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SACRIFICIAL LAMBS PART TWO

HOW SOCIETY PROTECTS SYSTEMS OVER
CHILDREN AND WOMEN

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HOW SOCIETY PROTECTS SYSTEMS OVER
CHILDREN AND WOMEN
... ALL VICTIMS

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OVERVIEW

Stigmatization of Individuals, Organizations...
who is the VICTIM???

Why do we let our societal, systemic beliefs and/or biases control
our ability to see the truth?

What Implicit Biases impact our ability to recognize, identify or
UNDERSTAND the abuse of children & women?

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Part 1

• Societal Beliefs & Behaviors :

- Implicit Bias & Effect on Protecting Abusers Over Victims

• Private/Popular Organizations Promoting Sexual Abuse, Child Abuse

WWE: 3 Parts

- Child Abuse
- Sexual Abuse/Trafficking of Women;
- Present Day- Abuse & Acceptance

• Unsuspected Perpetrators: Women

Case Studies:

- *Commonwealth v. Aubrey Collins (2019);*
- *Commonwealth v. Bonnie Rohn (2019-2020)*
- *Washington v. Mary Kay Letourneau (1996)*
- *NJ v. Laura Caron (2025)*

• Government/Law Enforcement

- Implicit Biases, Lack of Training & Impact on Investigations/Prosecutions

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Part 2

• Human Trafficking or Prostitution

Case Study:

- *Commonwealth v. Seth Mull (2017-18)*
- *Commonwealth v. Seth Mull (2019)*

• Celebrities, Fame, Wealth, Status

Case Studies:

- Sean "Diddy" Combs;
- Bill Cosby

• Schools; 3 Parts

• Secondary Education: Child Abusers; Teachers/Coaches

Case Studies:

- *Commonwealth v. Adam Bendarik;*
- *Commonwealth v. Brendan Carter;*

• Higher Education

Case Studies:

- *Commonwealth v. Jerry Sandusky;*
- *Lawrence Ray: The Sarah Lawrence College Scandal*

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WHAT IS “IMPLICIT BIAS” ?

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IMPLICIT BIAS DEFINED

Implicit bias is an aspect of implicit social cognition: the phenomenon that perceptions, attitudes, and stereotypes can operate prior to conscious intention or endorsement.

Implicit bias is thought to be **shaped by experience** and based on **learned associations** between particular qualities and social categories.

Individuals' **perceptions and behaviors can be influenced by the implicit biases** they hold, even if they are unaware they hold such biases.

American Psychology Association, 2028

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	IMPLICIT BIAS	EXPLICIT BIAS
DEFINITION	Unconscious attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions.	Conscious beliefs and attitudes about a person or group.
HOW IT MANIFESTS	Can influence decisions and behavior subconsciously.	Usually apparent in a person's language and behavior.
EXAMPLE	A hiring manager unknowingly favors candidates who went to the same university as them.	A person making a conscious decision not to hire someone based on their ethnicity.
ROLE IN DISCRIMINATION	Can lead to unintentional discrimination and bias in many areas like hiring, law enforcement, healthcare, etc.	A person making a conscious decision not to hire someone based on ethnicity.
MEASUREMENT	Measured using implicit association tests and other indirect methods.	Can be assessed directly through surveys, interviews, etc.
PREVALENCE IN SOCIETY	Very common, as everyone holds unconscious biases to some degree.	Less common, as societal norms have shifted to view explicit bias as unacceptable.
HOW TO AVOID	Improve self-awareness, undergo bias training, diversify your experiences and interactions.	Education, awareness, promoting inclusivity and diversity.

Charlotte Rubi, "Implicit Bias (Unconscious Bias): Definition & Examples", Harvard University, <https://www.simplypsychology.org/implicit-bias.html> (August 2023)

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IMPLICIT BIASES: HOW ARE THEY FORMED?

- Parents
- Teachers/mentors
- Media
- Life experiences



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STEREOTYPES INFLUENCED BY IMPLICIT BIAS


- Race: ethnicity in criminality and LE
- Gender: men > capable management roles
- Age: older persons can't use technology
- Disabilities: less competent than non-disabled persons
- Sexual orientation: LGBTQ+ asking female if she has a boyfriend

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HOW DO IMPLICIT BIASES AFFECT CHILD ABUSE & SEXUAL ASSAULT?

