

Graham – Statistic Laundering References & Endnotes

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In contemporary times, advocacy research provides one of the principal instruments for gaining publicity for a cause. And publicity is what advocacy is all about. The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is one of the most successful advocacy organisations in the UK. In recent decades the NSPCC has become a lobby group devoted to publicising its peculiar brand of anti-parent propaganda and promoting itself. ...

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Note: All that can be concluded from the information in the above paper is that: 140,917 child images files were downloaded during 6 weeks and some number of those depicted child sexual abuse.

Almost 35,000 of the images had not been seen by the COPINE researchers before, and almost 30,000 of those previously unseen images were from identifiable Web sites (containing a reference to a Web site in the image). This presumably refers to copyright images taken without authorisation from, for example, legitimate child modelling/acting agency sites which print the name of their business/site on the pictures of children. (It seems unlikely that web sites distributing child pornography would advertise a web site name on their illegal images given that would be of great help to law enforcement agencies who seize computers containing child sexual abuse images).

Of the remaining 5,000 images that had not been seen by COPINE researchers before, some number depicted child sexual abuse, and within that unknown number, the COPINE researchers found abusive images of 20 new children (i.e. of children they had not seen in images before). While an assumption that all of the 5,000 previously unseen images showed child sexual abuse results in an average of 833 per week, that would not be an accurate number because some number of the approx. 105,000 images that the COPINE researchers had seen before would have been child sexual abuse images.

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