

EXAMPLES OF INSTITUTIONS WHOSE CULTURE PROTECTS THEIR IMAGE ABOVE CARE FOR VICTIMS:

When Harvey Weinstein, Larry Nassar, Bill Cosby, and Jerry Sandusky are mentioned in conversation, the topic of sexual abuse and sexual harassment comes to mind. Our challenge is to change the focus from individuals, to that of a culture that permits these crimes to grow from the first victim to several.

When a culture is recognized as contributing to the way sexual crimes are dealt with, that insight will lead to meaningful change. New laws that are written with foundational insights, will help solve serious, costly, and ongoing situations in society. Research shows that Sex Trafficking, Child Pornography, Child Abuse in Institutions, and Sexual Harassment have common *solutions* when a “culture” is *changed*.

Jehovah’s Witnesses, the Catholic Church and other well-known institutions have revealed serious deficiencies in the way they have dealt with child sex abuse. Media coverage of institutions describe the consequences of favoring protection of institutions over the needs of victims.

ABOUT SCAARS

SCAARS is the result of determined individuals who have dedicated their time to reforming policies which place children in danger.

Whether due to religious indoctrination or institutional policies that endanger children, our goal is to make our world a safer place for children.



SCAARS and legislative staff have discovered:

1. Children are at risk from child abuse because we *assume* our laws protect them.
2. Working together we can improve laws and create a culture that *rewards* those who speak up, rather than punishes them.