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ALARMING FACTS - **ABOUT PORNOGRAPHY**

The mission of the **"ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!"** Campaign is to **reduce sexual violence** against children and women by eliminating child pornography and hard-core, illegal pornography from the marketplace.

If you think we are talking about air-brushed nudity - **PLEASE** read the following ALARMING FACTS. Make 6 copies of this sheet and send it to 6 women you want to WAKE UP!



ILLEGAL, hard-core pornography includes bestiality (sex with animals!), incest, rape, sado masochism, torture, mutilation, necrophilia (sex with the dead!) and "eroticized" urination and defecation. Most of the victims of such degrading themes are **WOMEN AND CHILDREN!**



There are now many **more hard-core pornography outlets** in America than there are McDonald's Restaurants!



No single characteristic of a pedophile is more pervasive than an **obsession with child pornography!**



Typical serial child molesters will abuse **380 CHILDREN** in their lifetime — pornography plays a major role in crimes and sexual violence against children!



At least one woman over 18 is raped every 46 seconds in the United States and violent pornography often serves as the **"instruction"** manual for rape!



EIGHTY-SIX PERCENT (86%) of convicted rapists admit **regular** pornography use — 57% admit *actually imitating pornography scenes* in the commission of their crimes!



Adolescent boys - **ages 12 to 17** - are among the **largest consumers of hard-core pornography** in America according to government studies!



Hard-core adult pornography and child pornography is now available on home computer Bulletin Board Systems. Many of these systems do not have security procedures in place to prevent **YOUR** children from accessing graphic pornographic images!

For more information on how you can help reduce sexual violence against women and children, clip and send to:

"ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!" Campaign,
P. O. Box 888, Fairfax, VA 22030 or P. O. Box 30117, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

Please send me more information on how I can help reduce sexual violence against women and children:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone _____



"FROM OUR MAILBAG"

The heartbreaking stories told by victims of sexual violence and abuse - in their own words:

[Shocking Statistic: A 1983 study found that 87% of girl-child molesters admitted to regular use of hard-core pornography.]

"I am writing this letter to thank you and your staff for the wonderful job you are doing to make people aware of the devastating effects of **pornography**...I was sexually abused by my dad on a regular basis...I have always remembered dad's **pornography** magazines 'hidden' in his bedroom dresser drawer. I remember much more graphic magazines as well. **Pornography** fed his sick need for feeling powerful and in control of women. **Pornography** fueled his sickness.

"Please feel free to circulate this letter to anyone who may unite with your efforts to strengthen **pornography** laws and educate others about the very real evil perpetuated through the sale and use of any kind of **pornography**..." (Orange County, California.)

[Shocking Statistic: Adolescent boys between 12 and 17 are one of pornography's largest consumer groups.]

"I know from my own experience that people addicted to **pornography** victimize women and children. At 13, I was molested by a young man, 15, who along with several others - were in the habit of sharing their fathers' **pornography** with each other at school...

"After three years of marriage, I learned that my husband had secretly used **pornography** since he was twelve. I soon began to understand why he asked for sexual favors that were out of the norm. His obsession with sex grew and became more and more perverse...I found **pornography** magazines and **pornography** catalogs everywhere. **PORNOGRAPHY DESTROYS LIVES!**" (Linda, mid 30's.)

[A common myth: "Pornography is harmless entertainment. It doesn't hurt anyone."]

"When I was fifteen I started dating a boy sixteen who was an avid reader of Playboy and Penthouse. He and I spent much time looking at the magazines...as a result we began to have sexual intercourse at a young age. I ran away from home at 17 to marry him. During the time we were married, he took me to **pornographic** movies for entertainment. The movies became more and more explicit and he needed more stimulation...Eventually he used me and expected that I perform the acts which we saw...At twenty-one I left him. I got deeply involved in street drugs and promiscuous sex...even did some nude modeling...my life was a shambles at twenty-six. I weighed eighty two pounds.

