to be appropriate with coworkers and others he should be treating in a platonic way. When I first met him, I thought he was so charming, but I remember my mom and other friends' moms & grandmothers being taken aback that a 19-year-old was so oddly flirtatious with them. He's damaged friendships and relationships by flirting with or sleeping with inappropriate people, and now that we are in our late 30's, I know he is lonely and sad that he has not yet found a partner and started a family.

786.



I should add - I knew one other guy who had been taken advantage of by a grown woman when he was a young teen. I think she was a family friend? His impulse control was off in a similar way - he was so hungry for female approval and sexual desire that he made really bad decisions around sex and relationships.

He was incredibly charming as well, which most women found flattering of course, but it kept him from finding a real emotional connection and steady partnership. Everyone always joked, "That Danny is too good-looking. Women are his weakness - some woman is going to be the end of him someday."

Well, he died in his late 30's when he was romancing a woman who was in an abusive relationship. He was helping her move out, and the husband burst in and shot him. He left behind two kids and a heartbroken live-in girlfriend.

787.

Ordinary, this is the negative side that most people who comment don't think about as the damaging side of sexual abuse of children. It is more obvious in women who have been sexually abused by men when they are a young age. A lot of abnormal behaviors are seen, including

flirting beyone what is acceptable. How sad for the young men you have known. They probably had normal fantasies too, but the adults took away the joy of them by molesting them.

788.

This should be a Shakespearean comedy, not a tragedy . .

789.

lock her up!

790.

Kid (yelling from the living room): "Hey Ma! Can you fix me a grilled-cheese sammich??"

Mom (yelling from kitchen): "Okay, honey! Will do!"

Kid: "And Jimmy is coming over to play X-BOX!"

Mom: "Fine...I'll fix him a sandwich too!"

Kid: "And oh yeah, I'm banging my English teacher!"

Mom: "Okay dear! No problem!"

791.

Teacher training programs and school districts' guidelines pound into teachers' heads that sex with students is illegal. She knew what she was doing was wrong, parental consent or not.

No matter how much one argues it should be acceptable, the students are children in vulnerable positions under the power and influence of teachers.

Those who argue for it being permissible are also sick & twisted pedophiles who wish to take sexual advantage of children. No decent, moral human being would condone this type of behavior.

So what if 12 or 13 was an acceptable age for marriage several years ago? Several years ago school wasn't mandatory, rape was ignored, the KKK ran rampant. And? With your twisted excuses it's okay to have sex with children, you most not see anything wrong with the actions of Deonte Carraway.

I'm guessing those of you who see nothing wrong with an adult having sex with a child must also believe it's okay to rape a woman or another man, or force them to have sex with you to get and keep a job, because you want it; it's your right as a man; and no one has the right to stop you. (Cue the sound of Dueling Banjos.)

God, I hope you twisted perverts aren't teaching or working in positions allowing you to have contact with children.

792.

So right on all points. The teacher also was trained that the parents were wrong in giving consent and that should have been a red flag for having the parents reported to DYS for investigation. This teacher should not have been teaching period. Can't imagine this boy was her first.

793.

Whatever else, imprisonment is entirely the wrong approach. It would be a wrong done the young teacher, notwithstanding. Charges of abuse and assault are psychologically unreal -- forgive me for saying so. I am a parent of four grown children, all with families, and a former minister, ordained Lutheran, later become Unitarian at university church, with which I was associated.

794.

Says you until this happens to one of your grandchildren. Your credentials mean absolutely nothing if you think it not criminal for a grown woman to be having sex with a 13 year old boy. If she needs psychological help, then let her get it in prison during her decades long sentence.

795.

Many girls fall in love with their teachers and some get it then. Strangely if the teacher is a man, he always gets convicted with ... RAPE ... and gets a very very hard sentence. How is this ? Why they call this rape then ? Can you please explain and enlighten us all ?

796.

God help your flock! justicepeter.

tango uniform

I live in Houston where we have had a very large number of teacher-student affairs, each one featuring the teacher on page one of the newspaper.

Normally it is charged as Improper Relationship with A Student which is a low grade felony. In this case she was charged with Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child which is a much more serious offense. I too was amazed when that "glamour" pic was shown with her cherry red lipstick, aviator shades, and steel-belted push up bra and I wondered what she really looked like without all the cheap enhancements that made her look like a \$10 hooker. Then came her arrest mug shot and she's actually a pretty girl without all the gaudy crap, so I don't think she'd have any problem attracting suitable guys her age.

