



"Viewing illegal images does not cause harm or additional abuse" - Our response

This comment was submitted to our site. We frequently get submissions from men which are clear attempts to erase their responsibility for sexual violence and rape culture. This one is particularly stupid:

It doesn't make any sense to say that every time someone sees illegal images of sexual abuse of minors or adults that they are once again causing harm because:

- #1- The person who create the original images caused the harm, not the person viewing it or downloading it.
- #2- Such material is free to fins using Shareware programs which are free online.
- #3- od viewing illegal videos and illegal images is a crime then we should arrest everyone that goes online to watch terrorist attack videos, arrest anyone that goes online to view videos of the 911 plane attacks...

Does this mean that everyone that google search 911 attack is supporting terrorism and is causing terrorist harm everyone they see it...I THINK NOT!

I am not sating that sexual abuse of anyone is cool to see but viewing images and touching is not the same thing. I suggest that if someone is arrested for possession of child porn in low quantities be given a strong warning and be given a second chance without an arrest or without having to register. But if he is caught a second time repeating the same crime then he should get life in prison

EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHO VIEWS AN INDECENT IMAGE OR VIDEO OF A CHILD IS COMMITTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHO VIEWS AN IMAGE OR VIDEO OF AN ADULT RELEASED WITHOUT CONSENT IS COMMITTING SEXUAL ABUSE.

MEN, AND SEXUAL ABUSE AND RAPE ARE CRIMES PREDOMINANTLY COMMITTED BY MEN, MAKE A CHOICE TO COMMIT SEXUALISED VIOLENCE. THERE ARE NO VALID EXCUSES.

So, Omar, if you are looking at intimate images of a sexual nature taken without consent or children or adults, you are committing sexual assault. **YOU ARE A PERPETRATOR.**