"I am forty-six now...I have three children but I am completely dysfunctional sexually...what started out as a seemingly harmless pastime distorted my feelings about sex. I hope this testimony will help others believe that the harm of **pornography** is real." (Cheryl, 46.)

ILLEGAL PORNOGRAPHY IS ILLEGAL

The United States Supreme Court has ruled the following types of pornography are not protected speech

OBSCENITY: hard-core pornography that is prurient, patently offensive, and lacking in serious value. *Miller v. California* - 1973



CHILD PORNOGRAPHY: material picturing children under 18 engaged in sexual activity. *New York v. Ferber* - 1982, *Ohio v. Osborne* - 1990



MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINORS: pornographic material that is not illegal for sale to adults may be illegal when sold to minors (children under 18). *Ginsberg v. New York* - 1968



INDECENT MATERIAL: messages or pictures on telephone, radio or broadcast TV that represent sex or nudity in a way that is patently offensive for their time, place, manner, and context. *F.C.C. v. Pacifica Foundation* - 1978



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ANALYSIS OF THE DEFINITION OF PEDOPHILIA IN THE FOURTH EDITION OF THE DIAGNOSTIC AND STATISTICAL MANUAL

March 21, 1995

Overview. The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual ("DSM") is published by the American Psychiatric Association and serves as the most important resource list of officially recognized mental disorders. This memorandum addresses the changes in the most recent edition of the DSM with regard to pedophilia - the sexual attraction of an adult to a prepubescent child. It should be noted that the changes made to the diagnostic criteria for pedophilia in DSM IV have also been made with respect all other paraphilias.

Text and Analysis of the DSM. What follows below is a comparison between the text of Section 302.2 of DSM IV and Section 302.20 in DSM III-R. This comparison will highlight the new changes and clearly show that the changes are significant. When compiling this memorandum and analysis, National Law Center staff consulted with Dr. Jeffrey Burke Satinover, a practicing psychiatrist and Ms. Lana Lawrence, the Editor-in-Chief of *Moving Forward*, a professional journal which addresses the counseling and therapy needs of adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Relevant changes are italicized.

DSM III-R (page 285)

Diagnostic Criteria for 302.20 Pedophilia

A. Over a period of at least six months, recurrent intense sexual urges and sexually arousing fantasies involving sexual activity with a prepubescent child or children (generally age 13 or younger).

B. The person has acted on these urges, or is markedly distressed by them.

C. The person is at least 16 years old and at least 5 years older than the child or children in A.

Note: Do not include a late adolescent involved in an ongoing sexual relationship with a 12-or 13-year-old.

Specify: same sex, opposite sex, or same and opposite sex

Specify if limited to incest

Specify: exclusive type (attracted only to children) or nonexclusive type.

DSM IV (page 528)

Diagnostic Criteria for 302.2 Pedophilia

A. Over a period of at least 6 months, recurrent intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges *or behaviors* involving sexual activity with a prepubescent child or children (generally age 13 years or younger).

B. The fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.

C. The person is at least 16 years old and at least 5 years older than the child or children in Criterion A.

Note: Do not include an individual in late adolescence involved in an ongoing sexual relationship with a 12-or 13-year-old.

Specify if:

Sexually Attracted to Males

Sexually Attracted to Females

Sexually Attracted to Both

Specify if:

Limited to Incest

Specify Type:

Exclusive Type (attracted only to children)

Nonexclusive Type

As the above text demonstrates, DSM IV differs from DSM III-R in an important and material respect. Under DSM III-R, acting out pedophilic sexual fantasies and urges required a diagnosis of pedophilia (assuming the other diagnostic criteria are met) irrespective of the subjective beliefs of the actor. After DSM IV, by contrast, a person who satisfies the other diagnostic criteria and who for at least six months acts out his sexual fantasies with prepubescent children cannot be diagnosed as a pedophile *unless* the acting out of the sexual fantasies also causes significant distress or social disruption *to the actor*. The import of this change is clear: the proclivity to act out pedophilic fantasies and engage in sex with prepubescent children, without more, is no longer a mental disorder. In short, the reasonable, objective standard embodied in DSM III-R has been abandoned in favor of a wholly subjective standard which does not consider the negative social consequences of pedophilic conduct.

