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I strongly disagree with a premise of the consultation paper that the entire society must implicitly wear some blame for what has occurred. How rude! Most of these crimes occurred within a religious institutional system. I am not religious. Hell, I don't even support tax exemptions for religious institutions. It only encourages them.

If monetary compensation for victims is recommended then the institutions held responsible for condoning or ignoring abuse should provide that compensation. Governments should contribute compensation only to the extent that government institutions were responsible for abuse.

Taxpayers should not have to provide redress for the sins of religious institutions.

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