

Pedophilia: It's Psychological and Sociological Impacts

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Abstract

This report is highlighting the untouched and unheard aspect of our society, though it is yet not unexperienced. Sadly, many of us have faced sexual traumas in our childhood, yet not everyone wants to discuss about them. Though not every sexual offence is a pedophilic act, yet many are due to the same. Here, in this report we are going to highlight some aspects of pedophilia, its effect on one's psychology be it an offender, a victim. We are also going to highlight the importance of rehabilitation in such cases and the need to provide a room to rehabilitate, so that they can come out to live a normal and healthy life. In this report we have conducted a random survey and have collected 101 responses from people asking them if they have ever been subjected to pedophilia directly or indirectly. Sadistic reality shows many of them have been subjected to such incidents, leaving them in horrific shade. This paper tries to explore the effects, causes, and impacts of pedophilia and how can one be brought back to normal life.

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Introduction

The word pedophilia comes from the Greek (paîs, paidós)- meaning "child", and (philía), -"friendly love" or "friendship"[Leandha,M.,2016]. Pedophilia is a condition or attraction of adults towards pre-pubertal or adolescent children. Pedophilia is termed pedophilic disorder in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5), and the manual defines it as a paraphilia involving intense and recurrent sexual urges towards and fantasies about prepubescent children that have either been acted upon or which cause the person with the attraction distress or interpersonal difficulty[DSM-5, 2013]. The International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) defines it as a "sustained, focused, and intense pattern of sexual arousal—as manifested by persistent sexual thoughts, fantasies, urges, or behaviors—involving pre-pubertal children." [ICD-11, 2019].

The Secretary General of the KPAI said that the majority of victim that shows sexual violence were boys, with a ratio of 60 percent of men and 40 percent of women. The profile of perpetrators in most all cases is the closest person to the child, it could be a teacher, uncle, biological father, stepfather, and neighbours who in fact are people known to the victim. But the United Nations (UN) found through research in 21 countries that the level of violence experienced by girls is one to three times higher than boys, and that most of the violence is experienced in the family environment [Leandha, 2015, Sitompul, et al., 2018]. Sexual crimes in children have been categorized as extraordinary crimes. Contrary to public perception, Child Sex Offending (CSO) and paedophilic are not the same. Only half of all cases of CSO are motivated by paedophilic preference, and a paedophilic preference does not necessarily lead to CSO [Gerwinn,

2018]. In the United States, according to Kansas Hendricks, sex offenders diagnosed with certain mental disorders, especially paedophilia, can be subject to unlimited civil commitments, under various state laws (generally called SVP law) and Adam Walsh's Child Safety and Protection Act in 2006.

Further present study is conducted with the objective to identify the psychological and environmental factor that lead to paedophilic behaviour with the passive approach to classify subjective understanding of samples towards the aspect of paedophilia.

Objective

This paper tries to explore the effects, causes, and impacts of pedophilia and how can one be brought back to normal life. Present study aims to further analyze the psychological and environmental factors that incorporate to the pedophilic behavior. It also mentions the possible reasons that are leading or triggering such responses into the community.

Methodology

Present study incorporates 101 sample (female and males), age range from 18 to 40 years old. The method of sampling used is convenient sampling method and the data is collected through survey questionnaire. The collection of data is done through online approach to reach wide range of samples.

The method used is descriptive with a normative approach aim to analyze the sample on the basis of survey which include 31 questions, two out 31 are descriptive question aim to assist the data from samples.

The conducted survey also includes informed consent of the sample to keep the confidentiality and to garner information that is crucial for the analysis of the variables.

Opinion

1986 study by Hucker et al seen that appropriate use is a voided, because people who commit child sexual abuse generally show the disorder, but some perpetrators do not meet the clinical diagnosis standards for paedophilia, and clinical diagnosis standards are associated with pre pubertal stage. In addition, not all paedophilia actually abuse it [hucker et al, 1986]. Cause so a person being paedophile there are different theories about why a person can become a paedophile. Some of the are: 1. the brain is orders some experts say that one possible cause of paedophilia is a neurological developmental disorder. Currently noted, there are differences in the structure of the brain in the paedophile, precisely in the front to cortical part, the amount grey matter, unilateral, bilateral frontal lobes and temporal and cerebellar lobes [Syofyan, 2018].

