

Evaluation of Lolicon and its correlation to child abuse

Studies

There is no evidence between the consumption of fictional child pornography and an increase in child rape crimes. In fact, most studies show that there is no correlation at all while some studies even claim that the availability of fictional porn decreases the rate of rape crime. [1,2,3,4,5,6](#)

Statistics

According to statistics on the availability of porn in general since 1989 the rate of sexual crimes has decreased significantly over the years. Also, current statistics on rape on national level from the UNO show that the number child rape crimes are lower in countries which have legalized fictional child pornography (for example 1.2 cases per 100,000 population in Japan) while in countries that criminalizes fictional porn the numbers are way higher (for example 24.1 cases per 100,000 population in the United Kingdom). [7,8](#)

Of course, this is no definitive evidence since other factors have to be included as well (such as culture and lower report rates), however there seems to be a decline in crime rates.

Country/territory	Rate per 100,000 population			
	2005	2006	2007	2008
Japan	1,6	1,5	1,4	1,2
United Kingdom (England and Wales)	27,2	25,6	23,4	24,1

fig. "Rape at the national level, number of police-recorded offences" [7](#)

Practicing Psychologists

Several psychologists suggest using artificial or fictional porn might decrease the urges of pedophiles and therefore decrease the rate of actual crimes. In contrast by prohibiting any sexual content the risk of assault might even increase. [9,10](#)

While there are some psychologists that suggest that complete sexual abstinence might help too, others suggest that there might be two kinds of pedophiles: Ones that are satisfied with fictional porn and therefore have lower or no urges at all and others that get fed even more by it and have an increase in their urges. [11](#)

Separation between Lolicon, Pedophiles and Child molesters

Psychologists agree that one has to differentiate between a Pedophile and a Child Molester since the first term describes a “sexual orientation” one is born with while the other one describes an actual criminal act. In fact, only 40% of all child rape cases are committed by pedophiles while more than half are done by occasional offenders who are looking for weak targets or have other reasons. The number of pedophiles with criminal offenses are even way lower. Scientists estimate that around 4% of the population have pedophilic tendencies. This means only a small number of pedophiles are actually child molesters while most are able to suppress their urges. ⁹

A lot of Anime and Manga fans even differentiate between a third group of people, so called “Lolicons”, who are exclusively attracted to fictional characters that are shown in Japanese cartoons and animations. They distinguish between three groups: Lolicons (who are exclusively attracted to fictional child characters), Pedophiles (who can (but not necessarily have to) be attracted to both: fictional and real children) and child molesters (who don't have to be pedophiles or lolicons). [12,13,14,15](#)

