

Child Witnesses

MV-MO Cases

- Multiple Victim - Multiple Offender Cases
- “Day Care Cases”

The McMartin Case



Ray Buckey



Peggy Buckey



Virginia McMartin

Allegations

- Were sexually abused.
- Took porn pictures.
- Were taken through trap doors into tunnels.
- Saw an AWOL marine sodomize a dog.
- Saw and forced to engage in Satanic rituals, baby murder, and blood drinking.
- Saw dead and burned babies, flying witches, movie stars and local politicians.
- Were forced into a coffin and buried.
- Were taken to the airport, traveled to Palm Springs either in an airplane or hot air balloon, sexually abused and returned.
- Were flushed down toilets, traveled through sewers to a place where adults sexually abused them.

The “Little Rascals” Case



BETSY KELLY



BOB KELLY

- 85% of children interviewed by one group of therapists
- all children reported satanic sexual abuse
- Other 15%
- none of the children reported abuse of any kind

The Kelly Michaels Case



Q: Did you ever see Kelly have blood in her vagina?

A: This is blood.

Q: Kelly had blood in her vagina.

A: Yeah.

Q: She did? Did you ever get any of that blood on your penis?

A: No. Green blood.

Q: Did you ever see any of your friends get blood on their penis from her vagina?

A: Not green blood but red blood.

Q: All the other friends I talked to told me everything that happened. “Billy” told me. “Susie” told me... And now it's your turn to tell. You don't want to be left out, do you?

Q:When Kelly kissed you, did she ever put her tongue in your mouth?

A: No.

Q: Did she ever make you put her tongue in your mouth?

A: No.

Q: Did you ever have to kiss her vagina?

A: No.

Q:Which of the kids had to kiss her vagina?

A:What's this?

Q: No, that's my toy, my radio box. Which kids had to kiss her vagina?

A: Me.

“Expert” Witness

- Child Abuse Syndrome
- Denial
- Exaggeration

Salem Witch Trials

- Circle girls
- 19 executions, 12 other confessions in order to avoid execution

Characteristics of these cases

- Starts with single accusation, then spreads
- Abuse not reported until after first allegation
- Children initially deny, then report abuse after questioning
- Lack of physical evidence
- Allegations have bizarre elements

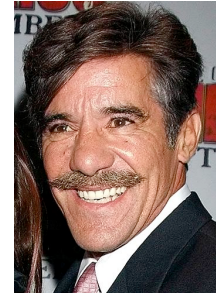
Mass Hysteria

- Epidemic Psychogenic Illness
- Key factors:
 1. Stressor
 2. Outlet

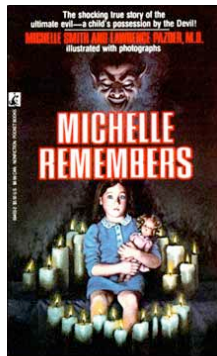
Geraldo Rivera, 1988

Estimates are that there are over 1 million Satanists in this country..The majority of them are linked in a highly organized, very secretive network... The odds are that this is happening in your town.

butchered infants... breeding of babies for later sacrifice during Satanic rituals,... ritual sexual abuse of children... mutilation of infants... drinking of blood... dismembered corpses... cannibal cults... sex orgies... gruesome rituals... gruesome memories... gruesome allegations... brutally violent, horrible crimes... acts so incredibly outrageous, so incredibly unbelievable... the most gruesome scenes are left out.



Michelle Remembers



Satanic Ritual Abuse

- 12,000 accusations of SRA
- 50,000 children kidnapped each year by satanic cults!
- FBI Agent Lanning: Not a single proven case, ever

Ceci et al. (1994)

- Children aged 3-6
- Randomly selected true and false event
- e.g., “Do you remember going to the hospital with a mousetrap on your finger?”
- 10 weeks
- 58% produced stories to at least one false event
- 25% produced stories for majority of events

“My brother Colin was trying to get Blowtorch [an action figure] from me, and I wouldn’t let him take it from me, so he pushed me into the wood pile where the mousetrap was. And then my finger got caught in it. And then we went to the hospital, and my mommy, daddy, and Colin drove me there, to the hospital in our van, because it was far away. And the doctor put a bandage on this [pointing] finger.”

Anatomically Correct Dolls

- Used for children with limited language
- But:
- New parts on dolls draw attention
- Young children cannot “switch places”
- Bruck et al. (1995)
- 50% of children falsely said doctor touched them on sexual part of doll



Repressed and Recovered Memories

- Marilyn van Derbur, Miss America 1958
- Roseanne Barr
- Steven Cook
- Delayed Reporting Statutes

Eileen Franklin

- Friend Susan Nason disappeared in 1969
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- Dr. Lenore Terr
 - Type I trauma
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Eileen's memories

- Thirty-three typed pages
- “My dad pinned Susan down, with her legs hanging off the edge of the bed, up toward the front seat, and he held her two arms up with both of his hands and with his elbows straddling either side of ... her body, he began to, um ... to rub back and forth on her, in a humping motion...and, um, he continued to do this, and I walked from the front seat back to where they were, and I got really scared when I looked directly at Susan.”
- Drinking a beer from “a metal can that was silver and white, and had a mountain on it.”
- He was wearing tan Levi's corduroy pants and a wool Pendelton shirt with a short-sleeved white crew-neck T-shirt underneath.

