

*Our nation has made this commitment: Anyone who targets a child for harm will be a primary target of law enforcement. That's our commitment. Anyone who takes the life or innocence of a child will be punished to the full extent of the law.*

*President George W. Bush, October 23, 2002*



*We cannot, and we will not, tolerate those who seek to abuse or exploit our children.*

*Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales, April 20, 2006*



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Our Nation's children are a precious gift and a source of great hope for our future, and we have a responsibility to help them realize their full potential. In order to build a nurturing society that provides a safe, supportive environment for our young people, we must work together to combat the dangers that threaten their well-being. Internet predators and child pornography are profound evils that exploit children, shatter lives, and rob youth of their innocence.

My Administration is committed to protecting our children from abuse and exploitation by online predators. To help achieve this important goal, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and the Department of Justice are launching Project Safe Childhood, an initiative that will coordinate Federal, State, and local law enforcement efforts to prosecute predators and rescue their victims. Through cooperation with legal and community partners, this initiative will help bring criminals to justice and protect the most vulnerable members of our society.

I appreciate all those who are fighting for the lives and the dignity of innocent children. Your good work protects our Nation's young people and reflects the compassionate spirit of America.

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