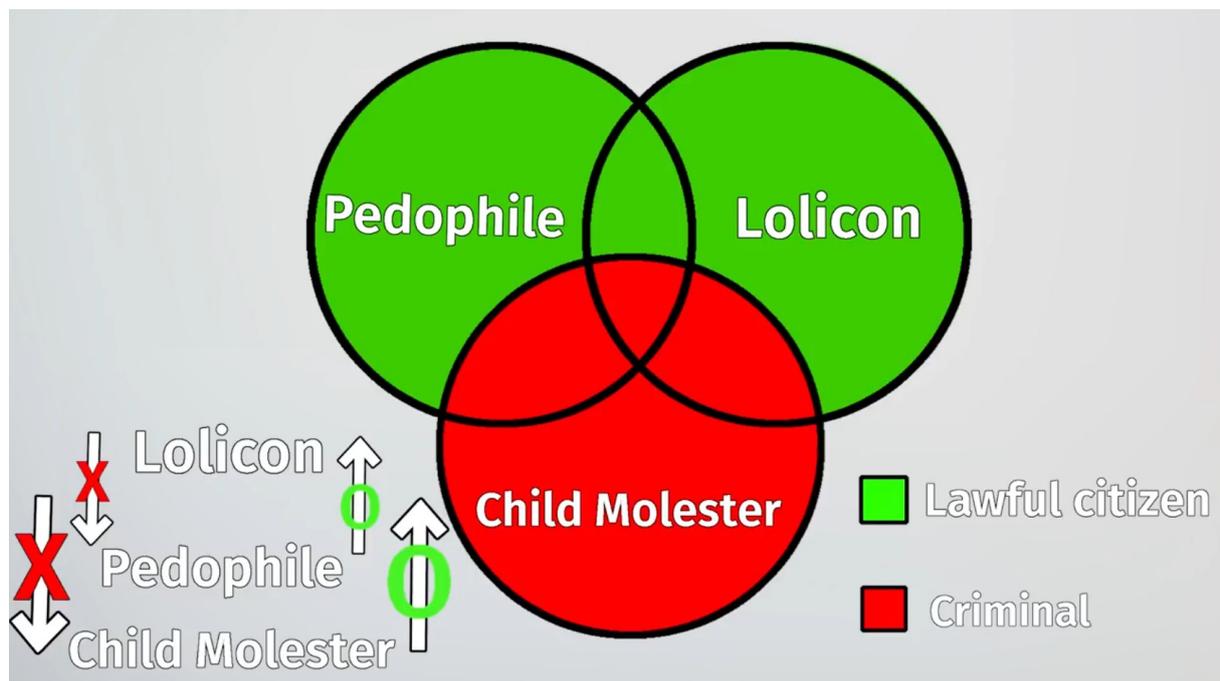


fig. “In Defense of Loli Art and Lolicon”, ¹²

Free Speech and Art

Some Organizations and groups vote against any kind of censorship or prohibition in art since nobody is getting hurt in the production of fictional pornographic drawings, cartoons and animations. By banning certain kinds of

contents there is chance that it will fall into a “slippery slope” and people will start prohibiting other depiction of art and therefore destroying the freedom of art as a whole. Also, the current banning of Lolicon and Shotacon art is very selective since other forms of fictional criminal acts are still legal (such as murder, rape and torture). Some say that as long as there is no clear evidence that fictional porn increases the rate of rape crimes, fictional art should never be censored or prohibited. [16.17](#)

Conclusion

Although this topic is still controversial and there is no definite evidence for both sides, most of the studies and statistics point towards either a negative correlation (decrease in crime rates) or no correlation at all between the consumption of fictional child porn and actual rape crimes. Some psychologists even suggest, that there might be two kinds of pedophiles: Those, who are satisfied with fictional porn and therefore won't commit crimes, and others who are more prone to commit crimes because of it. Looking at the statistics and the number of non-offending pedophiles the first group seems to be way larger in number. Therefore, psychologists should start treating them individually and offer alternatives (such as artificial or fictional porn) for the first group and other treatment methods (such as adjustment therapies or chemical castration) for the latter group.

By illegalizing fictional porn, the number of crime rates won't improve: In worst case the numbers will even increase since pedophiles have no other options left to satisfy their urges and in best case the numbers will stay exactly the same in case if there is no correlation at all or if the number of people in each kind of the aforementioned groups will cancel each other out (ones that are satisfied by fictional porn and ones that are fed by it). In any case it wouldn't help at all and the freedom of speech and art would be endangered. Also, the Anime industry would suffer as well since there are a lot of anime series with “Ecchi” (suggestive) content that would fall under these regulations as well. Furthermore, the group of Lolicons (who are exclusively attracted to fictional characters) would suffer from this regulation too.

Solution

A solution would be to have a strict age verification and increasing the age restriction to 21 because of the nature of this controverse topic and the mental capability to differentiate between fiction and reality. It might also make sense to add a warning at the beginning of each work saying that it's just a fictional piece of art and that it doesn't support any kind of ideas or behavior shown in the content. Also, there could be a page added which advertise the reader to go to therapy if he has pedophilic tendencies and is unable to control or suppress them. Also, this kind of content should be removed from free available magazines that have no age restriction (such as Shonen Jump). [18](#)

All of these measurements could lead to lower criminal rates and help each group involved: Pedophiles and Lolicons that are fully satisfied with fictional porn, Pedophiles who are looking for help but don't know where to look or avoid it because of stigmas and of course it would help the **children**.

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