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Hello

I am writing to make a comment about the use of the very obviously outdated degenese of supposedly having a 'good character' as related to child abuse. Firstly it is absurd that someone who abuses children can even be a 'good character', secondly how do you define the credibility of the person making the reference (eg another paedophile or someone who has no idea what has happened) and thirdly, how offensive, insulting and quite frankly disgusting for victim survivors to have that kind of arbitrary nonsense included in a trial. I sincerely hope it is removed entirely and that people who abuse children are locked away for life.

Thank you,