

Open Letter to Carrie Prejean

Dear Carrie:

Yesterday, I heard you admit on the Today Show that when you were a teenager you engaged in “sexting” to your boyfriend. While you did not discuss the specifics of what you sent, I think it is fair to assume that you know that “sexting” refers to sending sexually explicit photos via cell phone..

Carrie, when you admitted that, did you realize that those who engage in sexting are at serious risk of severe legal consequences that include the possibility of being prosecuted for transmitting child pornography?

Do you think that you should be prosecuted or that others should be prosecuted for distributing an inappropriate sexual image of a minor or should there be a “Carrie Prejean” exception to the law? Carrie, as you read this letter young people throughout this country are being prosecuted and have been prosecuted for “sexting” to their boyfriends (as you said you did) or to their girlfriends. Some may also argue that the photos of themselves that they sent were for private use (as you said your photo was).

Carrie, it doesn't matter. Please understand this, getting breast implants is not a crime, Sexting is!

Upon conviction, some of those convicted of sexting have been sentenced to prison and were required to register as a sex offender.

If you were prosecuted and convicted, do you think you should have to register as a sex offender and have that follow you the rest of your life on public records?

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How would you feel if your resume read: “Former Miss California, opponent of marriage equality and registered sex offender”? What kind of an example is that for young girls?

Carrie, you said that conservative women are being attacked for their beliefs. Carrie, to be clear, I am not attacking you for your beliefs, but I am criticizing you for your behavior.

I know you are out there trying to market yourself and your book and in many ways trying to profit from positioning yourself as a victim, but please think about what I have said.

Those who are being prosecuted for crimes are being called “defendants” not “victims”, and when convicted “sex offenders” - not “conservatives” or “liberals”.

It is time for you to take full responsibility for what you have done. Are you ready to strip away the excuses and do a “perp” walk instead of a walk on the runway in a bathing suit or are you hoping that the statute of limitations and your conservative buddies will be your “trump card” and prevent any prosecution of you?

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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