Conclusion and Recommendations. The most likely rationale for the change from DSM III-R to DSM IV is that the APA now considers pedophilia to be a mere sexual orientation. This paradigm shift will likely operate as a significant step in efforts to normalize the pedophile lifestyle. If pedophilia is ultimately normalized, the consequences for children would be disastrous, as DSM IV does not consider the harm suffered by children in the diagnostic criteria. The National Law Center should publicize the APA's negative policy shift through press releases and press appearances. If sufficient public opposition can be generated, it is possible that the APA would reconsider its position on pedophilia.



NUESTRA MISIÓN...

Disminuir significativamente la violencia sexual e impedir que niños, mujeres, hombres, y familias sean víctimas, eliminando la pornografía infantil, y sacando la pornografía ilegal y del tipo más severo del alcance del público general.

LA CAMPAÑA...

Educa a las mujeres acerca de las clases de pornografía infantil y de pornografía ilegal y del tipo más severo que existen hoy, y de como destruyen vidas y familias.

Mobiliza a las mujeres desafiándolas a participar y lograr un cambio positivo.

Anima a las mujeres de fé a orar fervientemente y a tomar acción.

Arma a las mujeres dándoles medios efectivos, información, y los pasos de acción que deben seguir.

NOSTRAS LAS MUJERES...

- ▲ somos más de la mitad de los ciudadanos de nuestra patria.
- ▲ gastamos la mayoría del dinero como consumidores de al por menor.
- ▲ tenemos la única habilidad, talento, motivación, e influencia para avisar al público de los peligros de la pornografía.
- ▲ tenemos la responsabilidad de tomar acción para frenar este vicioso ataque contra nosotras y los que amamos, ¡especialmente los niños! Para las mujeres de América ha llegado la hora de decir "¡BASTA YA!"

**LAS MUJERES
PUEDEN
HACER LA
DIFERENCIA**

1 mujer—útil
10 mujeres—influentes
100 mujeres—poderosas
1,000,000 mujeres—**invencibles!**

ponga aquí
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¡BASTA YA!

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Rompamos la Cadena de la Pornografía

ROMPAMOS LA CADENA DE ABUSO



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CADA ABUSO SE CONECTA A OTRO

...¡Usted puede ayudar a romper la cadena!

LAS VÍCTIMAS

A pesar de que el abuso sexual puede ocurrir a cualquier edad, los niños son frecuentemente las víctimas inocentes. Más del 80% de los que abusan sexualmente de niños admiten el uso regular de pornografía, muchas veces durante el abuso.

OBJETOS SEXUALES

Los expertos estiman, que de cada tres niñas y uno de cada siete niños serán abusados sexualmente antes de los 18 años. Muchos llegarán a ser víctimas de la pornografía infantil, objetos sexuales para mentes enfermas.

LOS JÓVENES CONSUMIDORES

El predominante grupo de los consumidores de la pornografía son los jóvenes adolescentes varones entre la edad de 12 y 17 años. Esto tuerce su concepto de las mujeres, la vida familiar y su propia sexualidad.

LOS QUE ABUSAN DE SÍ MISMOS

Debido al dolor y a la inmerecida culpa que sienten los que fueron abusados sexualmente cuando eran niños, abusan frecuentemente de sí mismos por medio de drogas, alcohol, desórdenes alimenticios, etc.

PERSONALIDADES TRUNCADAS

Muchos de los que han sido abusados sexualmente contienen con baja autoestima que interfiere y daña su matrimonio, familia, y relaciones sociales.

LOS ABUSADORES

Muchos de los que abusan sexualmente de los niños fueron abusados como niños. Los estudios demuestran que la pornografía es una adicción y frecuentemente incita al consumidor de la misma a llevar a cabo su fantasía, a menudo con niños.