Typically in cases like this the teacher gets 5-10 years probation, sex offender registry for life, and attend a mandatory court ordered sex offender counseling program for years which must be successfully completed or it's a violation of probation. And of course, she'll never set foot in a school classroom again.

Yes, she could get 30 years in prison, but deferred adjudication is far more likely. As long as she doesn't violate her probation, she'll never have a final conviction. More problematic for the judge is What Do You Do With Someone Like This? The boy is likely to have some psychological problems later in life when one day it finally occurs to him that she aborted what would have been his first child....

797.

.. but if it was a MALE ....

... because 'equal' under the law ....

RIGHT ?!

798.

PLEASE FOR THE LOVE OF GOD -- IT IS NOT 'HAVING SEX' WITH A CHILD. IT IS RAPE. RAPE. Call it what it is.

799.

"A Texas middle school teacher who was impregnated by a 13-year-old student could face up to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty to aggravated sexual assault of a child."

And so she should. She was raping a child -- 13 is unable to give consent.

800.

We're always told that girls mature faster than boys (emotionally and intellectually).

Which makes me wonder: why are cases involving older women and underage boys treated less seriously than the reverse?

If we are to believe that girls mature faster, then a relationship between a teen female and an adult male should be less damaging than the reverse.

Under current law, a 13 year old girl is considered mature enough go to any pharmacy and get Plan B without parental consent.

It's a strange set of contradictions.

801.

Relative punishments for rape is one thing – and the rules are quite complex. I recently wrote about that in Florida, where the rules consider the relative ages of both parties and quite a bit more.

But confusing rape laws with the law regarding Plan B is quite another. That's a bit like saying that 2 plus 2 equals 4 and that the moon orbits the earth, and that's a strange set of contradictions.

802.

It's not only "rape"--it's also abuse of a position of trust. I've taught at the college level, and universities usually have rules about faculty/student relationships, even when BOTH are adults, because the faculty member is in a position of power over the student. Same thing about work place relationships, when one party reports to another.

803.

Huh? What kind of parents support their 13 yr old having relations with ANYONE, nevermind their child's teacher?

804.



exactly, if these parents have other children, those children should be removed from the home if they haven't already been. those parents are irresponsible.

805.

I'm not saying I would support it, but I wouldn't be pissed if my son was getting what I wished I was getting when I was in school.

806.

She kinda heavy so she probably had low self esteem. Anyone know who the hot blonde in the leopard print top in the video is?

807.

No kidding. On to real analysis: this happens to your daughter, you want the guy locked up for life. This happens to your son, you might advise him to go for the leopard print next time.

808.

Double standards are intolerable.

809.

Not TPFP! Throw another 10 years on her sentence for those ridiculous duck lips photos.

810.

The age of consent in most of Mexico and Latin America is 12 or 13 years old. That should tell you everything you need to know about this case.

811.

That was also the age of consent in many states in this country, thanks to our agrarian roots.

812.

back in 'those days' breeding a good crop of extra hands was a necessity. today, not so much. heck, some today prefer to inseminate with artificial means, as their own ability to breed is defective. these young ones are the best chance for humanity,

813.

Back in "those days", life expectancy was also a lot shorter. And many women died in childbirth. Also, something like a third of children died young until the early 20th century.

814.

in saudi arabia it's 7.

According to you that means that pedophilia doesnt exist but is a social construct.

I think you are sick in your head, tbh.

815.

two people, having sex, while another 7 billion others around the planet don't really give a dam about them, don't care and don't need to. puritanical mania, even in these days, oozes from the depraved.

816.

puritanical!?!?! patrolling victimless crimes is a bedrock of our legal system these days...as i read somewhere: "America was founded by a hodgepodge of religious fanatics, puritans and criminals; this composition remains largely intact today."

817.

i agree, we should stop sentencing male teachers who have sex with their female students !

818.

I see double standards are alive and well. A male teacher doing the same with a female student would have been crucified.

819.

She's going to get crucified. She's going to get years in prison. Yes, she'll probably not get 30 like a man would get, but at least she's going to do time.

Or would you rather have the old saying, Too Pretty for Prison, come into effect?

820.

If she gets time, I call "racism". If she was a white blonde the judge would be too busy ogling her to sentence her.

821.

not withstanding

822.

It will...

823.

more probable is that she will get 2 weeks on probation.

824.

If a priest does the same thing he gets a transfer. At least in the Altoona Johnstown diocese.

825.

When men do it, it's pedophilia, when women do it, it's joke time.

826.