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN OUR BACKYARD


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RECAP OF PART ONE

- PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS: WWE & DECADES LONG OF CHILD EXPLOITATION, SEXUAL ABUSE AND VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN
 - Global Power house! A sport that many young boys, teens, and adult men grew up with and idolized the pro-wrestlers as "heroes" [The Rock, Dwayne Johnson, Seth Rollins, etc.]
 - Encouraged, facilitated and created a cultural acceptance of abuse and violence towards children, women, family relationships and values/morals that were cornerstones to healthy marriages, parent-child relationship
 - Dozens upon dozens of lawsuits, exposed scandals, still pending investigations and lawsuits... yet, the WWE is still thriving... when society has KNOWLEDGE of the abuse...their implicit biases still overcome their beliefs, behaviors, and perceptions
- WOMEN AS THE PERPETRATOR:
 - Women as a gender- the implicit bias is that women are caregivers, nurturing, loving, kind and INCAPABLE of abusing or sexually assaulting children
 - Women exposed as Abusers: even when a woman is charged with child abuse, sexual assault... societal implicit biases don't view it as A CRIME! If it was a MAN in the scenario...it's a crime. But the fact that it's a woman, society generally views it as a celebratory event for the minor male child
 - Implicit bias doesn't just affect community, but influences law enforcement, healthcare providers and even JUDGES in these criminal cases
- GOVERNMENT/LAW ENFORCEMENT:
 - Implicit biases affect how investigations are conducted, who is charged, women who have sex for money MUST be consensual (drugs, poverty)...it's how they "CHOOSE" to make a living!
 - Bail Conditions after charged: First how many MEN charged with multiple counts of felony rape, sexual assault and heinous crimes are given the opportunity for Bail??? Well...consider then when a female charged with all those heinous crimes is out on bail and still, openly molesting children...case study that showed the Chief of Police to testify at the bail revocation in the Defendant's favor because his own children were involved

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PART TWO

IMPLICIT BIASES AFFECTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING, CELEBRITIES, FAMOUS/WEALTHY & THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING:
IMPLICIT BIASES' IMPACT ON
INVESTIGATIONS, PROSECUTION &
SOCIETAL BELIEFS
"THE LOST VICTIMS"

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO YOU?

- Is it a crime? What makes it a crime?
- Is a woman/man/child engaging in "prostitution" a victim?
- What about a "known" victim? A person previously charged with a crime... can they still be a victim?
- What if a victim initially consented to a certain act with a person, but then it changed...does that mean EVERY act that occurred is tarnished by the initial consent?
- Terroristic threats, Involuntary inducement of illegal drugs...is that still consent?

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COMMONWEALTH V. SETH MULL

PART ONE



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WHO IS SETH MULL?



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COMMONWEALTH
V.
SETH MULL


NORTHAMPTON COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS

DOCKETS:
4318-2017
4319-2017
4320-2017
1762-2018

- **Charges:** Rape, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, Kidnapping, Assault, False Imprisonment, Terroristic Threats, Strangulation, IDSI, etc
- **Conviction:** 30 of 36 Counts; sentenced to 76 years to LIFE
- **2017 a REIGN OF TERROR;**
 - 4 Separate Cases Joined for Single Trial
 - 5th victim was forced to testify under subpoena
- **Multiple Jurisdictions Involved;**
 - Colonial Regional PD; Bethlehem City PD; Philadelphia City PD- jurisdictions

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SEXUAL ASSAULTS AND RAPE CHARGES STEMMING
OVER TWO DECADES

- Convicted in New Jersey, Pennsylvania → 5 prior convictions dating back to 2002
 - Rape, Sexual Assault
- Convicted in Lehigh County 2018 for Indecent Assault that occurred in 2005
 - Received a slap on the wrist because such a "great" football MVP
- Prior Known Victims without Justice= at least 15 females
- Known Investigations and Charges: CA, Hawaii, Illinois, multiple counties in PA

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VICTIM SELECTION

- Ages
- Weaknesses
- Drugs
- Lack of familial support
- Physical appearance
- Financial

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ASSAULTS

- Domination and sexual violence
- Isolation
- Confinement
- Threats/physical abuse
- Drug inducement
- Master- "sir" and sex slave contracts
- Restrains for rape and sexual assaults by other men while he held them down with his own hands and beat into submission

