

FACE À L'INCESTE

Media kit



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"To confront a taboo, one must begin by identifying it."

Isabelle Aubry

Founder and Honorary President of Face à l'inceste

History

Face à l'Inceste is a national association of public interest established in 2000, dedicated to combating incest and pedocriminality, issues that remain largely overlooked in our society.

The association possesses an ambitious vision: a society that genuinely safeguards children, acknowledges victims, offers them enduring support, and ultimately confronts the taboo surrounding incest.

Addressing incest necessitates a robust political, social, and judicial response.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVOCACY

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Face à l'inceste spearheads a rigorous institutional advocacy initiative aimed at transforming public policies. The organization is actively involved in the operations of CIIVISE, which it played a pivotal role in founding, and has become a member of its governing body.

Face à l'inceste champions robust legislative initiatives: the non-statutory limitation of incest offenses, immediate safeguarding of children, inclusion of cousins, and the delineation of incest as a specific crime. These proposals are presented to parliamentarians, ministries, and administrative bodies during routine meetings.

Actions

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FORMATION

Face à l'Inceste fosters awareness, provides information, and develops training resources for both the general public and professionals in education, justice, health, and social services. The association actively engages in events, conferences, and training sessions to enhance understanding of incest, its mechanisms, and its repercussions. The goal is to transform mindsets, dismantle taboos, and cultivate a comprehensive culture of child protection.

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EXPERTISE

Face à l'inceste cultivates rigorous expertise to document the prevalence of incest and inform public policy. The organization launched the November 2023 IPSOS survey, which uncovered that one in ten individuals in France is a victim of incest. It consistently publishes reports, legal briefs, and policy analyses. Recognizing that what remains undocumented or unexamined cannot be understood, the association is committed to generating robust data and illuminating realities that are frequently overlooked.

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LEGAL ACTION

Face à l'inceste is resolutely dedicated to the legal domain to ensure that institutional responsibilities are acknowledged and the rights of victims are safeguarded. The organization submits strategic complaints, participates as a civil party in landmark cases, reports collective or systemic violations to the appropriate authorities, and oversees significant legal cases pertaining to incest, generating comprehensive analyses for public authorities. It is particularly engaged in trials of national importance, such as those involving Joël Le Scouarnec and Bastien Vivès, exemplifying its unwavering commitment to combating impunity and addressing structural deficiencies.

Present priorities

In France, one in ten children is a victim of incest. Nevertheless, existing legislation fails to provide adequate protection commensurate with the gravity of these offenses.

Statutes of limitations frequently hinder victims from achieving justice. Immediate protective measures are inadequate when confronted with perilous circumstances, and specific aspects of incest, including violence perpetrated by cousins, remain unacknowledged in legal frameworks.

Confronted with this observation, the association Face à l'inceste is dedicated to three significant legislative initiatives aimed at fundamentally enhancing the protection of children and improving access to justice for victims.

1. Imprescriptibility

incestuous offenses involving minors

We endorse the legislation proposed by Member of Parliament Arnaud Bonnet, which seeks to eliminate the statutes of limitations for sexual offenses against minors. This initiative would empower any victim to pursue legal recourse, irrespective of the time that has passed, acknowledging the trauma involved and the typical 20-year recovery period from amnesia. This measure is supported by over 90% of the French population (IPSOS poll, June 2025 - Facing Incest).

2. Prompt safeguarding

children who are victims of incest

In support of the bill presented by Member of Parliament Philippe Fait, we advocate for the child protection order based on the following criteria:

- Mandate the public prosecutor to issue a ruling expeditiously.
- Prohibit all contact in instances of sexual and incestuous violence against minors (measure subsequently validated by the Juvenile Judge).
- Advocacy Memorandum

3. Present the cousins

in the definition of incestuous relationships

We advocate for the expansion of Article 222-31-1 of the Criminal Code to encompass cousins as potential perpetrators of incest. This initiative addresses the realities faced by numerous victims and aligns with the significant expectations of society, as evidenced by our recent IPSOS survey, in which over 90% of French respondents expressed support for this measure.

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CALL FOR MOBILIZATION

Given the magnitude of incestuous violence, legislative reform cannot be delayed. We advocate for:

- **The legislators**
to promptly register and vote on these bills.
- **The organizations**
to openly endorse these reforms.
- **Citizens**
to mobilize, to convey our messages, and to hold their elected officials accountable, ensuring that the protection of children is established as a national priority.

Together, let us combat the silence!



Data and Resources

To render the reality of incest in our society visible and tangible, Face à l'inceste has, since its inception, endeavored to document what remains undocumented. This is achieved through conducting studies, generating data, gathering and promoting testimonies, and offering essential resources.

3 CHILDREN

**by category
are victims of incest.**



**Brothers and cousins
account for 33% of sexual
assault perpetrators.**

96% French citizens
in support of the prompt
safeguarding of child
victims

**every three minutes
A CHILD IS A VICTIM
of incest, rape, or sexual assault
in France**

**1 out of 2
THE CHILD IS UNPROTECTED
3 out of 5 times
THE CHILD IS NOT UNREFINED.**

90% French citizens
advocate for the
imprescriptibility of incest
crimes perpetrated against
minors.

