

President on porn

Five days before Bill Clinton publicly rebuked Attorney General Janet Reno for the Justice Department's new permissive position on child pornography, the president affirmed his support for that policy.

Before calling Reno on the carpet, the president had professed himself "heartened" by "the works the Justice Department is doing to enforce obscenity and child exploitation laws." That came one day after the Senate unanimously voted to repudiate the new Justice position that children must appear completely unclothed for child pornography to be illegal.

Clinton's comments appeared in a letter sent to Morality in Media to commemorate National Pornography Awareness Week. Clinton reminded the group of the importance of also "respecting the freedom of expression that lies at the core of our liberties."

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