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Research Director,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

My submission is ~~COMMITTED~~
should not adopt a Bill of Rights.

I expect it would only give more rights to
criminals, and victims would continue to be
treated worse than the criminal.

I imagine it would also give children the
right to tell their parents where to go, but
they wouldn't get more protection from pedophiles.

Instead of wasting time and money on this sort
of silly nonsense, why doesn't the government
start doing a lot more for children on a
practical level - eg. - have more training in
schools about how to maintain relationships;
how to budget; how to provide healthy meals
for themselves and a family after they leave
home. Also adequate counselling services for
children who have been, or are, being abused
emotionally. I believe many parents do this
without realizing it, and children adversely
affected become little pressure cookers, who
in years to come let off steam, with violence
and anger generally against their families and
society.

Society then pays a heavy price. We should act
to prevent this, but I don't think a Bill
will help. Just a lot more trained counsellors,
for parents as well as children. In fact there
should be more 'Effective Parenting' courses,
with perhaps Family Payments reduced for those
who do not attend them before becoming parents.

Yours faithfully,

Stanley ...