

WHO ARE THE RITUAL ABUSE-TORTURERS? They are mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other like-minded family members, and friends or neighbors. They are men and women from all walks of life; they are men and women who use positional power as a cover; they are the rich and the poor, they are professionals, laypersons, and clergy. They are organized and function as a like-minded group who engage in torturous pedophilia. They can have local, national, and transnational family/group interconnections.

ARE THEY NON-STATE ACTORS? Yes. This term is used to refer to persons, groups, organizations, and other non-governmental people who torture others. State actor torturers refer to the military, police, or prison guards for example.

WHAT IS THE PREVALENCE? Ritual abuse-torture has been reported in every region of Canada; however, no statistics are presently collected in Canada.¹ Reports have also come from, for example Australia, England, Germany, Israel, New Zealand, The Netherlands, Tasmania, Scotland, the United States, and Wales.²

RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: Ritual abuse-torture is an emerging human rights violation and a newly acknowledged form of torture that is inflicted by non-state actors onto the girl and boy infant, toddler, child, youth, and captive woman.³

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TORTURE OF CHILDREN IN THE PRIVATE SPHERE

SPECIFICALLY **RITUAL ABUSE-TORTURE**

DEFINITIONS:

Ritual abuse-torture involves pedophilic parents, families, guardians, and like-minded adults who abuse, torture, and traffic their and other children using violent organizing family/group gatherings coded as 'rituals and ceremonies'.

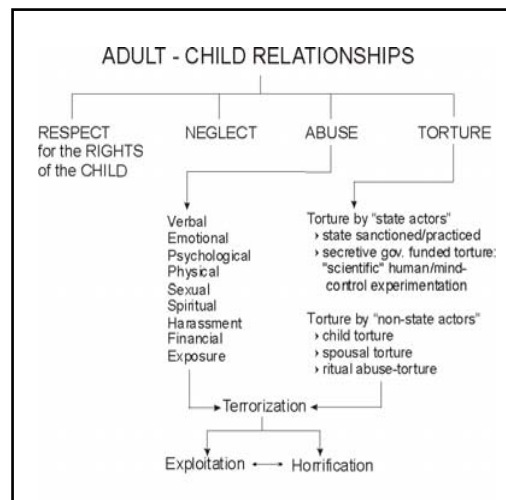
In the private sphere means torture that happens in ritual abuse-torture families or groups in urban, city, or rural areas. Ritual abuse-torture of the child can happen in the child's home, in like-minded neighbors' homes, in buildings belonging to ritual abuse-torturers such as warehouses, cottages, cabins, on farms, out-of-doors, or any place that is safe for the perpetrators.

WHO ARE VICTIMIZED?

Children of all ages, some as young as infants, and if victimized children are not identified they can become captive enslaved adult victims.

ADULT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS

A child can be subjected to many forms of relational violence, from neglect to torture as shown in the diagram below.



RITUAL ABUSE-TORTURE VICTIMIZATION

When a child is born into a family or taken into a guardianship group that commits ritual abuse-torture they suffer all these forms of violence. They are chronically neglected, repetitively abused, terrorized, and exploited into sexualized human trafficking and pornography. They are horrified and they are tortured.

SOME EXAMPLES OF TORTURE

PHYSICAL TORTURE

- Burnt with cigarettes, lit candles and hot light bulbs
- beaten on the soles of the feet
- tied down
- hung by limbs
- caged
- guns used as in Russian roulette
- made unconscious by choking, suffocating with a plastic bag, or face submerged under water
- forced to lie naked in the snow
- electric shocked

SEXUALIZED TORTURE

- A gun placed in one's mouth, vagina, or anus and hearing the clicking sound when the trigger is pulled
- violent family/group rapes
- raped with objects - weapons, knife, broom handle, tree branches, and kitchen items
- forced to consume or be smeared with animal/human waste - vaginal fluid, sperm, blood, urine, and feces
- forced into pornography, trafficked/snuff movies
- bestiality
- forced pregnancy/abortions

MIND-SPIRIT TORTURE

- Humiliation
- degradation
- objectified
- treated like an animal
- trained to commit suicide so they never tell
- drugged
- forced to participate in cruelty/killing of pets and witness the torture of others