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Justice for all victims

Manhattan: The #MeToo phenomenon has exploded to reveal a network of incomprehensibly arrogant abusers and enablers, not unlike the Boston Globe's expose of clergy sexual abuse in the Archdiocese of Boston more than 15 years ago. Unfortunately, as I can attest from being on the front lines this past year, and a survivor of child sexual abuse for the past 46 years, it is still an uphill battle being waged against an even more arrogant network of abusers and enablers. As we acknowledge how difficult, and unlikely, it is that an adult will publicly go against their abuser, how much more difficult (and unlikely) is it to expect a child or adolescent to do so? Especially when perpetrators against the young are usually people the child has been told they can trust. *Brian Toale, Survivor/Advocate*