



MAP Equality Dignity and Liberation  
minorattracted.org

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to you today regarding your coverage of the Jeffrey Epstein case.

We remain steadfast in our condemnation of the despicable actions of Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, and others involved in the exploitation of these women and girls. MEDAL urges all stakeholders — media outlets, individuals, and the general public — to show empathy toward the survivors and victims of sexual violence. To prevent incorrect conclusions from arising due to linguistic imprecision, we emphasize the differentiation between the act of sexual abuse and the labels of 'pedophilia' or 'minor-attraction.'

Flat out, sexual abuse is a crime and is morally and ethically wrong. However, pedophilia, or more broadly, minor-attraction is an orientation.<sup>1</sup> Much like heterosexuality and homosexuality, minor-attraction is not something someone chooses. But what one can choose is how they act in regard to their orientation. Most minor-attracted persons (MAPs) do not act illegally or unethically.<sup>2</sup>

Minor-attracted people face undue stigma due to society's misassociation of their orientation, with criminal acts. This stigma often leads to vigilance against innocent MAPs that includes doxing and violence.

This letter serves as a call to promote the responsible use of vocabulary and nuanced discussions. The primary goal is to raise awareness of sexual assault without inadvertently associating an entire community of people with criminal conduct they did not partake in nor condone.

We ask that anchors and reporters refrain from using language that disparages minor-attracted people, and that they are proactive in correcting the narrative when their guests or news clips use disparaging language or stereotypes.

In conclusion, MEDAL's correspondence aims to foster a compassionate approach for the victims of heinous acts while simultaneously emphasizing the necessity for clarity in communication. It acts as a reminder of the importance of precise, sensitive language when discussing such critical topics and seeks to avoid inadvertent prejudice.

Sincerely,

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The MEDAL Board of Directors

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<sup>1</sup> Multiple studies, researchers, and organizations <https://end-the-stigma.com/research/>

<sup>2</sup> Dr. Allyn Walker <https://www.allynwalkerphd.com/longdarkshadow>