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LOCATION OF ASSAULTS/TRAFFICKING

- Isolation
- Hotels
- Private homes
- Multi-jurisdiction police regions
- Control of cell phone and contacts/GPS if moved victim to subsequent location

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IMPLICIT BIASES THAT AFFECTED THE CASE

- Police Investigations (past & current)
- Public perception of human trafficking:
 - **Example:** two victims were permitted to go outside of the hotel room to purchase food, drugs and returned...according to the Defense- that is not a sign of a victim or woman that was just raped and held against her will...why not tell? Why return even?
 - Girls/boys/women who have drug addictions often prostitute themselves for money- its an addiction...how can you blame the MAN who is "HELPING HER"?
- Status/reputation of the victims
- Family members of victims
- Beliefs and Behaviors of his supporters
- Prior Bad Acts Motion- were all prior dozen reported convictions/arrests "really" similar?

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CONVICTION: DECEMBER 7, 2018
IT'S ALL OVERRIGHT ???

...WRONG

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING BEHIND PRISON BARS?



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Northampton County Court of Common Pleas
Docket No. 1794-2019

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING DURING TRIAL IN PRISON

- New victim- who was she?
- How did a violent, sadistic serial rapist and sex trafficker gain access to a victim while securely housed in our prison system???
- DA monitors all calls, letters, contacts to ensure safety of victims and witnesses, so how could this happen?
- Introduction of "TABLETS" for prisoners

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VICTIMIZATION AT BEST

- New victim- attended the Sentencing Hearing and sat in gallery NEAR victims
- C.F. never believed the victims, even sitting and listening to their stories UNTIL the sentencing hearing & REALIZED THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME...
- Fear of victims even when offender is behind bars
- New Arrest, New Trial...more theatrics...
- Prior Bad Act Victim- the one that got away FINALLY brave enough to testify this time

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CONCLUSION?

- Bench trial before Judge Samuel Murray; 2 victims from the first trial testified and the surprise Hawaii past victim on board this trial too
- Mull was 33-year-old when found guilty of promoting prostitution
- Sentenced to 19 months to 7 years consecutive to his prior sentence of up to LIFE

"I have been prosecuting this defendant for four years," Deputy District Attorney Laura Majewski said in a news release. "I applaud the victims for their courage to report, their courage to fight, and their strength to survive. Today is a win for survivors everywhere."

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HOW DO IMPLICIT BIASES AFFECT CHILD ABUSE & SEXUAL ASSAULT IF THE ACCUSED IS FAMOUS?

Examination of the Celebrity, Wealthy, Connected, Influential Status & Reputation Cases

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POPULARITY IN MUSIC, ARTS, MOVIES, TV... DOES THAT GIVE YOU A "PASS"?

- Name celebrities, famous persons, etc that you know have been alleged, charged, convicted of child abuse or sexual assault of women/men?
- Of those...who has been convicted? Settlement/plea agreement? Did the victim ever get a chance for justice?
- Hindsight 20/20: Does your opinion and support change towards that person today?
 - Do you still listen to Puff Daddy songs? 50 Cent? Jay-Z songs?
 - Do you watch Law & Order: SVU on TV with Ice-T?
 - Do you believe the victims in the Bill Cosby case???

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**CASE STUDY OF SEAN COMBS
A.K.A. PUFFY DADDY, P-DIDDY**

Examination of the Celebrity, Wealthy, Connected, Influential
Status & Reputation Cases


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**WHY WOULD SOMEONE SO
WEALTHY ABUSE, ASSAULT
& TRAFFICK WOMEN?**

THEY MUST BE AFTER HIS MONEY... RIGHT?



The home of Sean "Diddy" Combs is seen during a raid by federal law enforcement agents on March 25 in Los Angeles.
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THE OLD “BLAME THE VICTIM” STRATEGY...

DOES THAT WORK WITH OVER A DOZEN SEPARATE VICTIMS
WITH NO TIES?

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1 YEAR TIMELINE OF VICTIMS FILING LAWSUITS

(NOT EXCLUSIVE LIST)

December 6, 2023: An anonymous woman using the name “Jane Doe” [files a federal lawsuit](#) against Diddy and two other defendants in the Southern District of New York accusing Combs of sex trafficking and gang rape, among other allegations. She was 17 at the time of the alleged assault in 2003.