Maybe you should look at who is laughing... Your fellow brothers. Also before you cry sexism consider this. A very good lawyer makes a big difference in the way a crime is treated. That's why some people get away with their crimes and some don't.

827.

sounds like the parents should have been charged also

828.

She is clearly mentally ill. She needs help, not prison.

829.

White women don't go to jail , just black people

830.

In Texas perhaps.

831.

i see wat u did there!



832.

TPFP

833.

Every time I bring this up people get upset but most people twenty five and younger are not much more mature than most thirteen year olds. I know teenagers more mature than people in their twenties.

Yes, I know many will tell us stories of how when they were eighteen they were working three jobs and taking care of a family but if you have kids or relatives twenty five and younger, you will know what I am talking about.

Her defense of parental approval and not understanding what was wrong tells you all you need to know.

835.

What a pathetic waste of taxpayer dollars. This reads like a romance novel.

Fire her and let her, the kid, and his parents sort it out.

If every woman who had sex with a teenage boy went to prison, we could not build the prisons fast enough.

836.

And if you had a daughter and her male science teacher was sweating all over her daily for months, I'm so certain you'd be standing bedside cheering him on...

SMH!

837.

if same rule applied to MALE teachers, then i could live with that. But ONLY then !

838.

We haven't seen photos of the victim, but I suspect he is quite physically mature for his age and was quite happy

about the situation he found himself in. This is not "pedophilia," it is statutory rape. What would happen if the sexes were reversed here? Most of the time, nothing. The main reason the courts are involved here is because the school became involved. A bad mistake certainly, but it sounds like the "damage" done by the teacher is insignificant.

839.

Are you f#%king kidding me, of course this is pedophilia. This was an adult having sex with a child. Whether he enjoyed it or not is irrelevant. As for the sexes being reversed, if this was a male teacher having sex with a female child it is likely he would have the book thrown at him with good reason. Judges have been notoriously lenient in sentencing female teachers who have sex with male students because they have exactly the same attitude as you do, that the boys enjoyed the sex. We as a society are supposed to protect our children. There is a reason that the age of consent is a law.

840.

wowsie -- oh yeah, the law. BFD

841.

Thanks for the sexual double standard. I'm also sure he  
"asked for it."

842.

They all "ask for it".

843.

same is true, when girls seduce their teachers.

if we could just ALSO stop sentencing MALE teachers !

844.

Didn't Newt set a precedent for student teacher relations  
years ago?

845.

Poor kid. He'll be screwed up forever now. And what is  
wrong with his parents???

846.

Liberally and figuratively. He could till grow up to be  
Speaker of the House.

847.

just a very sad situation and case!

848.



In the state of Alabama, this would be perfectly legal (after the boy turned 14) and the same would be true regardless of gender. With parental consent, (as indicated), they could even get married. Strange, but true. However, as a teacher and in a position of authority AND being paid by the state of Alabama, she would be charged under the "moral turpitude" laws. Every state's laws are different in matters such as these.

849.

If a male teacher had impregnated a female student would the punishment be the same or much harsher.

850.

Rhetorical.

851.

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852.

"I can also assure you there is a male teacher in a nearby school district ..."

I can assure you you are full of garbage to claim a man who admitted to raping a 13-year-old student of his is "still teaching."

853.

Just let her go. Quit wasting court time and taxpayers money. Her and the young man can work it out.

854.

If the genders would be reversed you would be screaming that the teacher was a pedophile and should be locked up for the rest of his natural life.

855.

yes, and release all those MALE teachers !!

Hahahareally

There is no way they treat this woman the same as a man.

856.

Is this what feminists call the matriarchy?

857.

Like what is wrong with his parents, to be okaying it and cheering the pregnancy. They are nuts.

858.

Who says the parents were OK with the ex-teacher's behavior? Was it the parents themselves or some other spokesperson on their behalf?

859.

She's like a child herself.

**Article #16 San Jose Teacher arrested for allegedly having sex with student:**

**<https://www.sfgate.com/crime/articleComments/San-Jose-teacher-arrested-for-allegedly-having-6855398.php>**

860.

It would make a great replacement for "Glee" - "Sexy High School."

According to "Beverly Hills 90210," high school students all look 30 anyway. "Hi, I'm Dylan, easily identified by my hairy chest and receding hair line."

861.

What ever happened to the good, old-fashioned schoolmarm nobody in their right mind would do?

Now the hormones in food make kids physical adults at 15 and schools keep hiring sexy, fun-loving teachers. It's like a 9:00 to 3:00 swingers party Monday through Friday.