En los Estados Unidos, un niño es abusado cada dos minutos de cada día de cada año.

La Pornografía crea una "cadena de abuso." Frecuentemente el sufrimiento de la víctima empieza durante la niñez y continúa hasta la vida adulta y familiar.

▲ En los Estados Unidos, hay más formas de conseguir la pornografía del tipo más severo que restaurantes McDonalds. Según el FBI, la industria pornográfica tiene ingresos de 8 a 10 billones de dólares por año.

▲ Al menos una mujer es violada cada 46 segundos. La pornografía frecuentemente sirve como guía para la violación.

▲ Una encuesta de estudiantes de escuelas secundarias en Kansas City reveló que el 60% de los jóvenes pensó que fue aceptable la violación de una joven con la que se pensaban casar.

▲ Las enfermedades que se transmiten por contacto sexual afectan a más niños por año que la epidemia de poliomielitis que duró de 1942 a 1953.

▲ El típico degenerado abusa de 380 niños durante el curso de su vida. Ambas la pornografía adulta e infantil, muchas veces, incitan al delito.



¡Es la hora de parar este abuso! Unámonos a millones de mujeres norteamericanas que se preocupan de los efectos destructivos de la pornografía infantil, la pornografía ilegal y

la del tipo más severo. Las mujeres preocupadas se dan cuenta de que mucha de la pornografía existente promueve la violencia y abuso sexual. Rebaja y degrada a las mujeres, hace víctimas a los niños y arruina a los hombres. Esto es un asunto esencial de la salud y seguridad de la comunidad.

☒ **¡SI! ¡BASTA YA!**

☐ ¡SI! Quiero saber más. Envíenme más información.

☐ ¡SI! Oraré por esta causa. Por favor manténgame informada.

☐ ¡SI! Invertiré por el bien de las mujeres y los niños. Aquí tienen mi regalo para ayudar a parar la pornografía.

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other \$

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Dirección _____

Ciudad _____

Estado _____

Código Postal _____

Teléfono _____

Por favor, haga su cheque a nombre de la campaña "Enough is Enough" (¡YA BASTA!). La Alianza Nacional contra la Pornografía es una organización sin fin lucrativo. Las contribuciones son deducibles de impuestos como lo permite la ley.

**MY COMMITMENT
FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN**

In support of "Enough is Enough!", we are asking you to take a stand against illegal pornography and confirm your commitment with your signature.

I will:

- ☐ Become an EIE member by completing this membership card (reverse side) with an enclosed check ASAP
- ☐ Start or join a local task force (chapter)
- ☐ Join the steering committee for the "Age of Innocence" Charity Ball.
- ☐ Support a fundraising event (large or small)
- ☐ Become an advocate on this issue
- ☐ Become educated and educate others
- ☐ Support or attend a local Sexual Trauma Seminar
- ☐ Help coordinate a local rally
- ☐ Provide financial assistance
- ☐ Duplicate a Leadership Lunch (large or small scale)
- ☐ Volunteer where needed

SIGNATURE

PHONE

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

"Enough is Enough!"

- ☐ Yes! I want to learn more. Please send me information.
- ☐ Yes! I will invest my influence to involve my civic club, service organization, or parent-teacher organization.
- ☐ Yes! I will invest my influence to involve my place of worship. I also commit to pray.

"ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!"

MEMBERSHIP

- ☐ General Membership -- \$25 or more per year

Includes:

- Our bi-monthly newsletter
- Our bi-monthly update
- An action list of current issues we are addressing and easy ways to make your voice heard

- ☐ Contributing Membership -- \$25 per month

Includes:

- Everything listed above plus:
- A copy of Donna Ferguson's Assault on America's Children, a reader-friendly guide to safeguard your children from becoming victims of sexual abuse

- ☐ Gold Membership -- \$50 per month

Includes:

- All of the above plus:
- Our video, Empty Embrace
- Our new Take Action Manual

- ☐ President's Council -- \$1,000 per year

Includes:

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- Special seating and recognition at national events

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March 14, 1996

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Second Floor, West Wing
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Hillary:

When we saw each other a number of weeks ago, you requested copies of some of the letters from children that the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) answers each year on behalf of you and the President. Set forth below are some excerpts from recent letters, with minor corrections to facilitate reading, to allow the children to speak to you directly about their experiences and views on solving the problem of child abuse.