According to recent research, this difference is similar to people with impulse control disorders, such as OCD, addiction and antisocial personality disorders. Brain disorders that may occur when the baby or in the womb when the brain is formed. However, post-traumatic stress disorder can also cause brain disorders. [Laswell, 1992]. Likewise with traumatic experiences in early life, according to research Laswell (1992). The result from survey have shown that there can be environment factor to pedophilia which can be pornography. It should be realized that cases of sexual violence against children are identical to the increase in pornographic cases, especially through the internet and social media. Freedom and ease of accessing the internet support increasing cases of sexual violence against children [Kurniawati (2013)]. In addition, the result so the study saw an increase in paedophilia level in people who had suffered serious head injuries when they were young, especially before the age of six [Alesyanti, 2007].

Kita and Buah Hati Foundation conducted a survey in 2012 and found that 76% of grade 4 to 6 primary schools in Jabodetabek had seen pornographic content. Most children download pornographic content

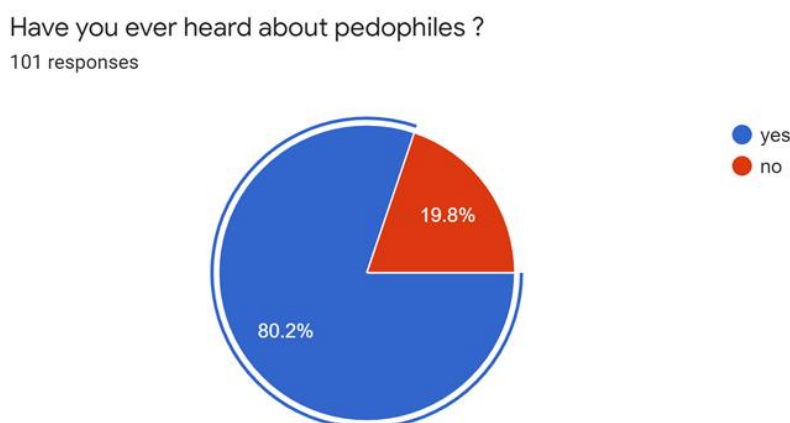
from their own homes because they accidentally, while others download porn content from internet cafes, cell phones or from their Facebook friends or play mates.

We can see in some cases that child victim end to cover up the events they experience with various reasons, including embarrassment or fear of the perpetrator, who always threatens if the case is opened to someone else. There is a tendency to emerge negative emotions due to sexual violence, for example the condition so helplessness and torture when expressing sexual harassment event seven in some cases physical effects such as shaking, muscle spasms and headaches are found in victim so sexual violence. The increasing number of cases of sexual violence against children has become a separate phenomenon and has attracted the attention of many circles. Cases of sexual violence are increasingly complex, ranging from the causes of the perpetrators to the consequences of the victims. Many of the respondents commented that they never shared their experiences with their parents due to embarrassment, fear, or lack of confidence. Many even reported that it was a late realisation that they were subjected to paedophilic act and when they realised it was too late to share their experience after such a time being. “Justice delayed is justice denied”, they fell it’s too late to be resolved or discussed upon.

Conclusion

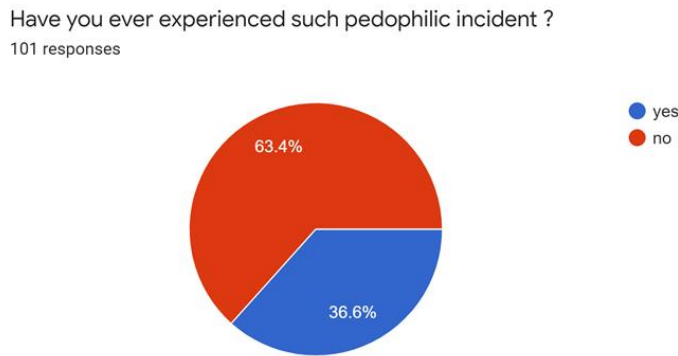
The present survey study focused on pedophilia resulted on further data analysis. The survey study is conducted on the basis of 31 questions which include the prospective approach to identify environmental factors for pedophilic behavior. The questions ranging from descriptive open ended and close ended questions, collecting understanding regarding the pedophilia. The result indicated that 80% of the sample were aware about the term ‘pedophile’ as shown in figure 1.

Figure 1: pie chart of sample who heard about pedophiles.



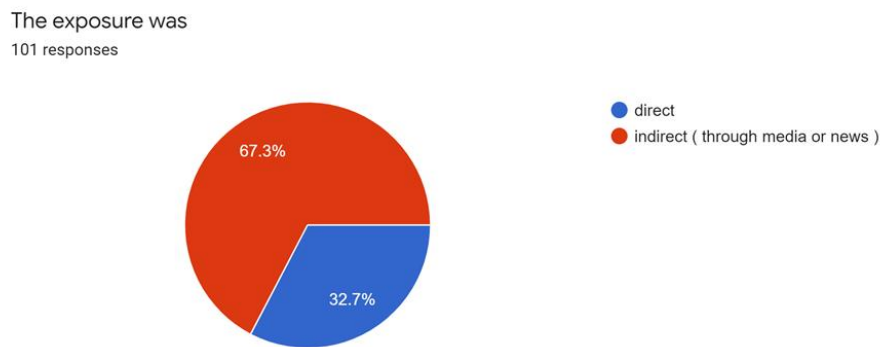
Further it was seen that less than 36.6% of samples have experience any pedophilic incident, as presented in figure 2.

