

Some Thoughts on Virtual (Child) Porn

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Personal Observation

Discussions on virtual child porn or real dolls tend to be muddy in Japan (and maybe in other countries, too)

Believe me, I was dragged into them several times

Why?

Child-related issues can be very emotional subject

Receptivity of provocative, disturbing expressions is widely different between people (and countries)

Strong religious influence

Lack of simple principle, too much legal talks

Finding the common ground

I believe all of us want to protect our children

It is unfortunate if we are divided by non-essential points

Clear principle can take us to clear discussion

Clear principle helps us to understand what we know and what we do not know

Non-Aggression Principle

Also known as NAP

“Aggression is inherently wrong”

Conversely, Non-Aggression should be allowed

Unless you do not harm others, you can do anything stupid, destructive, immoral, etc.

“It’s none of your business”

Aggression?

“Initiating or threatening any forceful interference with an individual or their property, without consent”

Sexual or non sexual child abuse is obviously a form of “aggression”

Age of consent is justified

From the NAP point of view

Non-virtual child porn can NOT be justified, there must be REAL victims

Virtual child porn can be justified, because, where are victims?

Can NAP be justified?

You are your No.1 stakeholder

You have the most Information on you

In the long run, you will know how you have been stupid

Pareto Efficient - You can live ethically in the NAP world, but you can not live unethically in the non-NAP world

Precautionary measure?

There is no evidence which suggests virtual child porn will cause any real harm on real children

Focusing on virtual child porn can hinder the effort to combat REAL child porn with REAL victims (e.g. Swedish police's testimony in 2012)

63. The Committee is deeply concerned about the large amount of online and offline material, including drawings and virtual representations, depicting non-existing children or persons appearing to be children involved in sexually explicit conduct, and about the serious effect that such material can have on children's right to dignity and protection. The Committee encourages States parties to include in their legal provisions regarding child sexual abuse material (child pornography) representations of non-existing children or of persons appearing to be children, in particular when such representations are used as part of a process to sexually exploit children.

Children's rights to dignity and protection

But where is “children”?

CRC clearly indicates it is about REAL children

**Do you recognize the right of VIRTUAL children?
Or some rights of REAL children is violated
somehow? Then how?**

My Concern

NAP is compatible with individualism

Younger generation in Japan (and many in tech sectors) is increasingly individualistic

Arguments not compatible with NAP is difficult to win wider sympathy

There is a strong backlash against liberalism all over the world, part of the reason is this

My Concern

**In Japan, many anti-virtual porn crusaders
employ the authority of the UN**

**It may undermine not only the authority of the
UN itself but also the wider effort to combat
REAL child abuse**

it is really bad

Redistribution of Sex

Everybody deserves sexual enjoyment, unless you do not harm others

Virtual Porn as welfare

If you admit the rights of “virtual” children, is there “human” rights of real dolls, sex robots, cartoon characters, etc.? Can they be banned because of that?

Or, banning virtual porn might be considered as human rights or privacy violation of REAL people

Thanks for listening!