

## TOO FEW PROTECTORS

The UN has a campaign to stamp out “girl child” brides in the Third World, yet in the developed world there is institutional support and protection for sexual use of underage children and woe to them who would interfere.



Minors: Tahani (front), 8, is seen with her husband Majed, 27, and her former classmate Ghada (rear), 8, and her husband outside their home in Hajjah, Yemen. [1] Photograph by Stephanie Sinclair

London’s *The Daily Mail* on October 12, 2012 reported on a new campaign – the plight of the “girl child:”

In an effort to start a global conversation about the devastating effects of early marriages, which are currently practiced in more than 50 developing countries, the United Nations designated October 11 as International Day of the Girl Child this year.

As you read a feature article carried in *National Geographic* on “girl child” brides, you will notice the girls in the photographs are from Third World countries like Ethiopia, Yemen, Afghanistan, and India. <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2011/06/child-brides/gorney-text>. For reasons from local or religious customs to simple financial support where life’s provision can be limited, the marriage of 10 million underage girls annually to men of all ages- whether boys or men old enough to be fathers or grandfathers - is carried out across the globe.

The stunning four-color photographic record featuring boys and men with their “girl child” brides, some as young as 8 years old, is being promoted to call attention to this practice. It is easy to sit back and judge this practice sanctioned by societies and governments as prepubescent girls stare hollowly at the reporter’s camera, but before we get too smug, we should take a closer look in our own backyard.

The practice of underage girls being used for sexual purposes is implicitly sanctioned in the state of Kansas and it may be so in other states. Third-world societies require marriage and make allowances for the children born of these disparate unions. By contrast, officials in Kansas have turned a blind eye to sexual congress with an underage child and the cover up of the crime, with the consequent children often aborted at government expense.

Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline, during his service from 2003-2007, brought sexual use of underage girls to public and official attention. AG Kline filed a massive 107-count criminal case against Planned Parenthood of Overland Park, Kansas showing a consistent pattern of covering up the use of underage girls for sexual purposes and the “proof” of their use was in their having an abortion.

Kline prosecuted 700 cases of adult sexual exploitation of children younger than age 14 from records he subpoenaed from Planned Parenthood and George Tiller’s abortion clinics. Records from Planned Parenthood were forged in an attempt to cover up crimes, but Planned Parenthood gave underage girls abortions and broke the law by not reporting statutory rapists, who may have impregnated these girls. In the same condoning spirit of a Third World tribal chieftain, Planned Parenthood turned a blind eye to men who access underage girls for sexual purposes.

In third world countries, the care of children is still exclusively a family responsibility. Though prearranged childhood marriages are repulsive, there are strong cultural and familial roots that preserve this way of life in very difficult economic living conditions. Americans on the other hand, tend to legitimize sexual use of underage children and have disconnected it from marriage. Often the resulting children are treated as automatic wards



Child mothers: Asia, a 14-year-old mother, washes her new baby girl at home in Hajjah while her two-year-old daughter plays. [2] Photograph by Stephanie Sinclair

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of the state, grist for endless family court processes, or a valueless inconvenience resolved by abortions provided by government funded organizations like Planned Parenthood, which continues to receive millions of federal tax dollars, and the philanthropy of huge foundations with household names like Susan B. Komen and Bill and Melinda Gates.

In the US, two studies, one on Male sexuality released in 1948 and one on Female sexuality released in 1953 by Indiana University's Kinsey Institute were used to disconnect sexual activity from biological limitations and age. The Reports advocate sexual capacities for even infant children and reported to state lawmakers via the American Bar Association's educational arm, the American Law Institute (ALI), that virginity was passé in the US and no longer required protections by families and/or at law. Dr. Linda Jeffrey tracked the changes to 52 state criminal laws protecting women and children enacted state by state in the 1960s to 1980s based on the American Law Institutes Model Penal Code making children more accessible for sexual use. Dr. Jeffrey compiled this research in a Monograph which can be purchased on Amazon in ebook format (<http://www.amazon.com/History-American-Institutes-Model-ebook/dp/B0093NWHJM>).

