

The modern landscape for predators

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SUMMARY

The speaker, a former FBI profiler, reflects on their experiences in the child abduction and serial killer unit, particularly during the Columbine tragedy, which highlighted the intersection of technology and psychology in influencing youth behavior. They emphasize the importance of understanding how children seek identity and connection in an increasingly digital world, and how this can lead to dangerous situations.

- The speaker worked in the FBI's profiling unit, focusing on child abduction and serial killers.*
- The Columbine tragedy served as a pivotal moment, revealing the impact of technology on youth psychology.*
- There is a need to understand how children develop their sense of identity and value in a digital age.*
- The concept of "Columbiners" illustrates how youth can be drawn into online communities, sometimes with harmful consequences.*
- The speaker witnessed agents posing as children online to combat predatory behavior, likening it to early forms of catfishing.*
- The traumatic nature of their work led to personal struggles, including night terrors, but also fueled their desire to help others.*

I was at the FBI I happened to be assigned in quonico in the profiling unit and so I was working in casu child abduction serial killer unit uh I was doing homicidal uh it was terrifying I was looking at these white Vans picking up kids right that's what we all thought was a danger zone so I was there doing my research and like I got into this unit and Coline happened and when Coline happened which was the the first

national like great tragedy I think that we we all kind of paid attention to that's when I saw Harris and cold and what they had posted online and then 20 years later if I look at that that was the Genesis for me cuz I sat there in the room with these agents listening to these profilers and I thought oh my God nobody is paying attention to how technology is influencing psychology and how psychology will be influenced back

where we are developing as people and as children specifically we need to find purpose we need to find our value who am I am I going to be loved these are all just very very developmental phases that we have to go through and so these kids are looking at that and even today we have what we call columbiners an ability to come in and jump in and be a part of something so that's the part

that I saw looking at headquarters down in DC 100 agents pretending to be young kids online and pet was trying to pick them up and I just thought it's a catfish yeah cat fishing in the beginning like and and it was wow yeah it was right in the beginning all horrible I know I know I know you were basically working in hell is what you're saying oh I had night terror from A Soulful place it was it was very tragic

that's what has empowered me to like help others I think that there's ways to step out of it