Figure 2: pie chart of sample who have experienced pedophilic incident.



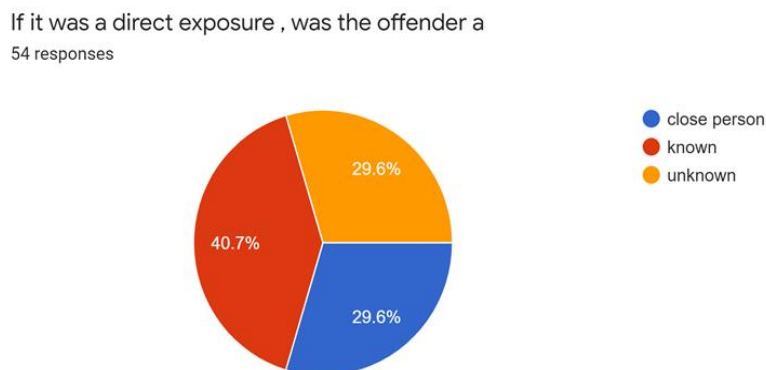
And the exposure of pedophilia is seen to be more indirect only 32.7% sample had a direct exposure (represented in figure 3).

Figure 3: pie chart of sample who have experienced pedophilic direct or indirect.



Many study have shown that offender for pedophilic behavior are usually close relative to the child [KPAI survey]. The result in survey also supports the finding as 40.7% pedophilia exposure is seen with known and 29.6% participants approach that offenders are usually close person (represented in figure 4).

Figure 4: pie chart of sample who had direct exposure.



Survey result also surface that most of direct exposure experience, most of participant didn't share the experience with anyone but some of participant agree to share it (represented in figure 6).

Figure 5: pie chart of direct experience.

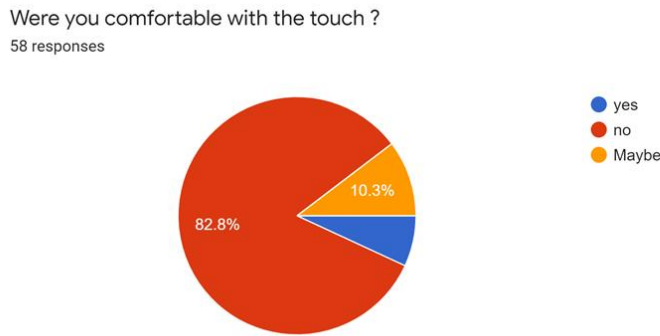
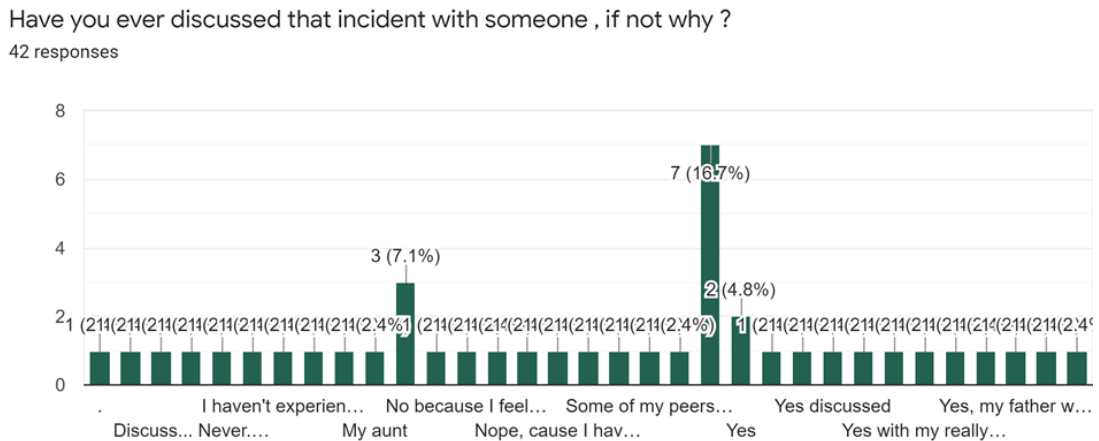
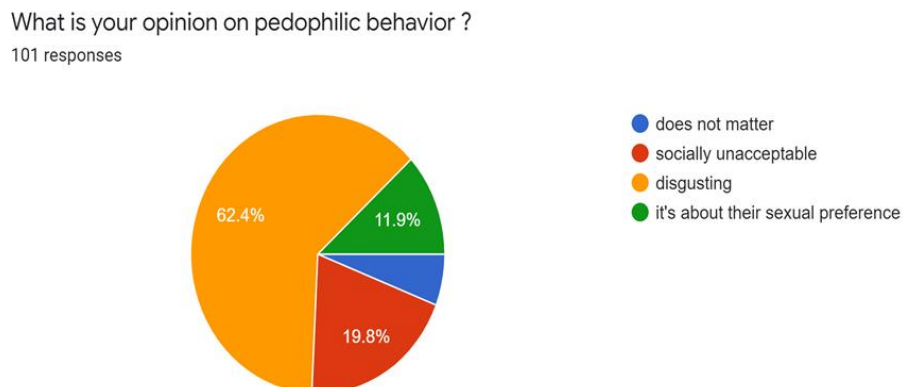


