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## The social networking website Craigslist, prostitution, suicide, human trafficking...

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### Introduction

The classified advertising website Craigslist has recently announced that its 'adult services' section has been removed. It has been replaced by a 'censored' area. This change to the website was forced on it by several United States state attorneys who had criticised the website's adult section. In a letter, they called for the adult section of Craigslist to remove the adult section because it contained prostitution advertisements and they expressed their worry that it might facilitate human trafficking of women and children. It was estimated that Craigslist could have been generating more than \$36 million in revenue from advertising related to prostitution and human trafficking in their adult section. The change was made on the US version of the site. Human trafficking is very much an issue in the United States....



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## Environmental offences

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For years there has been some doubt about the effectiveness of prosecution as a deterrent against environmental crime. Although conviction rates are understood to have increased following the introduction of designated environmental prosecutors and closer liaison between the Procurator Fiscal and SEPA, the levels of fines imposed in Scotland have been criticised as being too lenient even when compared with those imposed in England and Wales.

The decision of the High Court delivered on 3rd August 2010.....



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## Gay politicians in the UK- not vilified as in the US and elsewhere

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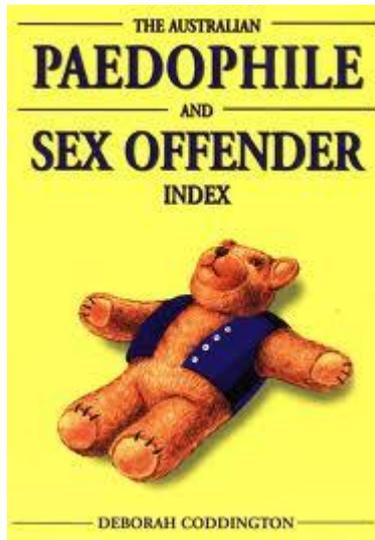
It is well known that the Conservative Party encouraged gay members to take office. They were keen to promote gay candidates who had not stood in elections before 2010. There are an estimated three million gay people in the UK. The UK has allowed gays to openly work in the military for some ten years on the basis that everyone should have an equal chance in life, regardless of any other fact but the United States has not addressed this inequality. The Coroners and Justice Act makes hatred against persons on grounds of sexual orientation, an offence. The US Constitution, however, does not specifically mention a right to privacy....



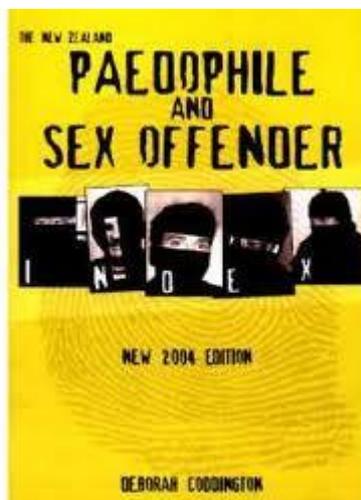
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# Paedophile boarding school head convicted

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A former boarding school head who sexually and physically abused boy pupils during the late 1970s and early 1980s was sentenced to 21 years imprisonment on 6 September 2010. Derek Slade was convicted of more than 50 offences, including possessing pornographic images of children on a computer. Judge Peter Fenn recommended that Slade.....



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## Britain's intelligence has been breached- Gareth Williams' death

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A Metropolitan Police spokesman said:

*Mr. Williams returned to the UK from a planned holiday in the US on Wednesday 11th August 2010. On his return we have established from CCTV enquiries, that on a number of occasions he was shopping in the West End and Knightsbridge areas. The CCTV images are of Mr. Williams on Saturday 14.08.10 at approx 3pm entering Holland Park underground station. On Sunday 15.08.10 Mr. Williams was shopping in Brompton Road, SW7.....*



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