Each year OVC responds to several hundred letters from children who write to you, the President, or the Attorney General about being abused. We try to assist these children by contacting advocates and other service providers who can help them in their own communities. In many cases we notify state authorities of child abuse allegations so that the appropriate agencies can take protective action.

In their letters, children from around the country describe extensive physical, emotional, and/or sexual abuse. They often fear continued violence, describe serious physical and emotional scars, and sometimes become suicidal. Some write to you in desperation, indicating that you or the President are their last hope to escape an abusive situation. Sometimes they urge reform of the criminal justice system so that abusers are punished and children protected. Occasionally, their letters describe the cycle of abuse, where abused children become abusers themselves. Always, the letters describe terrible hurt and betrayal. Some examples include:

- * Kevin, a fourteen-year-old from New Jersey, wrote, "I was raped and molested from the age of 6 to the age of 8 (by my first step-father)...He used to beat my mom up really bad. I think my brother got the worst of the beatings...I'm not scared as much as I was 8 years ago, but I'm afraid for all the other kids who have to go through this just like I did...I thought about committing suicide...I even thought about running away...What I now have decided to do is to write to everyone in the state and to you about this so maybe we can prevent this from happening."

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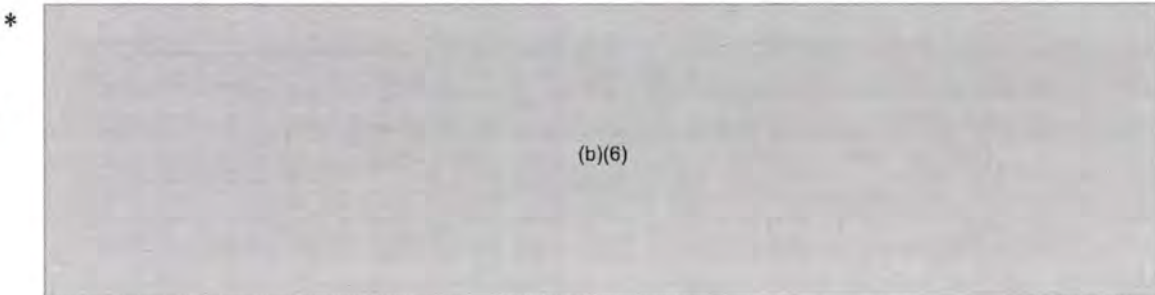
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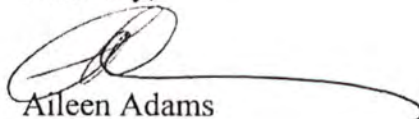
- * Sixteen-year-old Kimberly, who is living in a foster home, wrote that she was, "sexually molested at the age of four through eight years old...I had trouble later when I started growing because I had a STD which was chlamydia...The doctors don't think I can have kids."
- * Mark, a sixteen-year-old from Pennsylvania, wrote to the President, "My father started abusing me when I was 6 years old...then when I was 13 I started to abuse other children...I'm now in a TREATMENT CENTER for what my father did and for what I did. My father never did go to jail for what he did and I don't know why."
- * A teenager from Missouri wrote you saying that "A child's future and life depends on you." She described the plight of her young cousin, "taken from his surrounding (with his mother)...of family values, love, and a nonviolent home...and put into a surrounding of foul language...threats, (where his father) teaches (that) it is okay to hit and call women names, they deserve to be treated this way...Does not a child have rights?" In her P.S. she added, "Mrs. Clinton, I beg of you from the bottom of my heart, help my little cousin. The child is fearful of his father, and God knows he has every right to be afraid."
- * A very young child living in a domestic violence shelter in Texas wrote to the President to make this request, "I want you to have police go on the streets and check the houses once a week for people who hurt people and children."