Figure 6: graphical presentation, who share the direct experience among samples. .



62.4% resulted to be disgusted by pedophilic behavior (represented in figure 7) and more than 47% didn't get expose to pedophilia through news channels (represented in figure 8).

Figure 7: pie chart on opinion about pedophiles.



Almost 62.4% of people reported that they feel disgusted about it, even though there a small ratio of people who feel that it's about an individual's own sexual preference. Even some people reported that it should

be socially unacceptable and it should not happen.

Figure 8: pie chart on channel of exposure

How many times have you been exposed to such incidents through news channels ?
101 responses



The result indicate that 72.3% don't agree that media coverage on pedophilia is proper (represented in figure 9) and 45.5% expose to pedophilia both direct and indirect after the age of 16 and less than 37.6% experience it below the age of 16 (represented in figure 10).

Figure 9: pie chart on media coverage about pedophilic incident.

Do you think media is covering this topic properly ?
101 responses

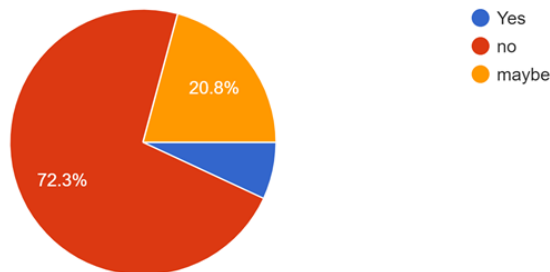
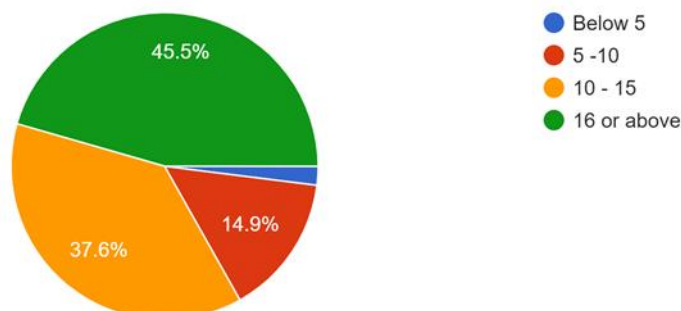


Figure 10: pie chart of sample age when they expose to pedophilic behavior.

At what age were you exposed to pedophilia in both ways either direct or indirect ?
101 responses



Environment factor that can induce pedophillian is child pornography ,result have shown less 34.5% expose to pornography below the age of 15. Even though watching porn is illegal in our country and is strictly banned in some states like Uttar Pradesh. Around 94.1% of participants are not comfortable with child pornography.

Figure 11: pie chart of sample age when get expose to pornography

At what age you were exposed to pornography ?

101 responses

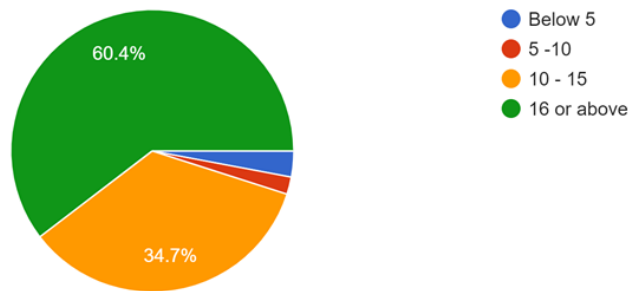
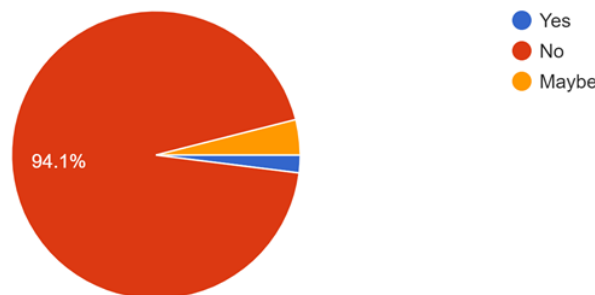


Figure 12: pie chart on concept of child pornography.

