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CRIMINALISING

THE POSSESSION

OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

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ART. 9. par.1.e), CONVENTION ON CYBERCRIME



"Each Party shall adopt such legislative and other measures as may be necessary to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally and without right, the following conduct:

- a) <u>producing</u> child pornography for the purpose of its distribution through a computer system;
- *b)* <u>offering</u> or <u>making available</u> child pornography through a computer system;
- *c)* <u>*distributing*</u> or <u>*transmitting*</u> *child pornography through a computer system;*
- d) <u>procuring</u> child pornography through a computer system for oneself or for another person;
- e) **possessing** child pornography in a computer system or on a computer-data storage medium"



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CONVENTION ON CYBERCRIME: EXPLANATORY REPORT (n. 98)

"The possession of child pornography in a computer system or on a data carrier, such as a diskette or CD-Rom, is criminalised in paragraph 1(e). <u>The possession of child pornography stimulates demand for such material</u>. An effective way to curtail the production of child pornography is to attach criminal consequences to the conduct of each participant <u>in the chain</u> <u>from production to possession</u>"

THE BALANCE OF DIFFERENT LEGAL INTERESTS





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THE MEANING OF THE TERM "POSSESSION"

"POSSESSION" IN THE REAL WORLD

- Holding a thing
- Touching it
- Having it
- *Excercise control over it*
- Have pover over it



"POSSESSION" IN THE VIRTUAL WORLD



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CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE USERS



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Temporary Internet files ("Cache")

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THE POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY: COURTS' APPROCHES



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MAKE A CRIME VIEWING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY?

¥	CANADA	Section 163.1(4.1), (4.2) of the Criminal Code
	UNITED STATES	18 U.S. Code § 2252(a)(4)
	ARKANSAS	Ark. Code. Ann. § 5-27-304(a)(2)(2006)
	NEW JERSEY	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C: 24-4(5)(B)(2005)
0	оню	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. (A)(3)§2907.323 (A)(3)(2006)

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ART. 20. par. 1.f), CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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Each Party shall take the necessary legislative or other measures to ensure that the following intentional conduct, when committed without right, is criminalised:

- a) producing child pornography;
- b) offering or child pornography;
- c) <u>distributing</u> or <u>transmitting</u> child pornography;
- d) procuring child pornography for oneself or for another person;
- e) possessing child pornography;
- f) knowingly <u>obtaining access</u>, through information and communication technologies, to child pornography

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CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN: EXPLANATORY REPORT (n. 104)

"Paragraph 1 f is a new element introduced in this Convention. It is intended to catch those who view child images on line by accessing child pornography sites but without downloading and who cannot therefore be caught under the offence of procuring or possession in some jurisdictions. To be liable the person must both intend to enter a site where child pornography is available and <u>know that such images can be found there</u>. Sanctions must not be applied to persons accessing sites containing child pornography inadvertently. The intentional nature of the offence may notably be deduced from the fact that it is recurrent or that the offences were committed via a service in return for payment"

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PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL LAW



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