

Pedophilia declared a sexual orientation by witnesses in House Justice Committee

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Canadians Addressing Sexual Exploitation

On Feb 14, 2011, during the 48th meeting of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, witnesses on Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (sexual offences against children) presented their opinions on Pedophilia being a sexual orientation. Vernon Quinsey, professor emeritus of psychology from Queen's University; and Hubert Van Gijsegem, who is a psychologist and a retired professor, formerly of the University of Montreal presented their findings that pedophiles are grappling with what is equivalent to a sexual orientation just like another individual may be grappling with heterosexuality or even homosexuality, and if the fact that true pedophiles have an exclusive preference for children, which is the same as having a sexual orientation, everyone knows that there is no such thing as real therapy. You cannot change this person's sexual orientation. He may however remain abstinent.

The Vice-Chair (Mr. Brian Murphy (Moncton—Riverview—Dieppe, Lib.)) requested clarification asking this question: you talk about a pedophile as having a preference. I'm not sure if I understood that; perhaps you want to expand. Is it a condition that can be treated, can be cured, or is it as varied as any answer might be in that regard: it depends on the patient and it depends on the client?

Dr. Vernon Quinsey responded: You raise the issue of pedophilia. Let me just make some distinctions for you. First of all, pedophiles are people who prefer prepubescent children. They're not interested in 15-year-olds who have an adult body shape or anything like that. They're not interested in those kinds of people. They have quite a restricted area of sexual interests in terms of the kinds of body types that their victims have. There is no evidence that this sort of preference can be changed through treatment or through anything else. Treatment for those offenders shades into management, where you essentially have to teach someone to live within their sexual preference structure. They have to find other kinds of outlets. They have to avoid high-risk situations. They have to do all those sorts of things. But I think that most people would agree that this kind of sexual preference pattern—an actual preference for prepubertal children—is not alterable by any kinds of current treatments.

Further testimony and questioning revealed disturbing opinions that all pedophiles would be a high risk to re-offend given that this is a sexual orientation and not a choice these people are making. For more information, see report cited below.

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The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

In July 2011, the annual convention of The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police passed several resolutions that would help our police associations in obtaining evidence to assist them in prosecuting those involved in luring, exploitation and human trafficking crimes. In particular interest was a resolution brought forward by the E-Crime Committee with regards to a Canadian Training Standard for Child Exploitation Investigators. The text of the final portion of the resolution can be found below. In addition, there were items related to lawful access, which, among other things, would improve the ability of law enforcement in the area of Sexual Exploitation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police recognizes the current training at the Canadian Police College for child exploitation investigators, as being an approved agency to provide training in Canadian law enforcement agencies, which recognition does not restrict Canadian Association of Chief of Police member law enforcement agencies from acquiring additional forensic computer training, as would support the investigative function in the furtherance of the common goal, of thorough, comprehensive and impartial e-Crime investigations in the best interests of the Canadian administration of justice, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police urges that all member agencies undertaking child exploitation investigations computer undertake these functions only with personnel who have met, at a minimum, the recommended training standards of the Canadian Police College, Technological Crime Learning Institute or other validated training as it pertains to child exploitation investigations

This resolution in whole and related information will be posted on the associations website in the near future: www.cacp.ca

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