

# Childism: The Unacknowledged Prejudice Against Kids

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When we read in the newspaper that a child in New Jersey has died from neglect from an untreated broken leg, or that a child in Florida's protective services could just disappear without a trace, or that molestation of children has been covered up in yet another diocese of the Catholic Church, we do not say there is prejudice against children at work. Abuse, neglect, sanctioned pedophilia — we don't put these together in our minds with stories about child abduction and enslavement, child trafficking, inadequate schooling, malnutrition and junk-food-induced obesity, cigarette advertising to minors, child pornography or the rising numbers of child soldiers worldwide. But we should. [Read the full thing »](#)