Are you comfortable with the concept of child pornography ?

101 responses



Around 84.2% of participant never get expose to child pornography and 75.2% of the samples agree the child pornography objectify child (represented in figure 13 and 14). Many of them admitted that they are not comfortable with such a concept and one can mark this as a major stimulant towards pedophilia as it sets the seeds of attraction and objectification of a children’s body.

Figure 13: pie chart of sample on exposer to child pornography

Have you ever been exposed to child pornography ?

101 responses

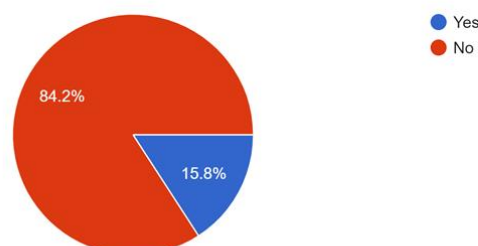
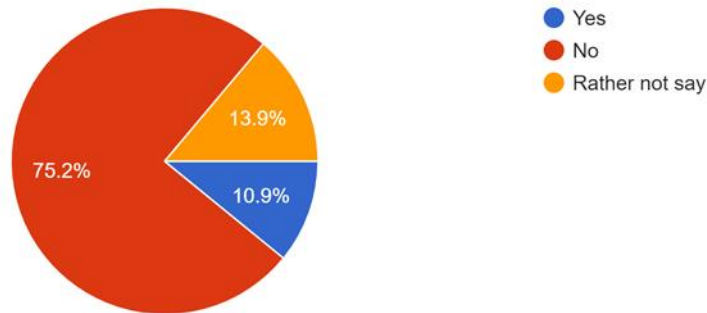


Figure 14: pie chart on objectification of child in pornography

A small amount of people admitted that they have watched child pornography and on further analysis it was found that either they were subjected to pedophilia, and they have also been attracted to a child sexually. This shows that pornography is a major stimulator towards pedophilic behavior.

Do you think objectification of child in child pornography is correct ?

101 responses

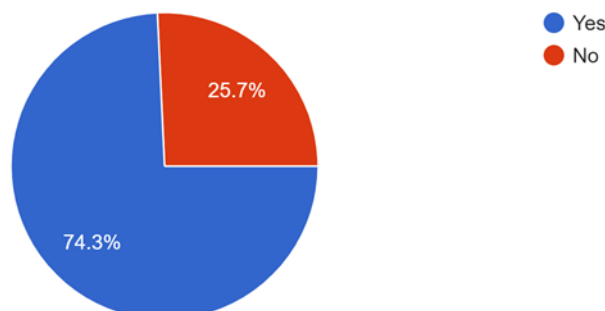


There is an assumption that children get too early in sex education, worrying they will get to know sex early too, and considerate normal. Sex education for early childhood does not teach children to have free sex when they are adults, but more to the child's cognitive debriefing about the introduction of sex and the consequences. Sex education is intended for children to understand the condition of their body, the condition of the body of the opposite sex, and to protect and prevent children from adult sexual violence. Correct and careful sex education is necessary, but it should be given in a proper and correct manner. Wisdom and some religious roots should be developed in every child, so that he/she may differentiate between right and wrong. There are always certain hidden rules of every society, and they are for the betterment of humans. Modern thinking should not open the doors for crime. Every individual should know and understand their bodily rights and should raise their voices against any kind of violence .

Figure 15: pie chart on child participation in child pornography.

Do you think the child participating in child pornography is involved in pedophilia ?

101 responses



The perspective is also seen in the result on 84.2% sample agree that child pornography encourage pedophilia (represented in figure 16) and 8.8% samples indicate that children consciously participate in pedophilic activities.(represented in figure 17). 74.3% participants agree that child participating in child pornography is involved in pedophilia (represented in figure 15).

Figure 16: pie chart on pornography encourage pedophilia.