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When each and every child in this country is free from physical, verbal, and sexual violence, all of us will truly have reason to celebrate. On behalf of this office, I want to thank you for helping to focus national attention on the needs and rights of America's children. Please let me know if we can provide you with any additional information. OVC works closely with children's advocacy centers across the country, and we would be pleased to assist you in identifying centers to visit.

Sincerely,


Aileen Adams
Director

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4/12/95

Dear Bill Clinton,

I am writing this letter
about abuse. Abuse hurts
people. I want you to have
police go on the streets and
check the houses once a week.
for people who hurt people
and children

Thanks,

Z.D.D.

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Melanne Verveer
TO: ~~Rahm Emanuel~~
FROM: Jackie Blumenthal
DATE: September 19, 1993
SUBJECT: Campaign Against Violence

Melanne: Rahm asked me for this. But I think some version of this rough outline would be a great vehicle for Hillary. Jackie

I've been working to develop a campaign against violence that targets a broad range of problems -- wife battering, child abuse, guns, unsafe streets, rape -- and that's designed to involve women in efforts to solve these problems. Instead of women just focusing on "violence against women," I think there's a great potential to mobilize "women against violence."

So, I'm not sure if the bits and pieces of research I've collected will suit your needs -- which, if I understand correctly, relate ultimately to passage of anti-crime legislation. But I'll give you a summary of the information that I've collected so far, and my thoughts about what you might be able to do with it.

I've started by defining three remedies to the violence problem:

1. Forging Community Connections

Community/neighborhood based organizations choose the problems they want solved: e.g., close a crack house, assign police to regular beats, increase lighting in public areas, get city to allow buses to make flexible stops for late-night passengers, encourage homeowners to keep porch lights on, hold self-defense training sessions. Key question: What would it take to make you feel safe?

[Ellen Foley, Violence Against Women Coalition, Minneapolis, MN; Street Patrol/Pink Berets, San Francisco; National Training and Information Center, Chicago, "Hot Spot Campaign"; South Street Survivors, Boston; Comito Pro Paz en el Barrio, Aliso-Pico neighborhood of East L.A.]

[Also, Chicago Alliance for Neighborhood Safety; National Center for Community Policing; Center for Neighborhood Technology, 2125 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL 60647]

A clearinghouse could collect information about such community public safety projects so that other communities can replicate successful efforts. Ideas filter up from grassroots into the national debate. People have a chance to exert some control over their lives. Together they can face their fear and do something about it.



Memo to Rahm/2

2. Enacting Public Safety Laws

Community groups are united citywide, statewide and nationally to support anti-violence legislation or policies.

Local example: Push police to establish a "pro-arrest policy" to deal with domestic violence. This means when police are called into a domestic dispute, if violence has occurred, the batterer is automatically arrested. In Quincy, MA, no women have died from beatings in the five years since such a program was adopted (how many died before; check this).

State example: Advocate increased funding for mental institutions to get potentially dangerous people off the streets; work for tough anti-stalking laws

Federal example: Gun control laws; Violence Against Women Act.

[I heard the President say just yesterday that it was time for the grownups to take the guns away from kids but that some people were too afraid of the gun lobby to do it. Well, the President could set a good example by standing up to the gun lobby himself to fight for tough laws that require permits for handguns and ban assault weapons -- both of which have majority support even among gun owners.]

[Also, did you know that the Violence Against Women Act has 64 Senate co-sponsors and 191 in the House but it's stuck in some House committee? This legislation could be a P.R. bonanza for you if you get behind it and make sure it's adequately funded. The Act asks for about \$500 million over three years but domestic violence alone costs taxpayers more than 10 times this amount in just one year. See stats attached on cost of domestic violence, cost of rape and cost of fear.]

3. Changing the Culture of Violence

Community-based organizations can also join together to pressure Hollywood and the TV and music industries to restrict violence in their products.

