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SECTS AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE



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PREAMBLE



- Care needed
- Difficult to find information



DEFINITION OF A SECT

- 2 dictionary definitions
- The MIVILUDES definition





SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN SECTS

- Violence caused by sects: hold and killing of psychic life

- Sexual violence
 - against adults
 - in particular against minors



THE MAIN SECTS

Based on number of followers or their reputation

- Those which became known through mass suicides or massacres, at the end of the last century
- Those which are more visible and are sometimes recognised as religions in the USA and in certain Europe countries



SOME EXAMPLES OF SECTS

Known for acts of sexual violence or for accepting pedophilia

- Children of God, became Family of Love, then The International Family
- Dignidad Colony, became Villa Baviera
- Jehovah's Witnesses



SECTS CONDEMNED RECENTLY

For particularly violent sexual behaviour

■ In France:

➤ Parc d'Accueil

■ Other countries:

➤ NXIVM in the United States

➤ Light of the World in Mexico



SECTS IN FRANCE

- Estimated number: 500
- Those which are known: 150 - 160
- Estimated number of followers: 500 000



CONCLUSION

- Difficult for victims to realise that sexual violence is taking place

- Children are not protected by their families or friends

Sources:

- *Study by Delphine Guérard « Specificity of violence against children in sects » for the activity report 2016 of MIVILUDES*
- *The sects of Alain Vivien*
- *The guru, sexual aggressor of Sonya Jongla*



Thank you for your attention