Do you think pornography encourage pedophilic behavior ?
101 responses

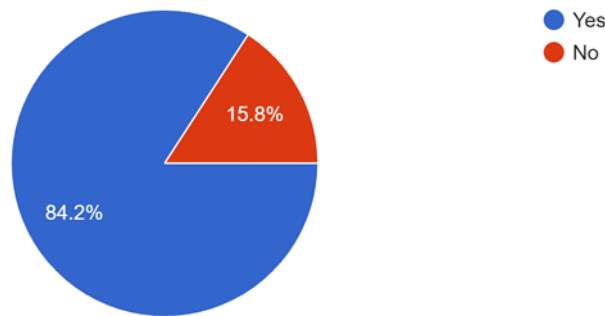
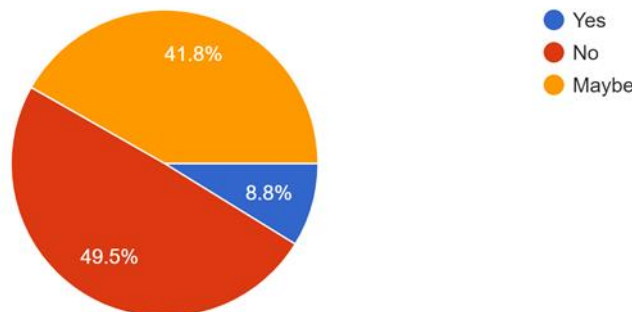


Figure 17: pie chart on child conscious participation in pedophilic activities.

Do you think the child is consciously participating in pedophilic activity ?
91 responses



84.2% participant agree that pedophilia is cause by social constructs and only 15.8% agree it has neurological cause (represented in figure 18 and 19). But studies have shown that their neurological cause to pedophilia as well as it is consider as psychological abnormality [Syofyan (2018), Laswell (1992)].

Figure 18: pie chart on opinion on pedophilia.

Do you think pedophilia is
101 responses

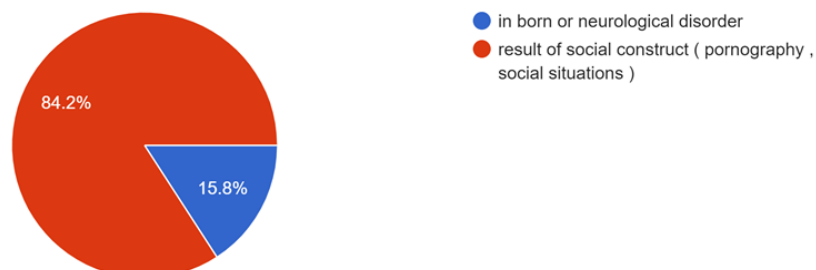
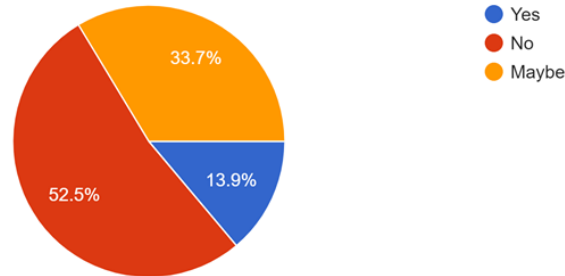


Figure 19: pie chart on child consciously attract pedophiles.

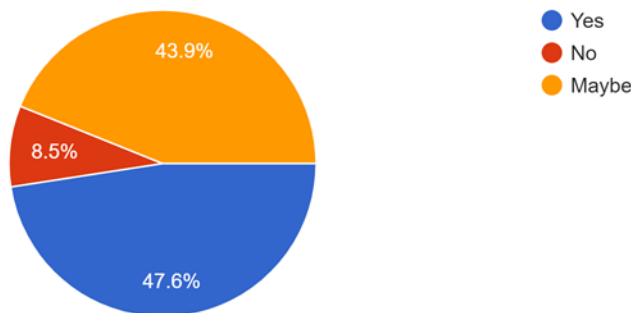
Do you think children can seduce or consciously attract the pedophiles ?
101 responses



The result are deflecting on topic that pedophilia is cause by persons own attraction to the child as 47.6% agree with the statement but 8.5% disagree and 43.9% choose maybe (represented in figure 20).

Figure 20: pie chart on pedophilia cause by person own attraction to the child.

Do you think pedophilia is an issue caused the persons own attraction to the child ?
82 responses



Around 90.1% participants disagree to then statement that adult sexually attracted to child. And 40.6% agree that when they were child they get attracted to adult (represented in figure 21 and 22).

Figure 21: pie chart on adult are sexually attracted to a child.

