

IV. Sweeping statements accusing Jehovah's Witnesses of serious crimes¹⁴

"Many pedophile want to know were [sic] is the application to become a clergymen in the JW ... Please respond quickly there [sic] zealous and willing"¹⁵ (comment by Michael Provost)

"There are children being molested now, thanks to him [Governing Body member Anthony Morris] and his colleagues". (00:16:10)

1 April 2019, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bbuNsxWkDo> [Bottlegate]

"You know straight away that [child abuse among Jehovah's Witnesses] is an epidemic; it is rampant throughout the organization." (00:48:15)

26 August 2017, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j25MyDQw7U> [My "Don't Give Up!" Convention Review – Part 2 (Saturday)]

"Well who in Montana [the Supreme Court] is getting kickbacks from Watchtower? Corruption going on there for sure" (comment by rOb C.; see comment by Peter Brooks)

10 January 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CY0aeF3BkTE> [Montana Reversed – Episode 30 – Watchtower in Focus]

"Almost certainly what is happening is that Watchtower is taking a large cut on the amount of money that the delegates are coughing up in order to attend these special events where they get to rub shoulders potentially with the governing body members. So it is a little bit of a racket quite frankly."¹⁶ (00:16:05)

11 July 2019, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCLub_kBCSE [Dancing for Jehovah]

"I'm not gonna mince my words here. What David Gnam has just said to the Canadian Supreme Court in his official capacity as a lawyer is an outright lie David Gnam uses evasion by talking about the fact that disfellowshipped people can attend meetings." (00:09:30) "Ari also employs theocratic warfare strategy in this interview by telling an outright lie, when he says that Watchtower publications have repeatedly told parents or victims to go to the authorities. This apparently, if you look up child abuse or child molestation in the magazines or in the literature - you are going to find apparently articles or pages that tell victims to go to the police ... when it just doesn't." (00:28:25; 00:32:05)

25 June 2018, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vjcymocd> [Lying for Jehovah]

¹⁴ *Perinçek v. Switzerland* [GC], cited above, § 206; *Delfi AS v. Estonia* [GC], no. 64569/09, § 136, 16 June 2015; *Ivanov v. Russia* (dec.), no. 35222/04, 20 February 2007; and *Norwood v. the United Kingdom*, no. 23131/03, 16 November 2004, p. 4.

¹⁵ It is clearly hate speech to state or imply that Jehovah's Witnesses as a religion harbour or welcome persons who commit child sexual abuse, or that children are "being" molested as a result of their religious beliefs and practices; see *mutatis mutandis* ECtHR judgments *E.S. v. Austria*, no. 38450/12, §§ 14, 43, 55 and 57, 25 October 2018; *İ.A. v. Turkey*, no. 42571/98, § 29, ECHR 2005-VIII

¹⁶ The Grand Chamber of the ECtHR has also held that the use of "virulent terms", which falsely accuse an individual or organisation of the criminal offence of running a scam or of bribery, violate Article 10(2) of the Convention; see *Campana and Mazare v. Romania* [GC], no. 33348/96, §§ 97, 100, 110, 120, 17 December 2004 (the ECtHR went on to find based on the facts of that case that a prison sentence was disproportionate)