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The recent announcement by Scotland Yard that they are investigating the disappearance of up to twenty young boys dating back several years, and the near certainty that several of these youngsters had been murdered by an organized gang of paedophiles has drawn reactions of horror and disbelief from all quarters. That these youngsters are thought to have been killed in the course of making 'snuff' videos, ie. to have been tortured and murdered for the explicit purpose of their deaths being filmed is almost beyond belief. Full details are not yet available, and because of the constraints on sub judical legal matter it is likely to be at least a year, perhaps two before this case can be discussed fully and openly in all its gory details. If and when this case does come to court, it will undoubtedly be the domestic trial of the century, Denis Nilsen, even the IRA for their capacity to render the public speechless in horrified fascination.

Nothing revolts ordinary people quite so much as the torture and murder of children; the fact that this appears to have taken place on an unprecedented scale and to have been well organized makes it even worse. Already righteous indignation is pouring in from all sides, and apart from 'hanging, drawing and quartering the bastards,' there will be many sincerely



For the sake of THE CHILDREN

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voiced suggestions as to what can and should be done to put an end to this kind of obscenity. Notwithstanding the seriousness and scope of this case, we should try to approach it dispassionately; emotion and righteous anger are poor substitutes for logic and reason. The torture and murder of children is bad enough, to compound it with abuse of civil liberties and the suppression of basic human rights would be the utmost folly, and already there are those who would do just this.

On 27th July, within hours of the police releasing the above information to the press, that self-appointed guardian of public morality, Mrs Mary Whitehouse of the National Viewers And Listeners Association could be heard on independent radio condemning not just the alleged murders but the top shelf in your local newsagents. According to Mrs Whitehouse, (and her ilk), the baring of women's nipples on the front cover of Penthouse is the first step on the road to the sodomising, strangulation and snuffing of seven year olds. She compounded this quantum leap of perverted logic with a claim, supposedly made by the World Health Organisation, (well might you ask WHO?), that up to a million children worldwide may have been similarly 'snuffed'.

Whether or not Mrs Whitehouse or the WHO are being deliberately sensationalist remains to

be seen, but for anyone to make such a claim is astounding. Astounding claims demand astounding proof, and in this case common sense dictates that it will be very slow in coming, if at all.

Returning to the subject of 'snuffing' children, let us examine this supposedly well established link between this and women stripping for page three of The Scum. In this connection, the case of Gilles de Rais is worth mentioning. Who was Gilles de Rais? Gilles de Rais, (1404-40) was a French nobleman and contemporary of Joan of Arc. born into fabulous wealth, he distinguished himself as a young man by becoming a hero of France: saving the Maid of Orleans' bacon on several occasions, and defeating the English at Patay in 1429. Later he distinguished himself in a less reputable manner, by abducting and murdering perhaps as many as three hundred young children, a pastime which earned him eternal infamy and the appellation 'Bluebeard'.

De Rais was executed on 26 October 1440; his other crimes included ripping off the church and invoking demons. What has all this to do with 'snuffing children'? Nothing, and that is precisely the point; Gilles de Rais lived in an era before videos, before the tabloid press, before the existence of pornography in any meaningful sense. Yet he was still willing and able to engage in an heinous series of crimes over a period of more than a decade, crimes so monstrous that he made the Moors Murderers look like a couple of babysitters.

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COMIC JOE CHASED ME IN HIS ROLLER

Star 'broke window'

Sun EXCLUSIVE

TELLY star Joe Longford SMASHED another motorist's window after chasing him for five miles in his Rolls Royce, it was claimed last night.

Police were trying to trace the millionaire entertainer after David Upton complained Longford had "bounced him".
Mr Upton had called the police following the chase at 2pm yesterday near St Albans. He said he was driving home from work when he saw a Rolls Royce chase him for five miles. He said the car was "bouncing" him and "breaking windows".