[Some study exists that shows how the incidence of violent acts increases following the release of violent movies and/or the airing of violent TV shows; check this.]

[Cong. Ed Markey's committee has already begun this fight by calling for a "V-chip" mechanism that allows parents to block violent programming from their TV -- similar to labeling of albums for offensive language.]

Groups can work with schools to implement anti-violence and conflict resolution curricula.

Memo to Rahm/3

[The Center for the Prevent of Handgun Violence's STAR program; Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance]

Celebrities and sports figures (Michael Jordan, in particular) could be recruited to discourage violent behavior.

Thoughts about a White House role in stimulating a grassroots response to violence along the lines outlined above:

-- When Louis Freeh was sworn in he called for "mobilizing all of America's resources to solve the root causes of the problem." More prisons aren't enough; law enforcement can't do it alone. But along with better social policies, you have to face the reality that an appalling number of Americans either fear being a victim of violence or have been victims of violent acts. [See stats]

-- A good theme would be: [crime] Prevention is as important as prisons.

-- By recognizing and encouraging community action against violence, the White House acknowledges the problems real people face day after day. What you might need is a White House/Justice Department working group -- or even just an anti-violence liason to communities -- charged with cataloging existing community groups that address local problems of violence and serving a clearinghouse function for sharing their experiences with other budding organizations. Part of this effort could be to encourage cooperative relationships between community leaders and law enforcement officials which could strengthen everyone's sense of security.

-- You could also involve the Department of Education in supporting anti-violence curricula and other connections with anti-violence efforts in the schools.

-- White House communications operations could make sure that violence fighting activities of local groups are publicized locally and are connected to the administration's anti-crime efforts by arranging some high-level White House or Justice Department acknowledgement of successful community efforts on a regular basis.

-- Local activists would be available as congressional witnesses and for public events when key administration crime legislation is on the table. Work done in support of grassroots anti-violence efforts could translate into constituent lobbying for particular bills you care about.

-- Basically you could build your own connections to an independent grassroots lobbying force that's based on fighting violence at home but is available for supporting administration efforts to enact anti-crime laws in Washington. The added benefit is that such an effort brings people together, builds communities, gives people control over their lives, empowers local entities while still resonating with all that "new kind of Democrat" tough-on-crime rhetoric.

Memo to Rahm/4

What follows are statistics or anecdotes I've collected that help make a case for a broad-based effort to fight against all forms of violence at the same time:

-- People are so desensitized about violence that the L.A. Coroner's office is doing a land-office business selling beach towels and coffee mugs that display the chalk-outline of a murder victim. They opened their own store and instantly sold out all the beach towels.

-- There are three times as many animal shelters in this country as battered women shelters. Yet more than 21,000 women are beaten up every week; 3,000 die from domestic violence every year. 30-40% of women seen in emergency rooms are treated for injuries resulting from spouse or acquaintance abuse. 25% are battered during pregnancy. The Senate Judiciary Committee reported this year that more than 1.3 million women reported being victims of domestic violence.

-- Super Bowl Sunday is the most violent day of the year for women, with the highest number of domestic violence reports.

-- From 1981-91, the number of reported child abuse cases increased 120%. In 33-70% (?) of wife abuse cases, child abuse is also involved.

-- According to the FBI, the national rate for violent crime reached an all-time high in 1991; 24% higher than 1987.

-- A woman is forcibly raped every six minutes. (NOW-LDF)

-- According to The Sentencing Project, there are 1.2 million people behind bars in this country. We have the highest incarceration rate in the industrialized world. And we spend \$24 billion every year for prisons and jails. Building more prisons to deal with the crime explosion is like dealing with AIDS by building more hospices.

-- However, the Senate Judiciary Committee reported this year that 98% of rape victims will never see their attacker incarcerated. 52% of men arrested for rape will be rearrested within 3 years.

-- US Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that the direct cost to victims who reported rape to authorities in 1990 was \$63 million (medical care, psychological care, lost wages for time with police or in court, possible break up of family, etc.)

