

Texas Voices reports the truth about “sex offenders”, the sex offender registry, and laws that dictate the offenders’ lives.

Research and studies are readily available, providing facts about which laws and restrictions promote public safety and which do not.

We do not seek to decriminalize sexual offenses, but aspire to restructure current “sex offender” statutes so as to differentiate between the truly dangerous offenders and those who pose no threat to our children or the public. A better informed public will make for safer communities.

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"WHEN THEY CAME FOR THE COMMUNISTS, I DID NOT SPEAK, BECAUSE I WAS NOT A COMMUNIST.

WHEN THEY CAME FOR THE JEWS, I DID NOT SPEAK, BECAUSE I WAS NOT A JEW.

WHEN THEY CAME FOR THE UNION LEADERS, I DID NOT SPEAK, BECAUSE I WAS NOT A UNION LEADER.

WHEN THEY CAME FOR THE CATHOLICS, I DID NOT SPEAK, BECAUSE I WAS NOT A CATHOLIC.

WHEN THEY CAME FOR ME, THERE WAS NO ONE LEFT TO SPEAK"

Martin Niemöller
Lutheran Pastor

OUR STATEMENT

Texas Voices supports the prevention of child sexual abuse through carefully structured laws that target violent, forced, and/or dangerous predatory acts of sex against children.

Existing laws encompass a wide range of offenders and require the exact same resources be used for both violent, dangerous offenders and those whose offenses were neither violent, forced, or dangerous.

Current laws, as structured, are not keeping our children safe. They are, in fact, costing the taxpayer millions of dollars to prosecute, monitor, incarcerate, and severely punish many individuals who are of no danger to children, society, or the communities in which they live.

We believe that laws which will truly benefit the safety of our children, and society in general, must differentiate between those who are dangerous offenders and those who are not.



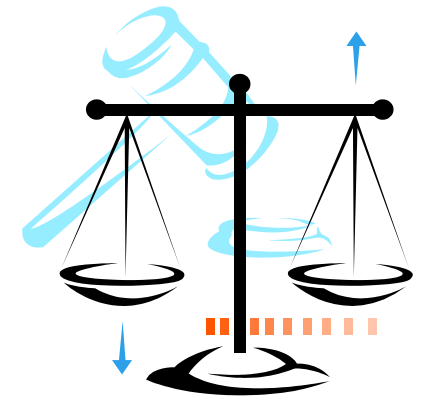
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Pursuing Balanced
Sex Offender Laws
To Better Serve Public Safety



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Not Everyone Who is Required to Register as a "Sex Offender" is a Dangerous, Violent Predator



Have You Ever?

Participated in sexual activity with a girl whom you met at your college fraternity party and THOUGHT she was 18 because she TOLD you she was?

On a whim, gone streaking or skinny dipping with friends?

Played "doctor" with your 9 year-old cousin when you were 11?

"Mooned" passers-by from a bridge or balcony?

Chatted with someone in an internet chat room that you personally did not know?

Found yourself caught up in a custody battle with a bitter, vindictive ex-spouse?

Had a one-time lapse of judgment with someone who was just under the age of consent?

If so, you run the risk
of being listed on
the Sex Offender Registry
for the rest of your life
AS A VIOLENT PREDATOR!

Are You Aware?

A very large number of individuals who are required to register on the Texas Sex Offender registry have never touched or raped anyone, let alone a child. But guilt by association on the registry labels them all predators, pedophiles and child molesters for life.

There are considerably more than 65,000 people listed on the Texas Sex Offender Registry with an average of 100 people added every week.

Current laws, as structured, would have labeled many of our grandfathers "sex offender" for relationships with our grandmothers.

Teenagers are e-mailing and texting nude photos of themselves and others.

This could result in both teens being charged with creating, distributing, and possessing child pornography, resulting in "sex offender" registration and probation or prison time.



An accusation alone is sufficient for conviction, a prison term, and a requirement to be listed on the sex offender registry for life. This is true EVEN IF the "victim" later recants his/her story.

The vast majority (93%) of molestations of children are not committed by strangers but by persons who are known to and trusted by the family or by persons within the family itself. (*Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2002*)

Tax dollars are wasted prosecuting, incarcerating, and monitoring tens of thousands of individuals who pose no threat to public safety.

Despite registry requirements and rigid penalties for not registering, registries are often inaccurate and out-of-date.

Current laws that label someone a "sex offender" do not differentiate between violent and non-violent offenses. The conviction will be the same whether one is accused of engaging in teenage consensual sex, pinching or touching someone, or molesting a child.

The original intent of the "sex offender" registry was for law enforcement only, to keep track of those offenders who were deemed truly dangerous.

100% of sex offender laws are based on less than 1% of sex offense cases.

STOP LIVING IN FEAR!

Fear Brings Only Hatred and Contempt.
Knowledge Brings Solutions,
Compassion, and a Willingness
To Embrace Change Towards a Safer,
Stronger Community

To learn the truth about registered "sex offenders" and their perceived threat to our communities, visit:

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