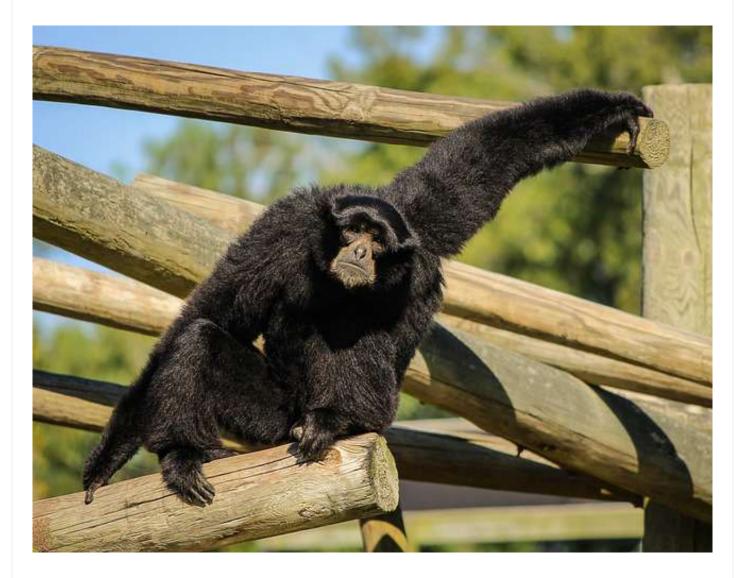
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# The Abuse Industry Goes Ape



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Although it dates from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, the maxim that there are lies, damned lies and statistics

has never been truer. This saying is often attributed to Benjamin Disraeli, although a little

research reveals there is no credible evidence that he actually said it. Likewise the latest claims

about the extent of child sexual abuse, rape and other unspeakable crimes in these islands have no

basis in fact, and can be debunked by a little fact checking and common sense. Alas, sensational

claims sell newspapers while prosaic reality does not.

Last weekend it was claimed that as many as one man in 35 in the UK is sexually attracted to minors, the figure of 750,000 has been mooted. It would be bad enough if this claim emanated from a scurrilous tabloid, but the person making it is one of the men in charge of the National Crime Agency. According to Phil Gormley (or should that be Phil Gormless?): "Every day another group of young men are coming to puberty and developing this interest." This gives the game away. There are around 3.8 million teenagers aged 15-19 in the UK, around half of whom are boys. If, as might be expected, most of those have some sort of sexual attraction towards girls of about their own age or slightly younger, that would account for all these potential *sexual predators*, wouldn't it?

If this sort of nonsense is being spouted by senior police officers, what price the rest of the abuse industry? A recent post on the MumsNet website tells the harrowing story of Jane – presumably Jane Doe, that's if she actually exists.

"Jane first came to Rape Crisis at the age of 72. Jane had been raped and sexually abused by several different perpetrators from the age of 6 until she was 61. She'd been abused in her childhood family home, a state children's home, her workplace and her marital home. The perpetrators were people she had trusted and loved, people responsible for her care, and the settings were places where she should have felt safe, confident and happy.

Despite this, Jane felt guilty. She had a very low sense of self-worth and she had socially isolated herself out of shame and fear.

Her coping mechanisms included anorexia and self-harming, she suffered terrible flashbacks and agoraphobia, and she had tried to kill herself a number of times" and on and on, *und so weiter*.

If Jane had indeed tried to kill herself a number of times but had failed every single time in addition to being raped everywhere she lived and worked, then clearly she is one of life's failures as well as the unluckiest woman who never existed, but where is all this leading? How about to 58 counselling sessions at a Rape Crisis centre? She is said to be one of no fewer than 52,000 women and girls who are counselled every year in addition to another 60,000 *survivors* who are attended by phone, text and e-mail.

Now here comes the punchline, how about sending us a donation?

From the general to the ectoplasmic and thence to the specific: Lord Janner is in the news again, and we are now being told that he carried out some of his unspeakable crimes at the Palace of Westminster itself. This claim is being made by the MP Simon Danczuk, who must surely realise how ludicrous it is. Access to Parliament is fairly restricted, and was even prior to September 11, 2001 when security was ramped up worldwide. Precisely where, when and how was he meant to

have carried out these crimes in a building crawling with police officers and other security staff?

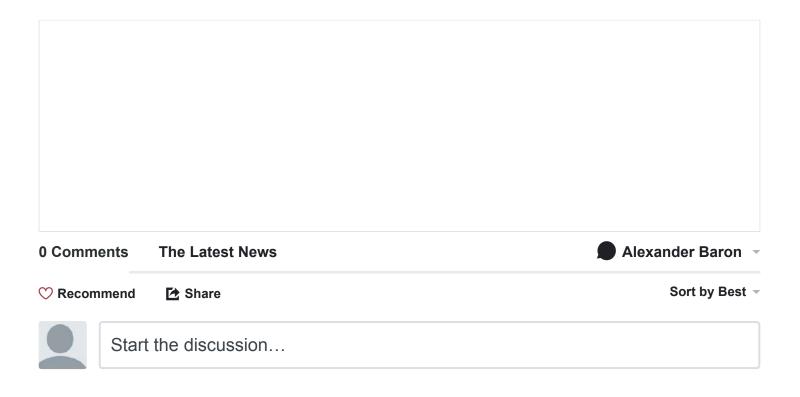
The scale of Janner's alleged crimes has now mushroomed, but the best evidence indicates that he has a case to answer with regard to one potential victim. All the others are most likely fantasists and the result of police trawls. If you are not *au fait* with the practice of trawling, check out this video about Rolf Harris, one of many victims of this disgraceful witch-hunt.

Finally, lest anyone question the commitment of our wonderful police to both equal opportunities

and diversity, yesterday, a woman teacher was convicted of historical sex crimes. Ann Lakey is now

54 years old, but in 1980 when she is said to have committed her first "offence", she was clearly a looker. Anyone remember that Elton John song? Back in the early 1970s there was a certain teenager who had a crush on the blonde and gorgeous Miss Gittins who taught French and German at...but that's another story!

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