

To Catch Government Workers with Ties to Child Porn, Call the IRS

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Last week the IRS decided to award Bradley Birkenfeld his \$104 million dollar share for helping bust UBS bank. Senator Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) and his staff were instrumental. Senator Grassley vowed to delay pending Department of Treasury nominations if the IRS Whistleblower Program, he wrote the legislation in 2006, continued to be mismanaged.

This powerful voice from Iowa has been a beacon in the storm during an Obama Administration that has targeted whistleblowers and prevented accountability as never before. The Pentagon is also under Senator Grassley's fire for failing to examine 1,700 of the 5,200 reports of employees doing child porn. The Pentagon claimed it "wasn't a priority." Senator Grassley and his staff have made it one. The closed investigation into wide-spread use of child porn at the Pentagon is now re-opened.



There is a national crisis of federal employees engaged in the child porn industry and a related epidemic at the state level. I've documented two states, Vermont and Maine, that appear to be running state protected child trafficking rings with evidence of cops, judges, lawyers, clergy and government employees covering for each other. This kind of racketeering creates powerful, and extremely profitable, pedophile rings.

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Money drives the crime. It is estimated that a criminal willing to molest a child in front of a live webcam can earn \$1,000 a night. In Kittery Maine, at the "Danish Health Club," one bust yielded \$6.1 million in "door fees" over a five year period with "prostitutes" earning \$12 million. Pimps' earnings were not reported. The "door man" was a retired police officer whose wife worked in back. This bust happened because of one hard-working IRS agent, Rod Giguere.

An estimated \$1.4 billion has been collected by the IRS's Whistleblower program since 2006; \$464 million collected in 2010 but only \$48 million in 2011. Half of all global child porn is produced in America. Ten new images of children are posted daily. Estimates of the global profits from child porn range from \$3-20 billion. Imagine what the IRS Whistleblower program could collect if they focused on child trafficking as Agent Rod Giguere did in Maine.

The Department of Justice (DOJ)'s Child Exploitation and Obscenities unit has been, by many accounts, totally disabled under US Attorney General Eric Holder. Mr. Holder even refused to prosecute his own Assistant United States Attorney caught doing child porn on DOJ computers. The IRS wants 4,000 new agents and a \$300 million budget to enforce ObamaCare. Instead, these resources should be allocated, entirely, for an IRS Child Exploitation & Trafficking Unit.

With so many police, judges, clergy, state and federal employees across America involved in the child porn industry Americans should be able to turn to the IRS's Whistleblower program. Richard Weber, Chief of IRS's Criminal Division in Washington DC, is one point of contact. Apparently, the IRS cares about trafficked children. That's good news because America's Attorney General, Eric Holder, does not.

Child trafficking and porn are the fastest growing crimes in America. With billions being laundered in black money it makes solid economic sense for the IRS to focus on the child porn industry. Eric Holder's Department of Justice has demonstrated they have no interest in prosecuting pedophiles, not even their own. The IRS should be given substantial resources to compensate for DOJ's disgraceful failure. American tax-payers, not to mention America's children, will reap huge rewards.

Perhaps Senator Grassley will raise his powerful voice in support.

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