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Hello,

I am a childhood abuse survivor and a big supporter of #YourReferenceAintRelevant campaign, I find it deeply disturbing that people who are charged with child sexual abuse, domestic violence and rape can use good character references to get a reduced sentence.

Having abuse victims sit and listen to how their abusers are of good character is extremely distressing and only adds to their trauma.
Anybody who is charged with abusing children cannot have a good character.

It is beyond time that the justice system started putting victims above their abusers reputations.

Thank you for considering this submission,

Rebecca Henry