**7.4 MILLION FRENCH CITIZENS
REPORTING HAVING BEEN VICTIMS OF INCEST**

93% French citizens
for the inclusion of
cousins in the definition
of incest

Surveys



- Facing Incest Survey / Harris Interactive, 2015
- 2022 SURVEY ON PROTECTIVE PARENTS AND ACCOMPLICE PARENTS
- Ipsos 2023 Study
- Ipsos 2025 Study



Glossary

To ensure clarity and consistency, we define the terminology employed in our communications and advocacy efforts, as well as those terms that are excluded from use.



Incest

- **Militant definition:** A sexual offense perpetrated by a family member or a person with a similar relationship (such as cousins or relatives).
- **Current legal definition:** Restricted to ascendants, descendants, siblings, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and in-laws. Cousins are excluded, resulting in a notable disparity from the actual circumstances of the victims.



Aggressor

A specific term for an individual who perpetrates a sexual crime. Unlike "author," which denotes the creator of a work (such as a novel or music), this term should not be used to describe a sexual offender, as it tends to diminish their accountability.



Sexual violence, incest / Incest / Sexual assault of a minor

Exact terminology that recognizes the gravity of the situation. In contrast, terms such as "sexual abuse" or "groping" diminish the severity of the act.



Pedocriminality

Explicitly denotes sexual offenses perpetrated against minors. We reject the term pedophilia: literally meaning "loving children," this phrase obscures the criminal aspect.



Victim

To characterize the child who is unable to protect himself, we employ the term "survivor" to refer to the adult who has triumphed over trauma and reclaimed authority over his life.

Press relations

Face à l'inceste engages consistently with the media to enhance public awareness, advocate for its initiatives, and illuminate the experiences of victims. This chapter offers crucial information to support interactions with journalists, including designated contacts, available spokespersons, and logistical arrangements for requests related to interviews, images, or documentation.

Press Contact

For any inquiries regarding information, interviews, or visuals, the Face à l'inceste press service is accessible to journalists and media representatives.

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Spokesperson

Interviews may be conducted in person, via videoconference, or by telephone, contingent upon the availability of media and existing constraints.

Solène Podevin-Favre



President of Face à l'inceste and co-director of CIIVISE (Independent Commission on Incest and Sexual Violence Against Children), Solène Podevin-Favre serves as a representative for victims within national authorities.

A distinguished authority, she advocates for individuals impacted by public policy, prioritizing child protection and the issue of incest within the discourse. She recently presented before the National Assembly's Children's Rights Delegation, underscoring her pivotal role among decision-makers.

Through her efforts, she advocates for improved access to justice, acknowledgment of victims, and collective mobilization against incest.

Michèle Créoff



A lawyer specializing in child protection and the administrator of Face à l'inceste, Michèle Créoff is a prominent advocate in the battle against incest. A former inspector at Child Welfare, she coordinated national policies at the Ministry of Employment and Solidarity from 1997 to 2001 and subsequently led child and family policies for the Val-de-Marne Departmental Council until 2016. Serving as vice-president of the National Council for Child Protection from 2016 to 2019, she highlighted territorial disparities and championed the effective enforcement of laws. Co-author, with Françoise Laborde, of “Les indésirables. Enfants maltraités : les oubliés de la République (2021),” she advocates for a genuine cultural revolution to dismantle the silence surrounding violence against children.

Terms and Conditions

To facilitate media coverage while ensuring the respect of individuals' rights, the following regulations are in effect:

- **Media Inquiries**

Requests must clearly outline the subject matter, the editorial stance, the intended broadcast date, and the preferred format (written interview, television segment, podcast, report, etc.).

- **Images and documents**

An official library of photos and videos is available upon request. The visuals provided are royalty-free solely for use in articles or reports that explicitly reference the association.

- **Victims' Accounts**

For reasons of protection and ethics, the association does not fulfill requests for victim testimonies. However, anonymous testimonies are available on our website, and you are encouraged to participate in the forum.

- **Respect for anonymity and individual rights**

Any utilization of images or testimonies obtained directly from the association requires prior written consent. The blurring of faces and alteration of voices is necessary to ensure anonymity.

Visual aids

Face à l'inceste offers media and partners a collection of graphic resources aimed at ensuring coherent and legible communication that aligns with its visual identity.



Colors



Alive, robust, valiant. Through symbolic association, red signifies life. It embodies the imperative to survive, to remain alive, as well as the necessity for activity and movement.

logo



Application of the logo on color schemes



The official Face à l'inceste logos are accessible in high-definition formats suitable for printing, as well as optimized versions for the web (PNG, JPG, SVG). Requests are permissible. Each application must adhere to the graphic charter, particularly regarding colors, proportions, and protection margins. Any adaptation or modification is prohibited without a written agreement.

Support and Key Resources

- [Press area: press materials and announcements](#)
- [Our updates](#)
- Media coverage
- Valuable resources and social networks
 - [Website](#)
 - [Instagram](#)
 - [Linkedin](#)
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [X](#)

Thank you!