

# The Home Office's grooming report is an exercise in obfuscation

*The Home Office review into the grooming of young white girls into rape and sex slavery, which Home Secretary Priti Patel insisted that she see, and that it be released was finally released yesterday. According to the [The Spectator](#) said*

...credit is due to Home Secretary Priti Patel for doggedly battling to ensure that 'Group-based Child Sexual Exploitation – Characteristics of Offending' ever saw the light of day. But when it comes to expecting her civil servants to answer the question about the extent to which Pakistani-heritage men make-up grooming gangs (which is, let's face it, the main point at issue), the Home Secretary has been notably less successful.

For what has emerged is an exercise in self-deception via the turning of blind eyes, headlong rushes into obfuscation and the construction of straw men. In working-class towns like Rotherham and Telford, which saw hundreds of children abused by grooming gangs, this is not going to convince people the Government is taking the issue sufficiently seriously.

The top line of the report – absurdly, given the blanket media coverage of an apparently never-ending series of group trials involving scores of men of Pakistani heritage in recent years – is that grooming gangs come from 'diverse backgrounds'.

Instead, it trots out irrelevances to lead itself away from the veritable elephant in the room. At one point it cites information from police forces suggesting that 'the nationalities and ethnicities of offenders and suspects... varied considerably, including American, Angolan, Bangladeshi, Bengal, British...' (etc. ad infinitum). Yet has anyone ever

suggested that there are nationalities completely immune to taking part in group CSE? Not to my knowledge.

A lack of reliable data is repeatedly cited as a barrier to knowing whether some ethnic groups are really over-represented among the villains.

*The Left wing press are happy and report with headlines such as*

Most child sexual abuse gangs made up of white men, Home Office report says Study of England, Scotland and Wales dispels myth of 'Asian grooming gangs' popularised by far right. [Independent](#)

White men most likely to commit child sexual exploitation, says Home Office report [SThe Telegraph](#) takes a thoughtful view of a little publicised element of the report

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