

## Sexualized torture and pornographic exploitation of the girl child occurs:

in private spaces, in the home of the child, in cabins, cottages, buildings, rented spaces, warehouses, in studios, modeling agencies, on private boats and vehicles such as cars, trucks, and planes when used to transport a victimized child to other like-minded perpetrators and groups in the community, the nation, or across borders.

## A girl child's relational bonds

- Can be strong with torture-based family groups and other perpetrators with the child not realizing they are being victimized
- Are isolating; taught to distrust outsiders
- Torture can destroy a girl's personhood so she may not realize she is a person entitled to dignity, with human and legal rights, and a right to speak and to tell
- Are cemented in terror they will be killed

## Helping responses

- Remember sexualized exploitation does happen in families and in homes
- Remember a girl child from infancy to youth, and into adulthood, and from all walks of life can be exploited
- Do not turn away when she tries to tell you what she has survived
- Be respectful, uphold her dignity, tell her you are sorry she suffered such violations and that she is not "bad"
- Tell her you believe her

- Reduce her sense of Self-blame by telling her it is not her fault
- Organize presentations/discussions with knowledgeable presenters, include informational written material in school, university, and professional skills development programs; in relationship, sexuality, and prenatal classes
- If you suspect that a any child is being harmed, will be harmed, or has been harmed call 911, the police, child protection services, contact [www.cybertip.ca](http://www.cybertip.ca) or Crime Stoppers at [www.canadiancrimestoppers.org](http://www.canadiancrimestoppers.org) 1-800-222-8477

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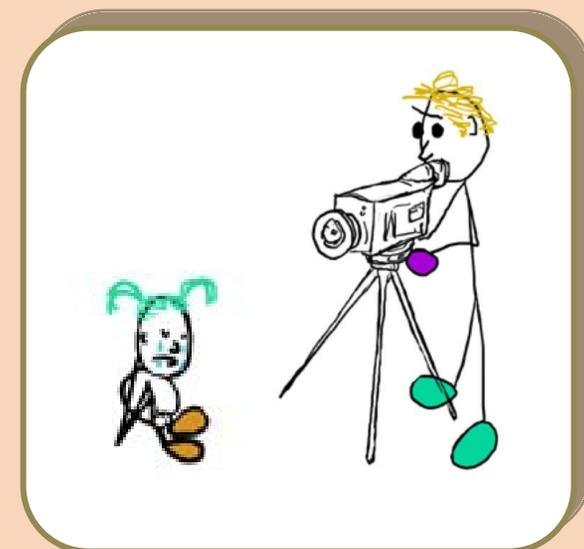
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# SEXUALIZED TORTURE & CHILD 'PORNOGRAPHIC' EXPLOITATION

Did you know these  
happen in the home?

## The United Nations defines child pornography and exploitation as:

any real or simulated sexualized representation of parts of a child's body or perpetrating violating sexualized acts against them. Pornographic exploitation means using, recruiting, or offering a child to others for the intentional purpose of producing pornographic material or perpetrating acts. The United Nations *Convention on the Rights of the Child* generally considers a child as being under the age of 18 with the human right not to be exploited while in the care of parent(s), guardian(s), or any person.

**The focus of this pamphlet is** the sexualized torture and pornographic exploitation of the girl child who is in the 'care' of parents, families, guardians, or like-minded others.

## Torture and torturers

**Torture** is defined as cruel, inhuman, and degrading acts that are intentionally and purposefully used to cause severe physical or mental pain and suffering for any reason such as punishment or discrimination.

United Nations human rights state that no one shall be subjected to torture including sexualized torture regardless of who the torturer is; whether **non-State actors** such as parents, family members, guardians, or like-minded others or whether the torturers are **State actors**, for instance, government employees such as police or jail personnel.

**Actors** simply refers to persons doing an act.

## Demand for torture pornographic exploitation

**Demand** for 'torture pornographic' images exist thus pedophilic torture victimization exists. Reports suggest at least 20% of pedophilic internet images involve torture victimization. A Canadian research report reinforces what women who were tortured as children tell of surviving, including:

- Oral, anal, and vaginal rapes committed by one person or a group
- Raped with weapons such as guns and knives, or with other objects
- Bestiality, a human-animal cruelty
- Pseudo-necrophilic rapes when unconscious
- Other forms of torture, such as verbal tortures when called a "slut" or "whore"; emotional tortures when told they are worthless human beings, laughed at, and shamed; physical tortures, for instance electric shocked, severely beaten, whipped, cut, burned, hung, caged, starved, forced nakedness, kept cold, denied using a toilet, drugged, and held underwater in sinks and bathtubs
- Forced sexualized harming of and/or witnessing the harming of other children
- Forced pregnancies and abortions
- Being degraded when urinated on
- 'Snuff' images which involve rape and murder of the victimized child



## Torture conditioned captivity is?

The girl child who lives in a torture-based family system and exploited or trafficked to pedophilic pornographers suffers:

- Torture to force her into a state of on-going psychological captivity and powerlessness that can last into adulthood
- Threats, coercion, restraints, and tortured never to tell; to believe she is to blame, that it is her fault, that she is "bad", that no one will believe her thus accuse her of lying, call her "crazy", and told she is unworthy of being cared for
- Conditioning to believe exploitative sexualized torture is normal behavior within adult-child relationships
- Forced watching of pornography as an 'educational' tool on how-to 'perform' and withstand sexualized acts/torture and by "doing it good" she will make the family happy

## Perpetrators do what they do:

- For pleasure, for financial profit or other material gain, and to exert power and domination over the life of a girl child
- To exert misogynistic discrimination against the girl child (and women), who are the predominate victims of sexualized exploitative victimizations
- Because when such families/groups are acting together this supports what they do, it justifies their beliefs, attitudes, and their violent behaviors, plus increases their sadistic thrills by watching others