As an adult have you ever been sexually attracted to a child ?
101 responses

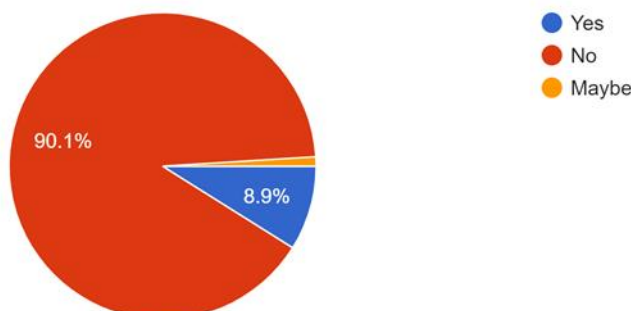
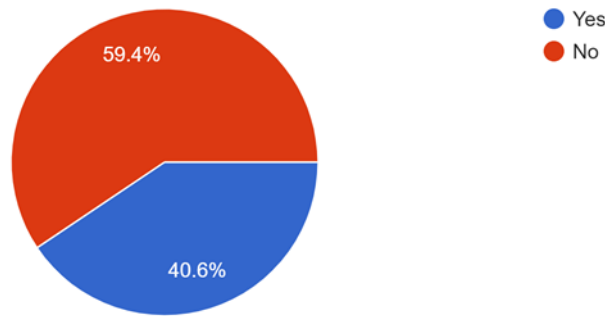


Figure 22: pie chart on child are attracted to adults.

When you were a child , have you ever been attracted to an adult ?
101 responses

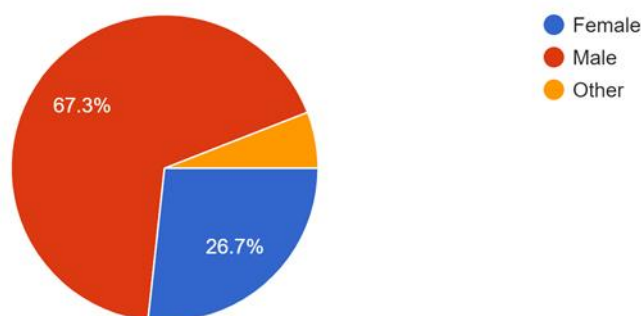


KAPI survey in Indonesia indicate that the sexual crime against boy are higher but according to UN report the sexual violence crime against women are one third more than men in worldwide. But the participation in pedophilic behavior seen in males due to which many female pedophiles easily able to run away from their behavior.

The result from survey indicates that 67.3% participants agree that males are more prone to pedophilic behavior than 26.7% participant who agree with female being more prone to pedophilic behavior (represented in figure 23).

Figure 23: pie chart on gender which is more prone to pedophilia.

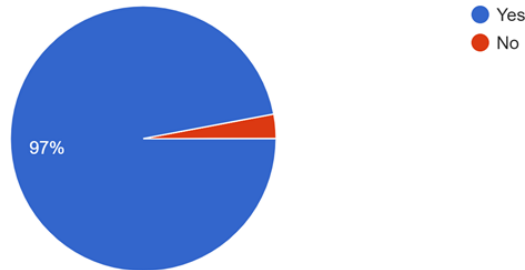
Which gender do you think is more prone to pedophilic behavior ?
101 responses



Many countries have considered the pedophilia as crime and have made child protection and child welfare law against it but many laws sometimes saves the pedophiles. Over 97% participant also agree that pedophilia should be considered as serious offence (represented in figure 24).

Figure 24: pie chart on pedophilia is consider serious offence.

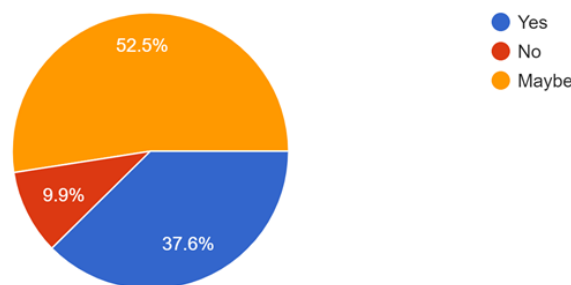
Do you think pedophilia is a serious offence ?
101 responses



Study have shown that therapist who were working with sex offenders and pedophiles starts to feel attracted to children after their sessions. This behavior direct one individual to indulge in pedophilic behavior. The survey result indicates that 37.6% participants agree that victim can turn into offender but more than 50% were not able come to makeup conclusion with the statement and agree to maybe (represented in figure 25).

Figure 25: pie chart on pedophilia victim turn into offender.