862.

It will be very interesting to see how he is treated as opposed to the Female Teachers that do the same thing.

I think I know the answer.

863.

These guys should get the same treatment as the women who sleep with boys, no double standard

864.

Any relation to Dr. Drew?

865.

Anytime any teacher (coach, priest, parent, any authority figure) engages in anything even vaguely sexual with a student (parishoner, etc.) under the age of 18, they MUST know that it will at some point in time lead to jail time, a lifetime as a registered sex offender, and probably major financial penalties too

866.

17 going on 30??

Where's her responsibility?

Why is he necessarily the predator??

Hell she's old enough to know to

Puritanical BS

867.

@stanger69

With that attitude, I hope it's YOUR daughter next time.

868.

sometimes it's not so easy, to be the teacher's pet

869.

@shadowgovt don't stand so close to me

870.

Why does this happen so much? What is going on?

871.

The brain isn't fully developed until about age 25. Even if the law specifies 18 the brain isn't fully developed.

872.

@PeLoser ..so is that your take on children who say they are transgender?

873.

@rabble\_rouser Speaking for myself and my sexuality, I knew in pre-school as a little boy that I liked girls. This didn't change through elementary, middle, or high school. I would suspect that children who say that they

are transgender would likewise know which gender they identify with.

874.

I mean come on, look at that goatee. This should be a no brainer

875.

Two things come to mind: 1. As he was removing clothes prior to sex, was there any glint of a warning in his mind that 'Hey, this isn't right' and 2. As soon as this girl is out of high school, the 12-year age difference instantly becomes irrelevant.

876.

1. The law, regardless of if you agree if it's a "good" one or a "bad" one, is quite clear.

2. Teachers and students have an authority imbalance by the nature of their "jobs", and this imbalance is what makes a sexual relationship between them inappropriate, no matter what age they are.

-so-

3. Anyone who can't understand items 1 and 2 shouldn't be a teacher.

4. Anyone with the poor judgement to throw away their career and risk having to register as a sex-offender for the rest of their lives...

877.

@tired\_iron "5. Finally, along with poor judgement, if they don't have the maturity to wait a few months until the object of their attention turns 18 or graduates, also shows a temperamental/judgement problem that should also disqualify them from being a teacher. "

The imbalance of authority exists no matter what the age difference: Instructor/graded student, military commissioned and non-commissioned officer/enlistee, police officer/detainee (including vehicle drivers, pedestrians, suspects,...

878.

The fact that he is a teacher and she is a student makes it completely inappropriate. However, if he was not a teacher and the relationship was consensual, it wouldn't be a crime in most U.S. states -

879.

@abcd1111

In California, there is a crime of "Unlawful sexual intercourse", which is an act of sexual intercourse with a person under the age of 18 who is not the spouse of the person. (CA Penal Code § 261.5 (a))

Is in this case.

880.

@boscoe And for Californians thinking of going to the states where it's 16 or whatever, isn't crossing state lines for sex with a minor also illegal?

881.

Well, they got him off the street and out of the classroom...

882.

Didn't SF just vote to pass out condoms to middle-school students. Mixed message here I think.

883.

@vonmerpf It's the parent's job to pass out condoms, not the school, EVER.

884.

@vonmerpf I would think if the SFUSD said don't do it, they are absolved of responsibility if the students do it anyway. OTOH If they say don't do it and then provide something they claim will prevent the very things that



could result from doing what they said not to, they are now liable for the consequences.

As I recall, condoms used as prophylactics are very but not entirely 100% effective at preventing pregnancies and STDs. There will always be the one-percenters' claims. Maybe there's an...

885.

To everyone who is sympathizing with the teacher: would you feel the same way if this were your child or grandchild?

886.

@Jay\_Peterman no, most would applaud the boy...if the female teacher was "hot".

887.

@goalie33 "...sympathizing with the teacher: would you feel the same way if this were your child or grandchild?"

You don't have to sympathize with the teacher to see that "...if this was your child..." thinking is not unlike the mother of a murderer who will always believe her baby is innocent and couldn't have done it. I'm not into habibs and burqas but when society condones if not outright encourages so-called "sexy" behavior and fashions (males and females), you often get... sex.

888.

Idiot.

889.

Aside from the legal issue, any teacher who has sex with a student is MORALLY unqualified to teach...

Just as Woody Allen was morally unqualified to be a parent... yech...

890.

@pbag

Seems with such omniscience, you could tell us when the seduction began... was she 8? 10? 12yrs old? No matter, he was in locus parenti, a position of authority, and responsibility. Clearly a man without a shred of integrity... A great artist, but no mensch.

