Some Strategies for Children Exploitation Prevention: A Case of Developing Countries

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ABSTRACT

Every child born is always entitled to his or her own protection laws, including the right to live or to survive, the right to protection, the right to development and participation. Because children are the future builders of the country, the law sets out these laws as a means to protect children. In fact, from the old days to the present, children still suffer pain and suffering such as kidnapping, sexual assault, violence, neglect, etc. Especially the child pedophile situation today occurs. Everyday in many countries not only in Vietnam. This incident not only causes mental and physical pain but also affects the future development of children. At the same time, this is directly threatening the current situation of social security. Keywords: Abuse, protection, laws, children's rights, evils.

1. INTRODUCTION

Child protection is the responsibility of the whole society, ensuring children's comprehensive development. Because children are the class who will succeed in building and defending the country in the future. But now, information related to pedophilia has attracted a lot of attention, causing pain in public opinion and becoming a fear of families with young children (Thieu, 2019). According to statistics (2012) each day in Vietnam there are at least three cases of pedophilia and within a year more than a thousand cases that occur are discovered and resolved. That number does not include cases that have not been exposed. How large of these undiscovered cases will be included. Most of all, the offenders to satisfy their beasts are increasingly using more tricks such as: pretending to be kidnapped by relatives, dragging children into the empty places to commit sexual abuse (Thuong et al., 2019). More than that, the criminal is likely to kill that child. These events are often alarm bells for parents who need to spend time and care more about their children (Thuong & Tu, 2020).

2. CONTENT OF RESEARCH

2.1 The concept of pedophilia

Pedophilia is a sexual disorder in which children are under adolescence, that is, around 15 years old. An infected person is defined as a person who is at least 16 years old and who is at least 5 years older than the affected child. However, currently, sexual abuse against children is mistaken for pedophile. But this thinking is inaccurate and misleading the general
situation of people with pedophilia. Most people with a pedophile tendency are men, while women are very rare (Thuy et al., 2020).

According to data published by the Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs in the five years (2011 - 2015), the country detected over 8,200 cases of child abuse, with nearly 10,000 victims, an increase of 258 victims compared to 5 years earlier (Klika, et al., 2019). The number of cases of sexual abuse accounted for 5,300 cases (about 65%) and increased male sexual abuse. Up to 93% of suspects in child sexual abuse cases are relatives of the victim and family such as friends of parents, neighbors, even teachers, stepfather, biological father, etc. (Futa et al., 2001).

2.2 Expression of pedophilia

Patients who perceive themselves as pedophile often pass through puberty, when their sexual orientation is still focused on children without interest in the opposite sex. The patient cannot choose his or her sexual orientation (Mejia et al., 2012).

According to the World Health Organization, child abuse includes all forms of physical and emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and exploitation, causing harm to health and life, ability to develop or dignity by taking advantage of position, belief or authority. Child sexual abuse is when someone uses power or uses trust to involve children in sexual activities, including: Kissing, touching the child's chest or genitals, making children touch their genitals, having oral or anal sex, child prostitution (Thuong et al., 2019).

2.3 The causes of pedophilia

Most experts believe that the condition is related to psychosocial factors, not biological factors. Factors that affect the patient include problems with attachment or dependence on unusual background. They are the people who may have been harassed as a child. This is also one of the reasons that lead them to develop pedophilia (Thuy et al., 2020).

However, starting in 2002, researchers have conducted a number of studies on the biological factors that cause pedophilia. The factors that form this disease are researched and hypothesized such as: poor IQ and memory, less white matter in the brain, less testosterone hormones and problems in the brain (Thuong & Tu, 2020).

On the other hand, through research John Frederick (2010) shows that families, communities, schools, state institutions such as prisons, orphanages, reformatories, etc. These are the settings where children are at risk or have ever been sexually abused. The results show that crime often occurs in families with negative circumstances, violence, and alcohol or drug addicts (Futa et al., 2001).

2.4 Consequences
An important finding of the current study is that the majority of pedophile survivors reported that their fathers were unaware of their abuse (Anderson, 2014). Children with pedophilia, although growing up, always fall into a state of sadness, withdrawn by past obsessions, which leads to a situation where the child will suffer from depression. Besides, there is an underestimation of oneself, assuming that you are guilty and living in guilt and guilt (Thuy et al., 2020). Victims of pedophilia, if identified, can completely be isolated and shunned when growing up. More serious will be symptoms of self-pain or suicide. Not only does the child suffer from child molestation, but also the child's family (Thuong et al., 2019).