-- The AMA estimates that domestic violence costs \$5 to \$10 billion in health care expenditures, lost wages, criminal litigation and incarceration. Foster care resulting from families broken up by violence could add an additional \$5 to 10 billion a year. Some economics experts estimate that employers incur between \$3-5 billion in expenses annually due to absenteeism caused by domestic violence. (UUA)

-- 25.3% of women (2.9% of men) "never" walk in their neighborhoods alone after dark; 52% of women (25% of men) cross the street when they see someone who seems strange or dangerous (Riger, Gordon, The Female Fear)

Memo to Rahm/5

-- 61% of women (32% of men) say they feel unsafe in their own neighborhoods (Jackson, "How to Make the World a Better Place for Women...")

-- 1 in 4 kids carries a gun to school every day (CPHV); 35% of children think they will be shot to death at an early age (Joyce).

-- 38% of kids agree that "the threat of violence has made me change where I go, where I stop on the street, where I go out at night, what neighborhoods I walk in, who I make friends with, and other things like that." (Harris survey for Joyce Foundation)

-- 66 men, women and children are murdered every day of the year. (HCI)

-- In 1992, the Journal of the American Medical Association declared that gun violence has become a public health emergency.

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This is as far as I've gotten on my project. I hope it helps. I think the key to this whole thing is cataloging what's out there in the communities already and then seeing how you can forge the connections you need. But there are a lot of benefits beyond just getting symbolic visuals and testimony in support of your efforts.

For example, if you do get the Crime Bill through (which will surprise me) you want people to know exactly what you're doing for them and why. And, conversely, if the Crime Bill fails again, you want them to be totally pissed off because of what they're not getting in the way of crime prevention.

Also, I don't know why the Administration doesn't take a more public stance in support of the Violence Against Women Act, given its broad congressional support and the fact that you need to continually serve that broad base of women who helped get you elected. For suburban women, in particular, I bet the violence issue is even more significant politically than the health care issue.

Let me know if I can help in any other way. I'm very committed to the concept of a national campaign against violence.

9/14/93

The September 10, 1993 Washington Post article by Jacqueline Trescott contained false statements and misinformation. Here are facts distorted beyond recognition by the "Christian Action Network:"

1. The Arts Endowment did not fund the 1991 Pittsburgh International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. ✓
2. The Arts Endowment did not fund any of the films "excerpted" in the video distributed by the Christian Action Network. ✓
3. In November 1992, the previous Acting Chair of the Arts Endowment rejected 3 of the 53 subgrants which had been recommended by a panel for the National Alliance for Media Arts and Culture (NAMAC), a 1992 Endowment grantee. NAMAC and the 3 proposed subgrantees received notice of the rejections some 7 months after the published deadline for notification.
4. NAMAC exercised the right of any rejected applicant to appeal to the Endowment Chair, on December 1 and again on December 8, 1992. The appeal was made in NAMAC's behalf by the A.C.L.U., which stated the belief (through attorney Nan Hunter, now part of this Administration), that the decision to reject had been made for political, not artistic, reasons.
5. The current Acting Senior Deputy Chair, Ana M. Steele, learned of the still-pending appeal when NAMAC wrote to her that they had received no response, and restated their request for a decision, which was still their right as an applicant to a federal agency.
7. In reviewing the record, Ms. Steele found that the Endowment had not met its obligation to respond in a timely and equitable manner to all applicants, and that the unwarranted and unreasonable delay for the 3 rejected subgrantees had occurred well after their festivals had been completed and had, as well, had deleterious effects on the 50 remaining festivals, which had received exceptionally late -- 5 months after the announcement date -- notice of acceptance.
8. In informal consultation with the Department of Justice and the Office of White House Legal Counsel, it was clear that this matter needed to be resolved, and that a protracted and costly lawsuit could otherwise be expected. In addition, the procedural delays alone could cause the Arts Endowment to lose the lawsuit; not to mention questions of "singling out" applicants (because of gay and lesbian content) and other related actions.