- The suit claims Combs involved the high school student in a sex trafficking scheme that involved “plying her with drugs and alcohol and transporting her by private jet to New York City where she was gang raped by the three individual defendants at Mr. Combs’ studio.”

February 26, 2024: Rodney “La Rod” Jones, a former videographer and music producer for Combs, alleges of racketeering, sexual assault, sex trafficking and “grooming.” Jones claims Combs forced him to procure and interact with sex workers, threatened him and served alcoholic beverages laced with drugs to house party guests. He claims to have video and audio recording of the musician and his staff “engaging in serious illegal activity,” according to a complaint filed in New York federal court.

April 4, 2024: Combs is named as a defendant in a [lawsuit](#) brought against his son, Christian Combs, in Los Angeles. In the complaint, former yacht crew member Grace O’Mearagh accuses Christian Combs of sexually assaulting her in December 2022, when she was working on a boat chartered by the Combs family. Diddy is not accused of sexual assault in the lawsuit but is included in allegations of liability and aiding and abetting.

May 21, 2024: Crystal McKinney, a former model and MTV competition show winner, [files a federal lawsuit](#) accusing Diddy of drugging and sexually assaulting her following a Men’s Fashion Week event in New York City. She was 22 at the time.

May 23, 2024: April Lampson, who met Diddy in 1994 when she was a student at New York’s Fashion Institute of Technology, [files a lawsuit](#) in New York Supreme Court accusing Diddy of sexual assault, battery, assault, negligent infliction of emotional distress and violation of the “victim of gender-motivated violence” protection law. Lampson accuses Combs of four instances of sexual assault from the mid-1990s to the early-2000s.

July 3, 2024: Adria English, a former adult film actress, accuses Combs of sex trafficking and sexual assault in a [federal lawsuit filed in New York](#). The suit alleges Combs and other defendants used English as “a sexual pawn for the pleasure and financial benefit of others” during parties at several of the producer’s homes. The complaint also alleges Combs forced English to “engage in prostitution and sex work” between 2006 and 2009.

September 11, 2024: Singer Dawn Richard, a former member of the musical group Danity Kane, [files a suit](#) accusing Combs of sexual battery, sexual harassment and false imprisonment, among other allegations. She also claims to have seen Combs “brutally beat” Ventura while the pair were dating in the 2000s.

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50 CENT: “P.I.M.P.”

- “P.I.M.P.” is a song recorded by American rapper 50 Cent for his debut studio album Get Rich or Die Tryin’ (2003). It features production from Mr. Porter of D12 and was mixed by Dr. Dre. The song was released as the third single from Get Rich or Die Tryin’ alongside its remix, featuring American rappers Snoop Dogg, Lloyd Banks and Young Buck, on June 24, 2003, by Interscope Records, Shady Records and Aftermath Entertainment.
- Upon its release, “P.I.M.P.” was a significant commercial success, especially in the United States, where it peaked at number three on the Billboard Hot 100, while reaching the top ten of numerous national charts worldwide. The song was later certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

[50 Cent - P.I.M.P. \(Lyrics\)](#)

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TOPIC DISCUSSION:

THOUGHTS ON POWERFUL, WEALTHY, FAMOUS PERSONS ACCUSED OR CONVICTED?

- COMMONWEALTH V. BILL COSBY
 - JAY-Z
 - 50 CENT
- KEVIN SPACEY
- PRESIDENT TRUMP

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SCHOOLS & OUR CHILDREN...ARE THEY SAFE?

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TEACHERS, COACHES, PROGRAM DIRECTORS

TRUST, SAFETY, SUPERVISION

WHAT IMPLICIT BIASES IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE THESE ABUSERS AS ABUSERS?

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Brendan Carter is escorted from the Luzerne County Courthouse.
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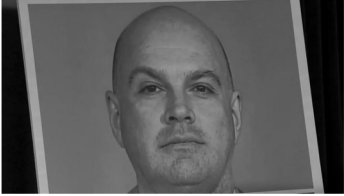


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**STORY OF LAWRENCE RAY:
FATHER & SEX TRAFFICKER AT SARAH LAWRENCE
COLLEGE**



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