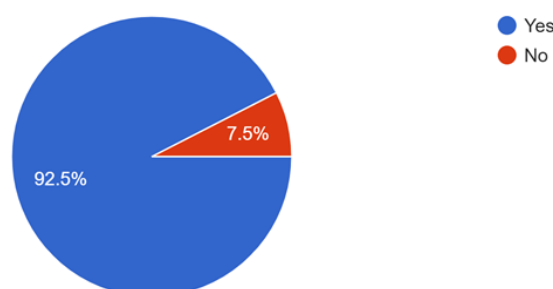
Do you think a victim can turn into offender in future ?
101 responses



Around 92.5% participants agree that pedophilia is punishable offence. Pedophilia is consider crime in most countries and law made against is also very strict for the welfare of children and it is important to examine sexual violence against children, especially those carried out by adults as a sexual disorder or later (represent in figure 26).

Figure 26: pie chart on pedophilia is punishable offence.

Do you think it is a punishable offence ?
93 responses



Around 62.5% participants agree to the statement that law against pedophiles are insufficient (represented in figure 27). For example, California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) signed a law that would allow judges to decide whether or not to list someone as a sex offender for having oral or anal sex with a minor, this may be misused to favor pedophiles [The official student newspaper of Liberty University, 2020]. Passive functioning law can promote more distortion in legislative system and justice to the victim can hinder due to it. Further in the survey 96% of participants agree that due these pedophilic incidence parents of child or children themselves are reluctant to go alone to public places (represented in figure 28). And other crime against child can also be the cause of it.

Figure 27: pie chart on law against pedophiles.

Do you think the laws against pedophiles are insufficient ?

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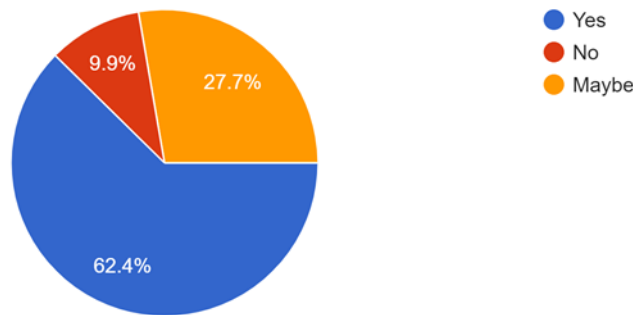
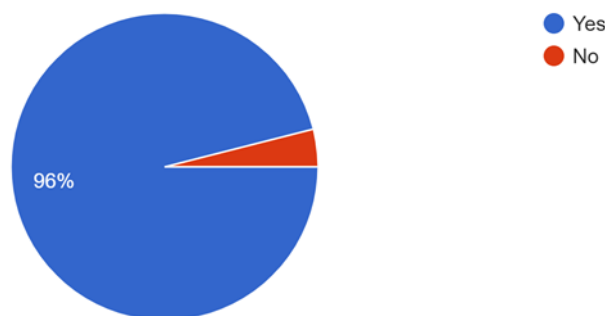


Figure 28: pie chart on pedophilic incident made the parents more cautious.

Do you think due to pedophilic incidents the child or the parent of the child hesitates to send the children alone to public places ?

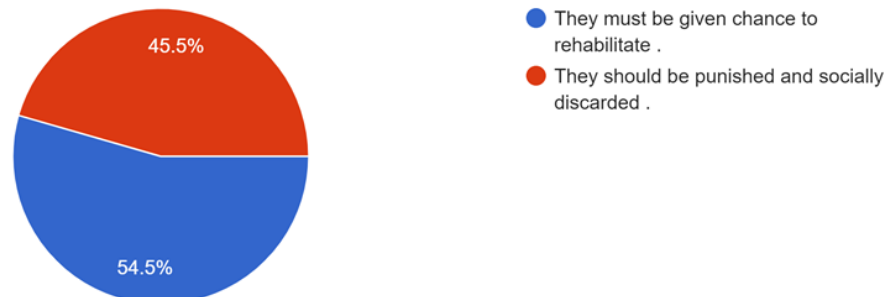
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There is no cure for paedophilia that has been developed. However, certain therapies that can reduce the incidence of someone to sexually abuse a child. In the United States, according to Kansas Hendricks, sex offenders diagnosed with certain mental disorders, especially paedophilia, can be subject to unlimited civil commitments, under various state laws (generally called SVP law) and Adam Walsh's Child Safety and Protection Act in 2006. The result of survey indicate that 45.5% agree that pedophiles should be punished and socially discarded but 54.5% agree for rehabilitation.

Figure 29: pie chart on opinion on pedophiles.

What's your opinion on pedophiles ?
101 responses



The present study was able to analysis that pedophilia can have psychological cause and is noted to abnormal behavior as consider by DSM-5and ICD-10. But the social factor like exposit child pornography is also lead to development of attraction towards child and can result into pedophilia.

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