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The Rolls Royce was driven by Longford, who was seen driving a dark Rover 1000 on the M11 near St Albans. The car was seen driving in the same direction as the Rolls Royce. Longford was seen driving the car for a distance of about 10 miles.

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magazines, TV and other communications media.

There are, thankfully, laws in this country to protect the young. Child pornography is illegal, full stop, no discussion, no debate, and rightfully so. So is murder. It is also illegal to produce and distribute forms of extreme pornography eg. bestiality and similar material which only an extremely small and extremely depraved minority would even consider using.

But while all but the utterly depraved, would draw the line at bestiality, knowing exactly

because we, as intelligent, rational, scientifically minded people find its mumbo-jumbo offensive and its dogma likely to deprave and corrupt; the object of degradation in this case being the scientific method rather than public morals. The point about burning 'offensive' or 'obscene' material is that almost anything can be so labeled. There are those who have suggested in all sincerity that the children's cartoon Tom And Jerry should be banned because of its' extreme violence. Absurd as this may sound, it is conceivable it is not that some mentally unbalanced person might misinterpret the cartoon to mean that big, strong, people, (the cat) should have the right to persecute small, defenceless people, (the mouse) just because they are unable to fight back? (The fact that the mouse invariably gets the better of Tom can be overlooked for the sake of the argument.)

If the above sounds facetious, it should be noted that many people use even more facetious arguments everyday with absolute sincerity.

If a scientist claimed to have found a process for transmuting butter into gold by extracting the essence of its' colour, he would be dismissed as a crank. Yet Christians, who would be among the first to debunk such claims will happily believe that 2,000 years ago a similar trick was performed by their 'master' when he turned water into wine.

The argument against pornography, that it depraves, corrupts and incites men to violence against women (and now children) is one that has been used time and time again in spite of the lack of any real evidence to support it. Indeed the converse might be argued with equal justification: that many men harbour feelings of disgust and loathing against women and that by seeing them chastised in magazines or raped and murdered in horror films they are acting out their fantasies, beating, raping or killing women by proxy instead of literally.

But even if there were a clear and demonstrable link between 'porn' and the sexual abuse of women and children, this would still not be

From this we can deduce two things:

- a) that even if 'pornography' does lead to child murder, it is only a contributing factor, probably one of many. There have always been sick, perverted and evil men, and as long as human beings exist in their present form, there always will be.
- b) that like all crime, whatever the nature or cause, an essential ingredient is opportunity.

Gilles de Rais procured his victims in a number of ways including buying them from their parents. Parents don't sell their children nowadays, at least not in Britain, but they do allow their six year olds to play in the street unsupervised; and their twelve year olds to frequent fruit machine arcades and other establishments where they are easy prey for de Rais' successors. If Mary Whitehouse is genuinely concerned with the welfare of our children she would be better advised to mount a campaign to educate parents rather than to 'clean up'

where to draw the line is never easy. We haven't yet reached the stage where naked men appear on page 3 of The Sun, and hopefully we never will, but in its place most adult nudity and similar 'pornography' including bondage, spanking and more esoteric sexual fantasies is not only perfectly legitimate but perfectly desirable in a free society and, provided it is neither freely available to children nor promoted in a manner intended to cause offence to the general public, no one has the right, much less the 'duty' to insist it be banned, not Mary Whitehouse, not anyone. why not? Because it's none of her f---ing business, that's why not!

If Mrs Mary Whitehouse, Lord Longford and the rest of the 'moral majority' want to eschew Penthouse, Vogue etc. and stay at home and read their Bibles, that is fine with us. We would never dream of insisting that a book of spurious nonsense, plagiarisms, mistranslations and outright lies should be banned just



monsters; the Irish are at each others throats; the Iranians and Iraqis; Moslems and Jews; Christians and Moslems as nauseam. In view of this, coupled with the obvious power of advertising it would be foolish indeed to suggest that no one ever at any time has been incited by pornography to hate, abuse or even kill a woman or child. However, such men are obviously

grounds on which to ban it, and again we can drag in the Bible to prove our point. However, much hatred, violence and murder may have been engendered by porn, it lags a long way behind religion. The latest manifestation of this is of course, the increasingly boring saga of The Satanic Verses. For the sake of writing two lines in a hack novel, some forty people are claimed to have died worldwide while the author of this 'outrage' can never again show his face in public without the direct risk of assassination by deranged religious zealots.

