

Some unseen issue on child sexual abuse

It's a known fact that sexual abuse of the boys is the thing most people even fail to recognize it when happens.

I have seen that it has become very common for parents, grandparents and other relatives or family friends to playfully touch/makes jokes at little kids penises. This has become something culturally accepted thing which may even the parents of the child may involve (especially moms) or tolerate it (won't consider it as an abuse) if done by a close relative or a family friend.

I'm not saying that all these instances should be considered as sexual abuses or all these adults should be legally charged. It should be mentioned that in 2019 a court of New Zealand freed a 79 year old Chinese man (who was a permanent resident there) who was guilty of flicking the penis of a toddler, [on the grounds that it was a traditional sign of affection in China.](#)

But social acceptance of such a thing will make it's hard to identify a sexual abuses on boys especially when it happens by a close relative. Or this acceptance may badly affect children's perception of 'consent.' ~~Risk is that thinking that this is normal since it was committed and accepted by their loving parents too, they too is becoming-accepted of it not perceiving it as an abuse.~~

Teach your children that their "No" will be respected, whether it's in playing and tickling or hugging and kissing. Stop when they want you to stop. Don't force your child to kiss or hug. This supports them to learn about consent and teaches them to listen to early warning signs that help them stay safe.

(from Talk Often, Talk Soon – a guide for parents talking to their kids about sex by health department of western australia, page 27)

Prof Liu Wenli of Beijing Normal University, an expert in how to teach children about sexuality, said touching a boy's genitals was a "rotten habit" in Chinese culture which reflected that adults didn't know how to respect children.

But now children are more aware of self-protection and parents seldom tolerate such practices, especially in cities, Prof Liu said.

She said that touching a kid's genitals might make him or her think it was normal, which might result in poor levels of self-protection and interpersonal communication.

Parents should tell their kids that the genitals can only be touched by the parents when taking a shower or by a doctor when doing medical checks, Prof Liu suggested.

(from a BBC report on the afore mentioned incident)

if you did what will they learn is that it's normal and acceptable to violate one's consent for certain genders (its OK to violate consent/privacy of boys to adult female) certain persons (grandparents/parents etc) and when it comes to certain ages (it's OK to violate the consent of boys if they are very little ages)

And it seems that society does not consider an incident where a boy is being abused by an adult female as in the same serious manner they perceive an abuse of a girl by a male adult. This is hypocritical attitude maybe a result of stereotypes on men as more tend to abuse than females. Womens' role as mothers, stereotype as affectionate and less violent have contributed to this false attitude which regards them of having no potential of sexual abuse and thus sexual touching of a boy by them is less/non threatening.

~~Ignorant feminists even believe that a woman can't rape a man! And people extend this rape myth to the extent that a woman touching a male boy is not an abuse! Social attitudes on women and their sexuality won't make an act considered as abusive if done by a male, not having the same effect when done by them (women).~~

So it's important to teach adults the value of respecting to a child's 'consent' and 'privacy' despite how little he is. We should tell them that 'if you make him to think that it's normal, he may think it is normal too when it happens by others too.'

We have focused on encouraging children to report and advising the parents to be careful about their children. But what is the use of it their very caretakers make it hard to determine whether this good or bad?

it should be mentioned that demarcation between family game (in which children enjoy too) and an adult/family who is using this in a pedophilic manner is hard to determine. If you read this note with [this quora thread](#) you'll see how this issue is puzzling, making it's hard to take a stance on the matter.

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