

# Inhumanity in Society: Child Abuse and Bullying in *JOKER*

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## Abstract

Child abuse is the crime that attempts by the person who had abnormal pleasure with innocent children. The sadistic mindset makes the criminal to do that crime. Obviously, victims are sufferers; they go through psychological and physical problems. These are not temporary; it follows them to their dead-end. In the movie *Joker*, child abuse is a root cause of tragedies. This article is an attempt to projects the critical approaches of the minute feelings of victims and criminals from their perception as a reflection through the mirror of *Joker*.

**Keywords:** Child abuse, Bullying, Neglect, Maltreatment, Domestic violence, Abnormal crime.

## Introduction

*Joker*, the psychological thrilling movie was directed and produced by Todd Phillips in the year 2019. The story based on the party clown unsuccessful comedian, Arthur Fleck who was termed as *JOKER*. The plot was set up in 1981 in Gotham City, US. He was abused in his childhood days and suffers from the nervous disorder and disorder of laugh at inappropriate times. He quotes that "I hope my death makes more cents than my life" (*JOKER*) elaborated on the truth that he is in poor status. The fact is he depends on social services for his medication. This paper deals with the effects of child abuse and leads to do crime just to survive.

## Child Abuse and Bullying

Child abuse is nothing but the physical maltreatment or sexual molestation of a child. Arthur was abused brutally by his adoptive mother, Penny Fleck's abusing boyfriend. Statistics say, (1) Approximately 5 children die per day because of child abuse. (2) 1/3 girls and 1/5 boys will be sexually abused in their minor stage. (3)68% of kids are abused by a family member. (4). In the United States, more than 4 children die from child abuse and neglect every day. (5). Over 70% of these children are below the age of 3. (6)2.9 million crimes of child abuse are reported every year in the US. (7). About 80% of 21-year-olds who were abused as children

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met criteria for at least one psychological disorder. (8) Abused children putting them at greater risk for STDs.

This inhumanity action leads our children to experienced Partial brain development, Health issues, Psychological issues, Relationship issues, Substantial abuse, Behavioral issues and Abusive to others. Likewise, poor Arthur having a disorder of laugh at inappropriate times if he got tensed. We can find the abnormalities in his behaviors. In the very first scene, he makes his lips smile and sad. Laugh in front of a Psychiatrist in counseling. When he played with a kid on a bus, the mother of that boy shouts at Arthur but he laughed loudly. In comedy shows, he laughs late for every comedy. He smiles very vigorously when he loses his party clown job. He saw the three drunken teasings at a young lady he starts to laugh. When he is doing Standup comedy, he starts to laugh even he can't deliver the comedy on stage. Even he came to know that his mother's action is the reason for his disorders, he starts laughing loudly. His weakness and his clown work lead others to tease him. He mentioned the words which were advised by his mother, "My mother always tells me to smile and put on a happy face She told me I had a purpose to bring laughter and joy to the world" (JOKER), that's why he laughs even in the tough moments. But nevermore, "Don't forget to smile"(JOKER) turn into "Don't smile", Joker can't hide his gloomy anymore, it's reaches the end.

Bullying is inflicted physical or emotional harm. At that time, Gotham city was affected by crimes because of Neglect and Unemployment. Of course, Arthur too goes through this toughest task. He was teased by a gang of boys by robbing the advertisement board from him when he danced with that in the road with a clown costume, Arthur tried to chase them and get back, but dominant gang beat him black and blue. Then he was beaten by 3 drunken because of irritation on Arthur's laugh in Train. In a TV show where Arthur works mocked his comedy clips by the host, Murray Franklin."The people expect you to behave as if you don't!"(JOKER)

Bullying leads the person to feel Anxiety, Depression, Low Self-esteem, Suicidal thoughts. One of the studies says 60% of boys that bullied in Middle school had criminal convictions by age 24. Arthur killed 3 millionaires for Self-defense, Killed Mom, Penny Fleck for letting her boyfriend abuse Arthur, His Friend, Randall was killed revengefully for a lie about the gun. Murray Franklin was killed to mock his comedy clips in life. Killed illusionary his Neighbor, Sophie Dumond without any reason. In end, psychiatrists too killed without any reason. Actually, his abnormalities show off in every scene in this film. He imagined that Sophie Dumond, and he was in a relationship, actually, that's an illusion. Randall, who gave the gun to Arthur and who lies for the gun when Arthur lost work at the hospital, was killed without any valid reasons.

No one can't tolerate when somebody teases or bulls, as a differently-abled, Arthur was shot by three drinkers like hell, for the sake of survival he shoots them. When he came to know about his childhood abuse cause of his mother's litigation by the Psychological counseling

reports of his mother leads him to kill her brutally. But we can't think logically for the showoff murders of Sophie Dumond and Psychiatrist in the last scene. He leaves Sophie's apartment with blood strain and in the last scene, he leaves the counseling with the blood strained footprint. There is no symbol for their death so we can't say whether they die or not. Maybe that's an illusion of Arthur's perception. In the climax, Thomas Wayne and his wife were murdered by one among the rioters in front of his son and left him as a "Neglected child".

However, we control these abuses by-laws, till now we didn't create and give peace and colorful life to children. Even the abusive words will abuse children and adolescents. If Arthur was not abused, He may not suffer by Mental and Nervous disorders. Obviously, we won't bully anyone and won't become a murderer.

### **Conclusion**

As human beings, We are failed to be human. Don't have any awareness or care of others and other's children. As selfish creatures, we just protect ourselves and our relatives and friends. Seriously, "Everything is fun for the crowd". We should feel others' emotions like our emotions. We should spend time on children every day. Make them feel comfortable and brave to face Social evils. Insist them, "No good touch, No bad touch but DON'T TOUCH". Should treat everyone the same as we expect from others, then only we can build our society in a righteous way with humanity.

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