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SENATOR CHAMBERS: For possessing child pornography?

SENATOR MOSSEY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why would that be necessary because that is not an act committed against a child, is it? Or it's making the possession of child pornography equivalent to committing an act of sexual misconduct against a child, isn't it?

SENATOR MOSSEY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why should that be done?

SENATOR MOSSEY: Well, 40 states require that and it's statistically proven that if you're possessing child pornography, you are at a greater risk of committing a sexual offense against a child. Just by possessing child pornography, you're contributing to the distribution and manufacturing of child pornography and...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But for somebody to register as a sex offender, shouldn't that person have to have committed an act instead of somebody saying this person may or this person is likely to do so?

SENATOR MOSSEY: Well, those that sell child pornography have to register as a sex offender. So those possessing it should, as well, have to register as a sex offender.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is a john punished the same way as a pimp? Do you know? A guy who purchases...

SENATOR MOSSEY: Depends on the judge. (Laugh)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the guy purchased, is the purchaser punished the same way as the procurer? Do you know? That's not meant to be a trick question.

SENATOR MOSSEY: It depends on the judge and what action is going on in that area. Honestly, if you're having a lot of