

**50%-80% Online Sextortion International [Online Victimizers → West Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia: Predominantly Islam/Muslim countries, targeting white women and children of “higher income,” countries.]**

### **Tell Your Stories, Girls <3**

It does not matter their race or ethnicity.

Tell it like it is.

Let people understand this is not about racism. This is about protection. This is about truth. This is about naming harm clearly so it cannot hide.

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### **Voice Your Experience**

Image based abuse, sextortion, and exploitation are widespread, underreported, and often deliberately minimized.

- Roughly 1 in 5 women will experience image based abuse in their lifetime
- Nearly 1 in 4 young women ages 18 to 24 are affected
- Around 15 percent of teen girls report experiencing it
- Globally, about 1 in 8 to 1 in 7 children face some form of online sexual exploitation

Women are far more likely than men to be victims, and the harm they endure is often more severe.

Much of this severe abuse is hidden. It is dismissed. The harm continues at significant rates.

In many modern cases, especially sextortion, offenders operate in organized, cross border networks, with estimates suggesting **50 percent to 80 percent or more are international in nature.**

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### **No race to blame → Certainly a perpetrator and their network.**

We do not need to blame entire races, cultures, or groups.

But we do need to describe what happened.

We do need to identify the individuals and behaviors that caused harm.

We do need to name patterns, even when they are uncomfortable.

Victims come from every race, every background, every place.

Victims can be women or men, though certain forms, such as image based exploitation and film peddling, **disproportionately impact women and children, often at rates exceeding 90 percent.**

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## **Tell Your Story Fully**

If you are ready, tell it.

- Who were the villains in your story
- What did they look like
- Where did it happen, online, in person, or both
- When did it begin, and how did it escalate
- Why do you believe they targeted you

Write the story with detail.

- The people they were connected to
- The others they harmed along the way
- The systems, networks, or groups they operated within
- Whether there were layers of people involved, including recruiters, communicators, or those managing accounts

What kind of manipulative and deceitful games did they play

What boundaries did they forcefully ignore

What unusual or disturbing behaviors did you observe

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## **Name the Tactics**

What did they do

- Did they pretend to be someone else
- Did they mirror your interests, emotions, or vulnerabilities
- Did they create urgency, fear, or dependency
- Did they isolate you
- Did they threaten exposure, humiliation, or harm
- Did they move quickly from friendly conversation into pressure or control
- Did they switch tones from kind to aggressive

These are patterns of exploitation and aggravated manipulation.

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## **Name the Boundaries They Ignored**

Be specific.

- What did you say no to

- What did they continue to push
- What lines did they cross again and again

Coercion and persistence were part of their criminal actions.

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## **Describe the Unusual and the Disturbing**

Sometimes the smallest details matter most.

- What felt off, even early on
- What behaviors did not make sense
- What inconsistencies did you notice
- Did their stories change over time
- Did multiple people seem to be using the same account

These details help others recognize danger sooner.

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## **Describe Who They Were**

Without generalizing entire groups, you can describe individuals.

- Personal characteristics
- Communication style
- Clothing or presentation if in person
- Claimed background or upbringing
- How they presented themselves versus who they actually were
- Whether they appeared scripted or rehearsed

The truth lives in detail.

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## **Additional Context on Organized Sextortion**

Online sextortion involving teens is often international.

Organized groups are commonly linked to regions such as **West Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.**

**Many operations function in structured environments that resemble call centers or coordinated work groups.**

- Individuals may work in shifts
- Scripts may be used to guide conversations

- Multiple victims may be targeted at the same time
- Different roles may exist within the same operation

These networks may rely on community ties, shared resources, or coordinated groups that operate together, even across borders.

Sextortion today is increasingly structured.

- Scripted
- High volume
- Operated like coordinated systems

These operations often target victims across countries while remaining physically distant.

**One study found that about 96.9 percent of sextortion incidents were interconnected across cases and regions. This suggests large coordinated networks rather than isolated individuals.**

There is no single universal percentage, but many estimates indicate that 50 percent to 80 percent or more of modern sextortion cases are international, especially those involving financial coercion.

At the same time, some cases occur within local communities, particularly those involving peers or personal relationships. Both patterns exist and should be recognized.

Primary Religions In These Regions:

**Hindu, Islam, Muslim**

Largest Share Victims - "Christian-Europeans"

Victims are frequently in higher-income countries, including:

- United States
- Canada
- United Kingdom
- Western Europe
- Australia

**→ 70%-90% White Victims**

There will be many "**white victim**" advocates speaking out. This is not about racism, however the statistics showcase victimization of white women and children by other races, particularly by internationals, and first or second generation immigrants (may be same race).

One study found that 75% of child traffickers in the US was a black male.

Victims may be victims of their own race and is often the case.

Other forms of trafficking had different race profiles than “sextortion.”

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## **You Are Not Alone**

Many victims never speak.

Many are silenced by fear, shame, or retaliation.

But silence protects the perpetrator, and we together, as victims have a duty to protect the next vulnerable in line. *From survivor to hero for someone else in your community.*