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An Examination of Sexting- Developing Safe Technology Practices

The author, SpecialK, in her blog writes about the issue of sexting. She describes what the issue with sexting is, why that issue is problematic, and what she thinks could be solutions to this issue.

She begins by writing about the issue of sexting. She does this by explaining the omnipresence of technology in life and how most children get their first phones early in life for benign reasons like contacting people in cases of emergencies (SpecialK). She then explains that these technologies are also used for teens to keep in contact with each other; but, with the users being teens, they also come with the raging emotions from adolescence (SpecialK). She explains that this combination has led to the trend of these young people sharing compromising or lewd images of themselves with each other without knowing that they can lead to jail (SpecialK).

She then discusses specifically why this issue is problematic. She explains that the issue is problematic because the laws made to protect children from predators are being used to prosecute them due to them sending/receiving those compromising images (SpecialK). She explains that it is even more problematic because some could receive an elicit image without their knowledge and be prosecuted for having child pornography and the ease at which it is possible for the violation to increase in severity should someone have an elicit image and happen to cross state borders (SpecialK.)

Finally, the author proposes some possible solutions for the issue. Her first proposal is for the guardian of the child who has produced an elicit image to educate their child of the legal consequences and punish the child themselves to allow the child to learn of the consequences (SpecialK). The author also proposes to have technological lock preventing children from sending the images in the first place (SpecialK). Finally, the author proposes for the legislature to be changed so that the laws made to protect children are used to protect them and suggests that new laws ought to be made to punish this crime (SpecialK).

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