

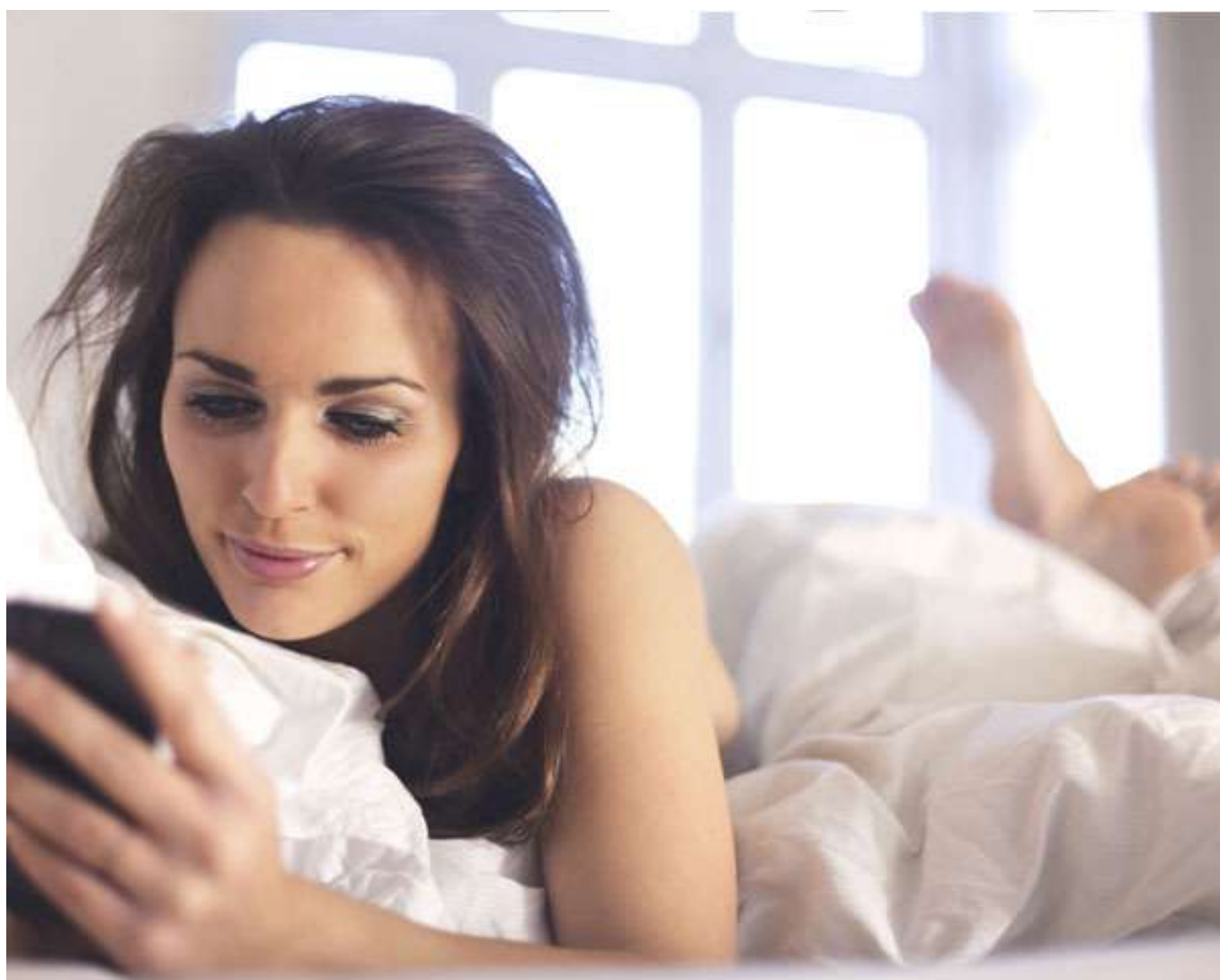
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Time To Stop The Child 'Sex Crime' Madness



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Although it is often portrayed on screen as thrilling or even glamorous, police work can at times be dangerous, it can also be boring. Some people will do anything for a quiet life, or an easy one, and the police are no exception. Now that in the era of political correctness they can't harass young black men on the street, they've found a new way to made life miserable for innocent people, and it is doing enormous social damage.

First we had and indeed have this historical child sex abuse witch-hunt which has seen innocent celebrities smeared as paedophiles or even convicted of non-existent crimes. Then we had and still have a lunatic investigation led by lunatics at the behest of lunatics - nutters like Richard Kerr, Esther Baker and someone called Nick - **who claim** that senior politicians including at least one

former Prime Minister sexually abused, tortured and even murdered the young. There will be no end to this madness until someone cuts off the funding of *Operation Midland* and related trawls.

What has been happening recently however is perhaps even more serious, because it involves the stigmatisation of the young, including preteens, as sex offenders. The young, including the very young, are interested in many things, including their own bodies and those of their peers, especially if they are of the opposite sex. The phrase playing doctors and nurses is a disguised reference to this – I'll show you mine, if you show me yours.

By the time they reach their early teens, even the dumbest of kids have worked out that girls are different from boys, but still being children they do childish things, and these days when they are all walking around with smartphones in their pockets, this can include snapping a photo or two and sending it to friends. This is a harmless act, but needless to say, the photos are not always deleted instantly, and this has led, incredibly, to teenagers – girls as well as boys – being branded as sex offenders.

Earlier this month, a 14 year old boy who sent a naked selfie of himself to a girl was entered into a [police database](#) for the *crime* of making and distributing an indecent image. The girl, who saved it to her own phone then sent it to other pupils, was not stigmatised so.

On the other side of the Atlantic, something even more outrageous happened when a teenager and his girlfriend swapped nude photos of themselves. When she was charged originally with two counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, the girl was listed [on the arrest warrant](#) as both perpetrator and victim, which means the law is as great an ass as it ever was, or rather the people who enforce it are. To cap that absurdity, the age of consent in North Carolina where this *offence* was committed is 16, so the two could have had actual sex without fear of legal consequences for either of them.

Back in the UK, a recent Freedom Of Information request [has revealed](#) that more than a thousand under 18s have been investigated for this *crime* since 2012, and a quarter of those arrested were under 13. As over 70% of the UK population now owns a smartphone, including most schoolkids of a certain age, there is an enormous potential there for criminalising and perhaps even worse stigmatising almost every teen in the land. Do we really want to see this just because some ass of a police officer or prosecutor is totally lacking in common sense, or common decency?

Predictably the NSPCC has waded in on this issue, but is this really a case of counselling being required? All kids need to realise – because clearly some don't – is that once an image hits cyberspace you have no control over it, and although it may seem like 'a laugh' at the time, it is something you may come to regret, because unlike transient mistakes, there is no certainty it can ever be totally eradicated.

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