Framing abuse: Media influence and public understanding of sexual violence against children


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Abstract

This book offers fascinating insights into how the media shape the way we think. Combining in-depth analysis of media representations of child sexual abuse with focus group discussions and interviews with around 500 journalists, campaigners and a cross-section of 'the public', Jenny Kitzinger reveals the media's role in contemporary society. Which stories attract attention and why? What strategies do journalists and campaigners use to persuade people and how do we respond? Answering these and other questions, Kitzinger demonstrates how media reporting can impact on people's knowledge of the 'facts', perceptions of risk, sense of appropriate policy responses and even how we interpret our own experiences. Kitzinger examines feminist initiatives to challenge sexual violence, the emergence of incest as a social problem and the development of new survivor identities. She also explores stereotypes around sex offenders, interrogates protests against 'paedophiles-in-the-community' and presents a detailed analysis of the impact of scandals about disputed abuse accusations. This book is essential reading for anyone interested in theories of media influence, identity and social change or who wishes to encourage responsible journalism. It is also a key resource for anyone concerned about sexual violence and the protection of children or who is attempting to design intervention strategies.

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Media and Cultural representations of Violence Against Women. Public and Professional responses to Violence Against Women. Preventing Violence Against Women – national and international approaches. When would you like to start? A deeper understanding of the origins and concepts of Violence Against Women in private and public life as currently defined. A developed awareness of the nature and extent of Violence Against Women in private and public life. A critical approach to societal views, attitudes and responses to Violence Against Women. An informed understanding of the impact of Violence Against Women on individuals, families and communities. An awareness of examples of good practice and strategies for preventing Violence Against Women. "Violence against children is chilling and distressing", said Bente Mikkelsen, WHO Europe’s Director of the Division of Noncommunicable Diseases and Promoting Health. "Child trauma has a terrible cost, not only to the children and the adults they become, whose lives it wrecks, but to every country’s well-being and economy". Laws to protect, on the rise. The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children designates “Pathfinder” nations that have made a formal and public commitment to comprehensive action to end all forms of violence against children. Ending "abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence and torture against children" is also part of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). INSPIRE strategies promote.