




Preventing Digital Harms in Childhood: A Global Policy Update,”

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Children's Rights Online

- Protection
- Privacy
- Participation
- PLUS
 - Rights to recovery and full community reintegration when child trafficking and/or child pornography/CSAM is involved

Children's Positive Experiences Online

- Family & Community Identity and Integration
- Friendship and Social Networks
- Educational Opportunities
- Information Access
- Entertainment
- Identity Formation and Affirmation
- Opportunities for Self-Expression
- Cultural and Religious Experiences



Children's Negative Experiences Online

- Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM)
- Exposure to Adult Content
- Cyber-Bullying
- Grooming
- Sexting
- Revenge Porn
- Remote Live Sexploitation
- Gaming Addictions
- Economic Exploitation
- Sextortion



Examples of Potential Impacts of Negative Online Experiences

- Shame
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Suicidal Ideation/Suicide
- Relationship Issues
- Regressive Views towards Women
- Impulsivity
- Violence



Challenges Faced

- Multiple jurisdictions worldwide
- Numerous platforms
- Countless offenders
- Anonymity
- Industry Interests
- Lack of Training, Resources, and Capacity of Law Enforcement & Other Frontline Service Providers



Legal Protections of Children Online

1924 Declaration on the Rights of the Child (League of Nations)

1989 U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child

Convention on Cybercrime

1924

1959

1989

1998

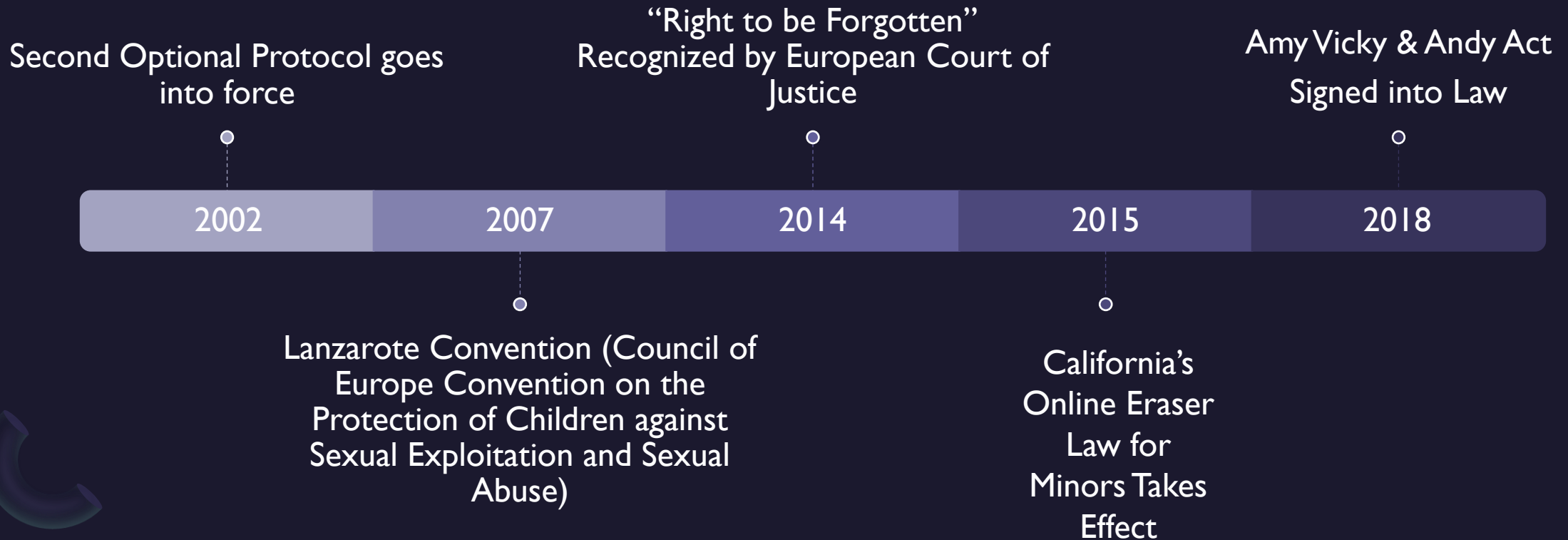
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1959 U.N. Declaration on the Rights of the Child

Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)



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What's Active?



- Australia's Online Safety Act ('22)
- UK's Age Verification Law ('17)
- Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996 (Immunity for ISPs)
- More State Legislation re Sexting
- More State Legislation re Revenge Pornography

Looking Forward

- Copyright Should be Held by Person Portrayed in CSAM and Intimate Photographs
- Expand Eraser Law for Children
- Search and Destroy Software
- Data Disintegration
- Content Moderators
- Shift to Encryption
- Effective Filters
- Ratification of UNCRC & 3rd Optional Protocol
- Federal Level Child Advocate



Questions & Discussion

