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I spent most of my FBI career focused on investigating sex crimes against children, and although the subject is difficult, let me talk about to you (rant) about some of the things I've learned:



Epstein, R. Kelly, and the Post-#MeToo Weapon Against Bad Men

Trafficking, often carrying harsher penalties than assault, is being repurposed by prosecutors to pursue Epstein and his ilk.

<https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2019/07/jeffrey-epstein-keith-raniere-r-kelly-trafficking>

2/ Some people pursue children because they have a preferential interest in them - this is true in cases of men who focus on pre-pubescent children, or children of a very specific age and gender. Scott Gmitter is an example. He ONLY liked girls age 7-11: <https://www.kcra.com/article/former-folsom-teacher-sentenced-for-felony-lewd-acts/6361633#>

3/ Some offenders aren't exclusively focused on children - they're into a bit of everything. One guy spent hours debriefing with me as part of his plea deal. He was a porn addict his entire life, but at age 60 stumbled into the wrong material. It wasn't that he *wanted* it

4/ it was that everything else had become boring. He had collected every type of antisocial fetish porn he could find - organized by type, date, etc. He led "pillar of the community" life, and just wanted to have a dirty secret. We got him because he was trying to get a 15-yo

5/ to "perform" on webcam for him (and even bought the webcam for her). Unfortunately for him, the "girl" was a Chicago police officer. His "dirty secret" room was his "Freemason" office which his wife was forbidden to enter. He used his status to hide in plain sight.

6/ There's more than boredom and perversion here. There's a feeling of power and invincibility they experience. My longest-lasting case (which I inherited from another agent who retired before he could finish it) was all about perversion AND power

7/ Allen Harrod (<https://www.newsreview.com/sacramento/patriarch-polygamy-power/content?oid=15069>) literally declared himself the next "Joseph Smith," and claimed his authority to abuse children came directly from his version of God. He operated his cult for *two decades* before being caught.

Life Sentences in Sexual Abuse Case

<https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/sacramento/press-releases/2009/sc042009.htm>

8/ Imagine then how someone who is super-wealthy, bored, and lacks a bit of real self-esteem might react to the idea that they could do something so antisocial? Sure, you will always find apologists who will say "that girl looked 18" but that's hardly the point: it's abuse

9/ It's abuse because there is a gross imbalance of power, and a huge difference in interpretations of what is going on between the adult and the child. A child can say 'yes,' but they can't consent - because they don't fully understand the consequences (even a teen).

10/ Consent must be *knowing consent* or it is not consent. It's the same in investments: Your 90-year-old grandmother can say "yes" to an investment - she's an adult - but if she doesn't really understand that the "nice man" is spouting nonsense at her to con her, it's illegal

11/ Pimps in Sacramento loved underage girls: they had a longer "shelf life," they brought in higher sums, and they were easier to manipulate. "I'm your fiance." "We just need money to get married." They also loved using expertly-timed violence and threats to maintain power

12/ Do you get the theme? Power, boredom, perversion, the thrill of the forbidden. Now, think about Epstein with his girls. Imagine what they're told. Imagine the billionaires and other powerful men who promise them modeling careers, money, stardom, and drugs - oh, the drugs!

13/ Imagine the threats - implied and otherwise - and the gifts. Carrot and stick night after night. Constant manipulation by men who seem to make the world go around - but who secretly crave complete adulation because no matter how rich and powerful they become, it's not enough

14/ Relationships with adult women can't compare to the sheer power and control they feel with these girls. *That* is what this is about.

So please stop arguing over whether or not it's pedophilia or something else: it's not about attraction.

Rape never is.

15/ It's about control. Domination. Manipulation.

And insecurity. Ego-stroking. Narcissism.

Whether or not the victim objectively "looks like a woman" is missing the point - and it's a form of victim blaming.

16/ This is a crime because it is inherently coercive - not because it does or doesn't seem "gross" to you.

As I've said before, knowing consent is the moral basis of all human transactions.

17/ What these men did - and many others still do - violates the fundamental right of other human beings to exercise free will.

Sexual attraction is merely the distracting sideshow.

Stay focused.

"...his plea involved one girl, a 17-year-old, and the crime was prostitution, which made it look like the teenager was in part to blame... ...gave others a reason to dismiss his wrongdoing..."



Jeffrey Epstein Was a Sex Offender. The Powerful Welcomed Him Any...

Mr. Epstein served time a decade ago. When he returned to New York, he staged a comeback campaign among the elite.

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