891.

@duxndrakes To paraphrase an old saying: "A penny for your thoughts...a rock for someone else's."

Legislating or even simply moralizing on what's in someone's mind is not what free thinking is about. Sure Allen perhaps deserves excoriation from allowing himself to develop a relationship with his girlfriend's daughter, but then what about someone who develops a Jerry Springer relationship with BF or GF's brother or father, sister or mother? Wasn't that a movie starring Nicholson and Keaton ...

892.

what does "annoying a child" imply?

893.

@neethouse look it up.

894.

It's so totally absurd and unfair that this guy is dealing with a felony charge on this account. I know the US is bassakward when it comes to sex, but about 50% of kids can't actually tell you if they are a virgin or not because they don't know the definitions. When you ask a boy/girl of age 16 if they are a virgin, those that have participated in oral sex or anal sex consider themselves 'clean.' A significant percent of kids don't consider oral sex to be 'sex;' They feel that only intercourse...  
895.

@luvmtns

Agree completely, luvmtns. I used to teach high school (I now teach college) and let me tell you that today's adolescents are far more aggressive in their pursuits of a potential love interest of anyone. I remember having to advise girls (who were more physically developed at age 14 than me at age 30) about their poor choices in dating older guys; their focus should be on their classes. Adolescent guys were worse with their constant harassment of female school employees.  
California...

896.

@donsthebomb I think what @luvmtns is getting at is that it may very well be highly unprofessional for a teacher to engage in sex with a student and perhaps the teacher should be terminated and should seek another profession or whatever, but treating the act as if it were forcible child rape or even pro quid pro extortion by using euphemisms like annoy and molest to imply lack of consent and therefore broaden the negative effects is like calling a career prostitute a victim of human trafficking...

897.

You are consider an adult at 16-yo in Europe - in Spain, Italy, France you can drink/smoke starting at age 16.

898.

@HandsomeDude

No disagreement from me. And Liked.

899.

@Arthur\_Spooner Interesting question considering the very low age of consent in most civilized countries ... Google it!

900.

What about if they wait until she leaves the school and studies in the University?

901.

@gpiggy as long as she's of age and he's not a teacher there, then yeah, ok. you're not really clear on the issue here, are you?

902.

@tealroom Maybe @gpiggy means the relationship developed in the teacher's school but the student waited until after leaving the school to consummate it.

903.

He looks like a 70's porn "actor".

904.

Or a hipster.

905.

@sfraffy I'm straight and even I think he's kinda hot - manly, but not intimidating. I'd have boned him at a swinger's party after a couple shots.

906.

Was the student male or female?

907.

@zerozero

none of your business.

908.

@zerozero does it matter?

909.

He looks like one of the bad guys from Superman II

910.

Watch the teachers union circle the wagons.

911.

@Ripman

Charter school. Probably non-Union.

912.

A lot of going on at Lick.

913.

When did the school plan on telling law enforcement?

914.

@jackwork Maybe they'd only known for a week? But you ask a good question.

915.

@jackwork My thoughts exactly. It's a point briefly mentioned but overlooked in this article.

916.

I don't see that big of a deal in this case. She's 17.

Yes, I know the law. My sympathies to the guy.

917.

@veggiegrrrl What is your suggestion for the people who have such a problem with the 18th birthday? Are we supposed to have individual maturity tests for everyone to determine if they can consent to sex with someone older? There's not a better solution when it comes to the law.

918.

@tealroom - I am unaware of the scientific definition of a "child" that you seem to be referring to. Can you elaborate?

Dude, there were so many cool things you could have done with your life. Now it's going to just circle the bowl a few times before disappearing from sight.

920.

Let's keep placing our children in public schools. Let's have our kids walk through metal detectors to go to class knowing full well that any teacher is a sexual predator. Yay! That's education! What a disaster.

921.

@sfsherpa

Charter schools are public schools

922.

@zzz2020 It's clear that your education was the disaster.



923.

Is it worth it with jail time and being a registered sex offender for life? Nah.... Of course no one should touch those precious children to begin with...

924.

I hate to say this but, they need to only have the 50 year old and older teaching high school.

925.

I think the clumsy point is that teenagers are unlikely to appreciate the advances of a middle-aged teacher. Troubled kids are not that predictable, and middle-aged adults aren't all unattractive....

926.

i think you're a bit confused about the way abuse works on the D3018minds of children, and about a few other things as well

927.

More great stuff from educators...