Religion aside, we are all of us influenced in some ways and to some degree by literature, TV, other media, other people and our environment. If we were not, there would be no propaganda during wartime and no advertising at anytime. During the Second World War, the Allies depicted the Germans as inhuman, sadistic brutes who were out to conquer the world; the Germans depicted the Jews in a most unflattering manner; the Americans depicted the Japanese as slitty-eyed sub-human anthropoids and so on.

Today the Israelis are depicted as heirs to the third Reich; white South Africans as bjambok wielding

already unbalanced; if they are likely to be moved to violence by porn it is just as likely, if not more so that they will be similarly moved by political extremism, (including terrorism), religious fanaticism, Satanism or any of a dozen other causes, crusades and practices they choose to hitch their flags to.

The other main argument pornography, that it degrades women might be countered by asking: who degrades women? It is men, (overwhelmingly) who read pornography, but it is women, (overwhelmingly) who pose for it. The "wimmin's movement" would have us believe that it is men who are the "degraders", the fact that there is never any shortage of women queueing up to drop their knickers for the cameras is never given a mention, and no! it is not the "oppressive" capitalist system which "forces" women into this. Without wishing in any way to draw any comparison between nude models and prostitutes, it is the same with





During the interview I asked him what he thought of the new legislation on drug dealing. (The courts have recently been given the power to seize a convicted drug trafficker's assets unless he can prove he obtained them legally). Grossberg's comments were that this is a terrible infringement of civil liberties, that the burden of proof must always be on the prosecution, that if you're not proven guilty you should be presumed innocent. He went further, stating that this legislation set a terrifying precedent, that if it were not reversed it would

soon be extended, and that we would still have drugs and still have crime on the streets, the only thing we would not have would be our civil liberties. Perhaps a little optimistically he added that he felt there is/must be a way to combat drugs and crime and still maintain our civil liberties.

Transferring this to pornography, it reads as follows: We will still have child murders, we will still have rape and sexual abuse, AND we will have allowed a noisy, vociferous minority to impose its tyranny, the black cloak of censorship over magazines, films and other media of expression, and it does not end there: as soon as they've censored one thing, (tits), they'll look around for something else, religion perhaps, or even worse, atheism.

Whether or not you have any interest in 'pornography' you have a vested interest in opposing censorship. Many people imagine a typical tyrant wears a military uniform, a string of self awarded medals, a drooping moustache and lords it over a tin pot banana republic in an obscure corner of South America. He does not. Instead, he, or rather she is the grey haired old lady you sit next to on the train to Euston. She carries a handbag in one hand, a Bible in the other and smiles so sweetly that butter wouldn't melt in her mouth.

The enemies of freedom come in all shapes and sizes; make sure you recognise them when they knock at your door. civil rights, civil liberties and public morality aside, nobody but nobody is going to tell me what I can read; and nobody but nobody is going to tell me what I can write. The murder of children for any reason: lust or greed is despicable. The exploitation of such murders for blatant political gerrymandering is despicable beyond belief. ■

prostitution. Prostitutes are not "victims", they are women who have made a conscious decision to sell their bodies to men for material gain. Prostitution is a voluntary act, so is participation in pornography.

PORNOGRAPHY, CENSORSHIP AND CIVIL LIBERTIES

Earlier this year I interviewed American free speech campaigner Michael Grossberg at a meeting of the Libertarian Alliance in London.