2.5 Current Situation

The highest number of sexual assault cases in 2013 was 25 cases with 25 defendants, accounting for 138.9% compared to 2004 at 100%. Figure 1 shows that the situation of child sexual abuse in Tra Vinh province in Vietnam studied in the past 10 years has made complicated changes, the number of crimes has an unusual tendency to increase or decrease. However, in recent years, from 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, there has been a clear increase in child sexual abuse cases (Thieu, 2019).

![Graph showing evolution of child sexual offenses in Tra Vinh province from 2004 to June 2014](image)

Figure 1: Evolution of child sexual offenses in Tra Vinh province from 2004 to June 2014

2.6 Research method

This article was completed with the assistance of 50 people between the ages of 20 and 30. The reason for choosing this group of people to analyze the data is because it can find out the facts so this article will be highly objective. The survey results were collated and analyzed after the respondents completed the test sheets.

2.7 Research results

In order to analyze people's perceptions and understanding of current pedophilia, a number of questions are asked and the results are shown in the following figures.

![Graph showing current situation of pedophilia in Vietnam](image)

Figure 2: Current situation of pedophilia in Viet Nam
Figure 2 shows that most people know that pedophilia is extremely reporting. This is a worrying situation and is tending to increase constantly and complicatedly with evil tricks. Besides, the criminals that are still out of the law commit this frightening act to children.

Figure 3: Conceptualization of pedophilia

Although pedophilia is a troubling topic in society, not everyone knows pedophilia well. This is clearly seen through the questions outlined in figure 3. The rate of "sexual disorders" and "perverted hobby" accounts for 39%. In fact, "perverted hobby" is not necessarily a person with "pedophilia" because "pedophilia" is a sexual disorder.

Figure 4: Causes of pedophile crimes
Figure 4 shows that one of the causes of the increasing current situation of pedophilia is “the society has not had a strict punishment” for crimes. And the number of cases will increase if the society does not condemn them to protect children.

Figure 5: Current children’s safety

Figure 5 shows that the child safety rate accounts for 83%. This figure denounces the current level of child safety across the country, not only that Vietnam is extremely dangerous. So each of us has a responsibility to protect our children in the best way (Thuong & Tu, 2020).

Through the above surveys, it is found that pedophilia sexually abusing children is an alarming bell for the whole society (Futa et al., 2001). They are not equipped with the necessary safety knowledge and skills to protect themselves against the risk of abuse; Parents who are engrossed in making a living, doing business cannot be close to their children (Paranal, et al., 2012); And also because parents and relatives of children lack knowledge of
sex education, do not know how to talk and guide children about their bodies, risks and skills to help children protect themselves. And above all in society, the law has not implemented well sanctions for crimes, leading to an increasing number of cases of child pedophilia (Thuong et al., 2019).

2.8 Proposed solutions

We need to improve the effectiveness of the investigation and handling of child sexual crimes. For criminals, it is necessary to strictly handle the law. Moreover, families with young children need to have child management measures and should participate in propaganda and education of life skills awareness for children (Thuong & Tu, 2020).

Child protection, care and education are measures that play a key role in the development of a country with a young population like Vietnam today. We need to report all cases of child abuse to child protection officials or authorities and should carefully educate young children about gender issues so they cannot be taken advantage of (Wurtele, 2009). Teachers, health workers, police, social workers, local leaders, Women's Union, Youth Union, child protection officers, etc. are the ones who can help and protect children from abuse. sexual harm in the community (Mejia et al., 2012).

Social support is a protection measure for victims of child sexual abuse (Thieu, 2019). For families with young children who are victims, they need to pay more attention and advise them to avoid painful things from happening.

3. CONCLUSION

If you have never learned about pedophilia, or sexual abuse against children, you will find this is something very distant. But when you read good articles you hear stories about children being sexually abused, all of a sudden your tears will fall and your heart hurts instead of those unfortunate fate. The pain you feel is only a small part of the person harmed. There are many cases of children who are unable to recover mentally as well as their small body forever covered with scars that do not heal after the abuse of these beastly pedophiles. The time has come when we cannot be silent about this painful situation and must find ways to prevent, prevent, and strictly deal with this crime.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

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