

## Institutional Responses to Abuse of Power Traumatizing Lives

Type of crime →  Dynamics ↓	<b>White Collar Crime / Financial Abuse:</b> (“Misconduct” “Poor advice”) - <b>negligence, deception, fraud</b>	<b>Sexual Abuse in Institutions (e.g. orphanages, sects, schools, churches, synagogues, mosques, scouts )</b>	<b>Family Violence / Domestic Violence / Abuse</b>
<b>Power structures set regulations: responsible to hold accountable, remedy injustice, unethical and criminal conduct</b>	Successive governments: Regulatory system / legislation, Boards, Lenders, Product issuers, FSI: associations etc.	Head of organizations eg. directors, principals, successive Popes, Grand Muftis, Rabbis, Archbishops, CEOs, executives	Successive governments, Family Court, Legal system, Police Force
<b>Criminals protected by incompetence, Disincentive and vested interests</b>	Offending bank executives, board, staff, product issuers, liquidators, insurers, advisers, accountants etc.	Offending staff, caregivers, clergy, rabbis, imams, caregivers, teachers, leaders, etc.	Offending spouse / partner, parent, relative
<b>How do they get away with it?</b>	Lack of consultation with victims to understand or find solutions; Uninformed commentators and / or authorities who deny, ignore, minimize, deflect, conceal, spin, buck-pass about systemic issues, a compromised culture and vested interests in cover-up and denial; Posturing until enough community awareness creates pressure; Regulatory system / law does not provide justice (even if accessible): inadequate penalties; Inadequate means to change culture; limited support for victims; Systems re-traumatize, demoralize and intimidate, disempowering victims when at their most vulnerable, distraught and depleted		
<b>Who are the direct victims targeted?</b> • ‘Direct’ = <i>legally defined as victim</i>	Teenagers, young adults through to the elderly including people who are ill or disabled	Babies through to the elderly including people who are ill or disabled	Babies through to the elderly including people who are ill or disabled
<b>Who are directly impacted personally even if not legally defined as a victim?</b>	Babies, children, non-offending adults in role of (existing, former and/or subsequent) partner / spouse, dependent relatives, concerned parents (including ill and elderly) extended family and / or close friends – even when unaware if a victim keeps it secret; Animals and pets; Intergenerational impacts; Failure to respond can be worse than the original abuse		
<b>Who are the indirect victims?</b>	Those who care about a direct victim but are not dependent (e.g. friends, colleagues, health professionals, whistleblowers / advocates); those economically impacted (such as business partners, employers, colleagues); Society in terms of health, social and economic costs incurred		
<b>What are the damaging impacts?</b>	Betrayal of trust and power = loss of hope, dignity, self-confidence; Family, social, economic, career, health: all aspects of life; Trauma leads to varying psychological and neurophysiological impacts including compromised immune systems and stress-related diseases, personal and social consequences (substance abuse, homelessness, poverty, violence, inability to cope, suicidality etc.); Family relations affected: separation, divorce, alienation, isolation Intergenerational impacts and also repetition if unaddressed		
<b>Literature on impacts, healing</b>	Little on related specifics	Extensive, vast research and therapeutic literature	

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<b>What are <i>specific</i> uninformed victim-blaming attitudes used to protect criminals?</b>	Victims at fault because: - irresponsible / at fault: 'buyer-beware' - must or should have known risk - disgruntled - greedy - deserve it	Victims at fault because: - did not object - asked for it (by dress, place, time, relationship etc.) - seduced / aroused offender: invited it - liked it: body aroused [ <i>as designed and/or in defence</i> ]	Victims at fault because: - provoked it - deserved it - need to be taught lesson / punished - need to suffer - retaliation - deserve it
<b>What is <i>general</i> uninformed attitude?</b>	People make it up or seek to blame others for some gain or to deny responsibility		
<b>Resources available</b>	Trauma-informed counsellors / health professionals specifically trained the neuroscience and psychology of extreme stress / trauma;		
<b>Resources not available in all 3 cases</b>	Beyond a few victim / survivor support and advocacy groups, the same level of specifically relevant resources and understanding of the issues are <u>not</u> available as for physical assaults (e.g. next column) ➔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Victim / survivor support groups</li> <li>- Advocacy nationwide</li> <li>- Specialists counsellors, health professionals trained in these areas</li> <li>- Special Professional Development training</li> <li>- Extensive research facilities and educators</li> <li>- Emergency practical and emotional support</li> <li>- Dedicated clinics / units / specialist centres</li> <li>- Specific charities / organizations</li> <li>- High profile / celebrity advocates</li> <li>- Dedicated help lines</li> <li>- Community awareness and prevention programs with government funding</li> </ul>	
<b>Community awareness</b>	Limited awareness or health impacts; Few personal impact stories in print /film; Some film and documentaries re industry big picture	Substantial; Extensive clinical literature re psychological and neurobiological impacts over 200+ years and numerous personal accounts:	Substantial; Extensive literature since 1960s re psychological and neurobiological impacts with many personal accounts
<b>Advocates, commentators, journalists and parliamentarians raising awareness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whistleblowers: e.g. brave people like <b>Jeff Morris, Dr Koh</b> etc.</li> <li>- Award-winning business journalist <b>Adele Ferguson</b> (has done what ASIC has not) and others:</li> <li>- various <b>senators, parliamentarians</b> and <b>some industry members</b> for years</li> </ul>	Nationwide mental health organizations, advocates, media, journalists, politicians and campaigns after victims eventually heard (after enough research/awareness); <i>Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Sexual Abuse</i>	Nationwide mental health organizations, advocates, media, journalists, politicians and campaigns after victims eventually heard (requiring enough statistics and graphic exposure); Victoria's <i>Royal Commission into Family Violence</i>