

## The 10 Best (AKA, Worst) Quotations from Mary Pride's "The Child Abuse Industry" (No Gifs)



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Most Christian homeschoolers know Mary Pride as "the queen of homeschooling," one of the founders of the Quiverfull movement, the anti-feminism author of *The Way Home*, or the publisher of the wildly popular magazine "Practical Homeschooling." But she also wrote a lesser known book in 1985 entitled *The Child Abuse Industry: Outrageous Facts About Child Abuse & Everyday Rebellions Against a System that Threatens Every North American Family*. It is a remarkable read that calls for a "Second North American Revolution" — namely, having babies, abolishing no-fault divorce, going to church, eliminating foster care, homeschooling, re-instituting "biblical" executions of criminals, and getting rid of abuse hotlines.

And that's just scratching the surface.

I am currently writing an in-depth, multi-part review and analysis of *The Child*

*Abuse Industry*, which I will publish on Homeschoolers Anonymous as soon as it is finished. But in the meantime, I want to share with you the 10 best — and by "best," I mean most disturbing — quotations from this book. (And just to make this more tolerable, I added some gifs.)

**Trigger warnings for abuse apologism, abuse denialism, and a racial slur.**

And now, without further ado, I will let Mary Pride speak for herself...

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**10. "The major problem is that the public has been convinced that child abuse is a major problem."**

**9. "Are one out of four adult women (or one out of three, or two—the statistics keep getting wilder) really the victims of savage lust perpetrated in their youth? Isn't it possible to organize a bridge party without staring at an abused woman across the table? Where do these wild statistics come from?"**

**8. "Never vote for a candidate whose campaign promises include 'doing more for children.'"**

**7. "Child abuse hysteria is a self-righteous**

**coverup for anti-child attitudes."**

**6. "If [child abuse prevention programs] are allowed to proliferate, we will produce for the first time an entire generation of males who have been trained to consider raping their sons and daughters as passably normal behavior."**

**5. "If sex has nothing to do with having babies, you can have sex with anyone or anything. Including children."**

**4. "We need to stop allowing the unsupported testimony of children who are of an age where they can barely distinguish fantasy and reality."**

**3. "Don't hotline anyone."**

**2. "A retarded daughter told contradictory tales of sexual abuse by her step-brother and other male relatives... So here we have a girl who probably made up the story in the first**

**place."**

**1. "Age segregation increasingly alienates children and adults. Children are the 'new n\*\*\*\*s.'"**

*(Not censored in Mary Pride's version.)*