

If you don't like ozzie rants, delete now!

I'm sure this sentiment has surfaced in one form or another in past posts, if so, here it is again in my own style and opinion:  
Do you really think that Pete gets off on sex with children? No fucking way, I'll say it again, NO FUCKING WAY! He said it himself, and is there anyone that has any reason to doubt him? I don't care if they find 1000 pictures of naked children on his computer; all he'll be guilty of is breaking a law. The law in question is seen by many see as overly restrictive on society. I see it as ludicrous. If you can legally look at pictures of people killing children, but it is illegal to look at pictures of sexual abuse, there is a problem with priorities. I don't advocate laws against looking at pictures at all. Breaking a law about looking at pictures classified as child pornography does not make a person a pedophile. Even if a person pays for the pictures, it only makes you guilty of breaking a law against buying those pictures. I don't know if there is a clinical definition of a pedophile, but I would think it would have to include sexually abusing children, and/or getting sexual gratification from viewing others committing said atrocities.

Pete, for reasons he has made perfectly clear, sat at his computer and accessed these images. He is guilty of nothing more than that. Society should be outraged that pedophilia exists, but not any more so than child homicides exist. Pedophilia is not going to be stopped by ridiculous laws; mental illness is not cured by laws. Yes, I agree that the people abusing children for profit must be stopped; this is accomplished by arresting those people. I also agree that pedophiles need to be stopped from abusing children, and this also is accomplished by arresting the people that are doing the abusing. And it is equally important to help people identify behavior that would lead to pedophilia, such as becoming sexually excited from sexually explicit photographs of children. It is then society's responsibility to get these people help. And lastly, it is very important that the general public be educated about the differences of all involved. Then, maybe we would not hear statements such as,

"Given the current laws in this country, the overall public opinion relating to this crime, the law will almost certainly never change."

Once the accusations against Pete are settled, we will still have societies that are reacting out of fear and group mentality. If the laws in our society make no distinction between people that look at pictures of an act, and the people that are committing the act, we have more to worry about than what happens to Pete.

You hear a lot about "witch hunts" associated with this issue, well it is very appropriate terminology. If you looked like a witch, and did anything associated with being a witch, you were burned alive, and you didn't have to weigh the same as a duck. The next step in line with this type of law is; if you look like a pedophile, you must be one, or if you read about pedophiles, you must be one. If you base your laws on public opinion, you'd better hope you have a very intelligent public.

Pete is not innocent; he is just guilty of breaking a ridiculous law.

I support Pete,  
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