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Holly Ramona

- Started seeing counselor in 1989
- Said father Gary abused her
- Sodium amytal
- Gary sued therapists
- Won \$500,000



Freud's Seduction Hypothesis

If we have the perseverance to press on with analysis into early childhood, as far back as a human memory is capable of reaching, we invariably bring the patient to reproduce experiences which, on account both of their peculiar features and of their relations to the symptoms of his later illness, must be regarded as the etiology of his neurosis for which we have been looking. These infantile experiences are sexual in content. I therefore put forward the thesis that at the bottom of every case of hysteria there are one or more occurrences of premature sexual experience, occurrences which belong to the earliest years of childhood but which can be reproduced through the work of psycho-analysis.

Freud's Recantation

I must mention an error into which I fell for a while and which might well have had fatal consequences for the whole of my work.

Under the pressure of the technical procedure [hypnosis] which I used at the time, the majority of my patients reproduced from their childhood scenes in which they were sexually seduced by some grown-up person. I was at last obliged to recognize that these scenes of seduction had never taken place, and that they were only fantasies which my patients had made up or which I myself had perhaps forced upon them.

I had in fact stumbled for the first time upon the Oedipus Complex, which was later to assume such as overwhelming importance, but which I did not recognize as yet in its disguise of fantasy.

When the mistake had been cleared up, the path to the study of the sexual life of children lay open.

Principles of the Recovered Memory Movement

1. Sexual abuse is epidemic, but most people repress their memories.
2. Symptoms in adulthood indicate child sexual abuse.
3. You must recover the memories to heal.

I. People repress their memories

- Herman & Schatzow (1987)
 - 53 women with memories of abuse
 - 75% corroborated their memories
- Briere & Conte (1993)
 - 450 self-identified abuse victims
 - 59% said they had previously repressed it
- Williams (1994)
 - 129 documented cases of sexual abuse
 - 38% did not remember abuse

But...

- Repression vs. forgetting?
- Recovery vs. remembering?
- Childhood amnesia
- Trauma/stress = strong memories
- Post-traumatic stress disorder

Flashbulb Memories

- JFK's assassination
- The space shuttle Challenger
- 9/11

January 1986

"I was in my religion class and some people walked in and started talking about the explosion. I didn't know any details except that it had exploded and the schoolteacher's students had all been watching which I thought was so sad. Then after class I went to my room and watched the TV program talking about it and I got all the details from that."

Same person, September, 1988

"When I first heard about the explosion I was sitting in my freshman dorm room with my roommate and we were watching TV. It came on a news flash and we were both totally shocked. I was really upset and I went upstairs to talk to a friend of mine and then I called my parents."

2. Symptoms in adulthood indicate abuse

Bradshaw

- Are any of these true of you?
- Do you have trouble knowing what you want?
- Are you afraid to try new experiences?
- If someone gives you a suggestion, do you feel you ought to follow it?
- Do you follow other people's suggestions as if they were orders to be observed?
- If you answered yes to any one of these questions, you were sexually abused.

Frederickson

- I have had a period of sexual promiscuity in my life.
- I often have nightmares.
- I have difficulty falling or staying asleep.
- Basements terrify me.
- I do some things to excess, and I just don't know when to quit.
- I identify with abuse victims in the media, and often stories of abuse make me want to cry.
- I startle easily.
- I space out or daydream.

Bass and Davis

- Do you feel different from other people?
- Do you have trouble feeling motivated?
- Do you feel you have to be perfect?
- Do you use work or achievements to compensate for inadequate feelings in other parts of your life?

3. You must recover the memories

- Dream analysis
- Journals
- Art therapy
- Hypnosis

Memorize these words

BED	DOZE
REST	SLUMBER
AWAKE	SNORE
TIRED	NAP
DREAM	PEACE
WAKE	YAWN
SNOOZE	DROWSY
BLANKET	

Which words did you see?

SEAT	ROCKING
ROAD	CHOCOLATE
WAKE	SAND
PEACE	SLEEP
DROWSY	BED
NAP	CANDY
YAWN	TABLE
SITTING	SNORE

Roediger & McDermott (1995)

- Words on list
 - wake, peace, drowsy, nap, yawn, bed, snore
- Unrelated words not on list
 - seat, road, sitting, rocking, chocolate, sand, candy, table
- Related word not on list
 - sleep

Lost in the Mall

How much real abuse?

- 3 million reports of suspected child abuse
- mostly physical neglect
- 500,000 sexual abuse
- 150,000 'indicated'
 - 0.25%: 2 or 3 for every 1000 minors

Surveys

- 7% to 62%
- Why so much variation?
 - Different definitions of sexual abuse
 - Different age guidelines
- Best estimate: 20% of women and 8% of men (before age 16)

Who?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victims• 75% of victims are girls• 10% under 4• 36% over 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offenders• 75% of offenders are male• 80% are parents• 90% are relatives• 2% are other caretakers |
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Recidivism

- Sex offenders 5-year recidivism rate
 - Any new offense: 36%
 - Sexual offenses: 13%
 - Violent (non-sexual) offense: 12%

- Factors predicting recidivism
- Sexual deviancy
- Antisocial
- Extra-familial male victims
- Prior recidivism

Catholic Priest Abuses

- 4000 priests accused
 - 100,000 total; 4% accused
- 10,000 victims made allegations
- Half: One victim; half: multiple victims
- Institutional cover-up?
- Celibacy?

Sexual Abuse in Schools

Preventing Child Abuse

- “Stranger Danger” programs
- Megan’s law
 - Registries
- AMBER alert
 - America’s Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response
- Jessica’s law
 - “No live” zones
- Civil Commitment
- Polygraph
- Therapy
- Containment