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I once again encourage the Scottish government to abandon this outrageous legislation. It will achieve nothing but the persecution and alienation of sexual minorities. It displays a brazen arrogance towards sexual diversity. It punishes harmless people with the invention of a victimless crime.

Scottish society is not suffering by being exposed to extreme pornography; it has not to date and the balance of evidence indicates that it never will be. Has the Scottish government actually considered any evidence, or is it simply playing copy cat to the Labour party; the one with the recent history of creating inept laws which end up being condemned by every civil liberties and human rights group in the land.

If the consequences for it's victims were not so serious, this legislation would be as laughable as the radical feminist rhetoric that it's obviously based on. I never thought I'd see the day when someone would go to prison, not for any wrong they did, but simply for having unusual sexual interests. Some of the material in question, particularly the rape fantasy, is actually normal/common sexual fantasy for both men and women, yet it's now being deemed unacceptable purely on the grounds of political idealism. The government needs a reality check because it is on the verge of criminalising the human condition. The legislation simply doesn't belong in a free society and the saddest thing is that so few politicians appear to understand that.

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