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## Harmful To Minors

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Do you remember the days when our nation and our media possessed a sense of innocence and shame? Oh, how times have changed. We've supposedly been "freed" by the sexual revolution of the sixties and seventies. We've been freed alright, but only to become the slaves of another master.

The slippery slope of immorality has predictable results. We've witnessed a rise in teenage sexual activity, pornography, adultery, and even homosexuality. These activities have found the mainstream in our society. So what's next? Would you believe pedophilia?

You say, "no way?" Consider that twenty years ago, we were hearing certain therapist and psychologists daring to suggest that "incest can sometimes be beneficial." One sociologist included pedophilia among "intimate human relations that are important and precious." Off the wall? You better believe it! Just voices from the radical fringe that have no impact on our society? Possibly, but hold on. A book entitled, "Harmful to Minors" has just been published. The author, Judith Levine, argues in her book that "sex is not harmful to children," and that "there are many ways that even the smallest child can partake of sex." But here's what's more shocking and disturbing: Jocelyn Elders, former Surgeon General of the United States, wrote the Introduction to this book and defended this book on prime time national television!

Friends, it's later than we think. It's time we open our eyes and take note of how we, by our collective silence and rationalizations, have allowed our society to morally slip. But surely I'm not suggesting that pedophilia will ever "catch on?" All I'm suggesting is that this is probably the same thing our grandparents said about homosexuality, and look where we are today concerning that formerly taboo subject.

It's time our nation puts its foot down and takes a stand. But that stand starts with us. Until we, God's people, are willing to quit rationalizing and overlooking evil, nothing will change. Surely, we can't expect the world to lead God's people into morality, and neither can God's people lead the world if we, ourselves, are unwilling to make a stand.

Enough is enough! Put your foot down. Make a stand. Be vocal. And help embolden others to do the same.