

"Ages of consent are useless. They are completely unrealistic, and they don't give children protection from exploitation in any case. The only lasting protection will be to remove the exploitation, and doing this will go a lot deeper than simply passing or repealing a law."

*(Liz Holton & Kathy Challis)*

"The runaways reported daily in the papers are seen as at best confused, at worst gratuitously hurting their parents. Many seem unable to grasp that the act of running away may, to the child, be a way of escaping from an intolerably oppressive situation."

*(Eric Presland)*

"We all live in a comfortable fantasy that the world of the child is one of innocence, of good morality, of ignorance of sex, etc., and this stereotype can be very damaging because it can restrict the child's growth."

*(Michael Ingram)*

"Women and homosexuals, as well as children and child-lovers, are oppressed by the view that procreational sex is the only erotic activity that rates the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval."

*(Beatrice Faust)*

"In a fully democratic and egalitarian society, there can be no question of adults usurping the rights of young people by keeping them in a state of ignorance, fear and guilt, or by resort to arbitrary and autocratic laws which deny them responsibility for decisions affecting their lives."

*(Peter Tatchell)*

"'Investigators' who purport to show that adult/child sexual contacts... must produce damaged lives break the cardinal rule of scientific enquiry: they dispense with controls and they hammer out moralistic conclusions, using moralistic tools in an atmosphere of constraint and apprehension, if not downright hysteria."

*(Roger Moody)*

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