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"Billionaire Paedophile" Jeffrey Epstein is, in fact, Neither.

The rabid vilification and journalistic pillorying Epstein received at the hands of the British press is more the symptom of a psychopathic disorder suffered by the UK rabble in their love-hate relation with the Royal Family fed by an unconscionable, journalistic lynch-mob in their opportunistic disapproval of Prince Andrew.

To begin with, the regular use of the term paedophile as a conferred title is nothing less than libelous by the libel laws of many places on earth. I don't know why Epstein does not bring proceedings. By the meaning of paedophile, as defined in the following Wikipedia entry, as was pointed out by British talk-show host Humphry, Epstein, clearly, whatever he did, is none.

*"This article is primarily about the sexual interest in prepubescent children. For the sexual act, see [Child sexual abuse](#). For the primary sexual interest in 11–14 year old pubescents, see [Hebephilia](#). For mid-to-late adolescents (15-19), see [Ephebophilia](#).*

*As a medical diagnosis, **pedophilia** (or **paedophilia**) is typically defined as a [psychiatric disorder](#) in [adults](#) or [late adolescents](#) (persons age 16 and older) characterized by a primary or exclusive sexual interest in prepubescent children (generally age 13 years or younger, though onset of puberty may vary). The child must be at least five years younger in the case of adolescent pedophiles."*

Jeffrey Epstein, if he is a billionaire, is a Billionaire Ephebophile. While few men are billionaires, every heterosexual male at one time was an ephebophile. Even as we speak, tens of millions of eighteen-year-old high school and college boys world-wide are committing ephebophilia with their seventeen-year old girl-friends.

Considering the horror of the revealed cases of true paedophilia, engaging a complicit pseudo-eighteen-year-old girl for an erotic massage is indeed, as Jeffrey put it, stealing a bagel in comparison with murder. The things Jeffrey supposedly did are not a crime on most of the earth's landmass. If Jeffrey is a sex fiend, what are the sex-tourists in the eastern countries? What are the real paedophiliacs who prey on prepubescent girls, not to mention the unmentionable clerics, numerous enough to start a new church?

Jeffrey's crime, if any, was more quantitative than qualitative. The forty girls called him. They touched him. He probably did not touch them, regardless of what they said in their interest in obtaining a settlement. They all lied about their age. Moreover, forty girls over ten years is four a year, or only one quarterly.

The British journalists who made a scandal that Epstein said hello to Prince Andrew's children thirteen years ago on a tarmac between flights are the same journalists who have made the media into pornographic portals to which every twelve and thirteen year old girl is inevitably exposed, which did not exist back when they were studying ethics in journalism school.

Jeffrey's indiscretions are comparatively victimless. There are no wrecked lives or disgraced families. They generated a veritable industry among opportunistic mothers and lawyers, and other early-settlers. The only embarrassment is that synthesized by the Royal- desks of the UK press.

Somehow the sensational articles on Jeffrey never mention that this self-made quasi-billionaire is probably the most generous, active, private philanthropic supporter of science in the world. Harvard elected not to give back the fifteen million Epstein gave them.