Social change followed elimination and reduction of penalties via the ALI "reform" across the US, based on a Kinsey's junk science. Consequently, in the US and not unlike the "girl child" in the Third World, a 1997 study conducted by the American Bar Association (ABA) reported 40 percent of 15-year-old girls giving birth were impregnated by men more than five years older than the mother.

The ABA cites two studies indicating that child molestation is a factor in teen pregnancy. In a 1986 study of 445 Illinois teen mothers, 60% reported they had been molested at a mean age of 11 ½, and almost half were abused by men more than 10 years older. In a 1992 study of 535 Washington state teen mothers, two thirds reported molestation by a mean age of 9.7. The mean age of the offender was 27.4.

Sexual use of underage children largely by adults finds many expressions in societies across the world, but those like Phill Kline who rise to challenge it are not often celebrated and appreciated, but too often attacked by vested institutional interests, discredited and silenced.

### **The Last Taboo**

The claims against Planned Parenthood in Overland Park, Kansas, are sadly not the only reports among institutions. Claims from the media, universities and social-charitable organizations have been providing protections for child sex predators to carry on their abuse, some for decades:

Penn State officials provided institutional protection for a now convicted member of their athletic department with ties to a charitable foundation with the mission to help disadvantaged boys who now reveal their sexual abuse, one in the team showers at Penn State. [3,4]

The Boy Scouts of America according to the *Daily Mail*, *The Washington Post*, and others on both sides of the Atlantic say the “Boy Scout 'perversion files' were released this week containing thousands of pages of secret documents of abuse of boys covered up for decades. Also including allegations of cover-ups and efforts by police and city officials to keep the Boy Scouts name out of cases.” [5,6]

There is a question about the BBC personality Sir Jimmy Savile, who is accused of abusing young girls. Scotland Yard Commander Peter Spindler, head of Specialist Crime Investigations, said the abuse was on a “national scale” and the allegations spanned four decades. In his philanthropic travels the knighted Sir Savile is even accused of groping young patients at Stoke Mandville Hospital in Buckinghamshire, where he worked as a volunteer fundraiser. It is said that the nursing staff “dreaded his visits.”[7] According to the *Telegraph*, October 11, 2012, “Sir Jimmy Savile” is the “fourth British TV personality accused in sex allegations.

“The crisis surrounding the BBC’s handling of the Sir Jimmy Savile sex abuse scandal has deepened yet further amid claims other television personalities molested children while at the Corporation” reported *The Telegraph*. [8]

Sexual perversion is a crime of vice as it lures others, some victims, into its web. There have always been child predators, but now people in trusted Western institutions are being exposed as predators and/or complicit in protecting predators that are bent on the “last taboo”—sex with underage children, both male and female. Crimes on this scale, this scope and carried out for decades cannot go on without institutional protections combined with Justice turning a blind eye.

### **Fighting for Justice**

Where are those who would stand against underage children being used for sexual purposes? Phill Kline as one such man is clinging to his professional life. As former Kansas Attorney General he may be the only AG in the United States of America to question the practice and the profit realized by the illegal access to underage girls and the disposition of their unborn children. Kline is now the target of lawsuits, both criminal and civil, fueled by Planned Parenthood and its supporters in Kansas state government. Planned Parenthood has sued him six times, and the current lawsuit against him accuses him of ethical violations proven to be invalid in previous litigation.

As the United Nations campaigns the plight of young girls whose religious, cultural and familial decisions rule their lives, it continues to turn a blind eye to the millions of cases of underage child sexual use in developed countries like US or the UK. Additionally, there is no mention of Asian countries where in many areas the sexual use of and trade in underage children



openly flourishes. The UN's call for dialogue has not addressed the issue of the sexual use of underage children comprehensively, but only selectively in Muslim or Hindu cultures. In the US, we can move to clean up our own backyard by mounting a campaign to support men like Kline. Who will stand to bravely address the question, is it better to be born into a culture of family arranged child-marriage or to live in a culture where underage child sex is institutionally practiced and protected? RSVP*America* supports Phill Kline and he needs your support as he stands for all of us who are opposed to the sexual use of underage children, a fight much larger than his ability to stand up to alone.

To find out how you can support this case contact 800-471-2994 or visit [www.NLA.org](http://www.NLA.org)

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