

Russian Parents Want Topless Dolls Banned for 'Sexual Propaganda'

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Members of Russia's Urals' Parents Committee are worried children might get the 'wrong associations' from dolls wearing little to no clothing.

A parents' committee in the Urals has expressed outrage over what it sees as "sexual propaganda" put shamelessly on display in several of the region's toy stores: scantily clad dolls.

Members of the Urals' Parents Committee sounded the alarm after discovering a risqué doll in a "Children's World" store in Nizhny Tagil, UralInformBureau online news agency reported Tuesday.

The group says they intend to file a complaint against the store owners with the children's ombudsman and local prosecutors after a thorough check of all children's stores in the area.

"I think sexual propaganda among minors can be discerned here," Nikolai Gorlo, an activist

specializing in legal issues, was cited as saying by UralInformBureau.

He complained that what little clothing does come included with the dolls leaves nothing to the imagination, begging the question: "What associations will come to mind for kids?"

This is not the first moral expedition the Urals' Parents Committee has launched in the name of protecting children. Last week, members of the group in Yekaterinburg complained to local prosecutors about notebooks featuring the image of Adolf Hitler, which were on sale in several bookstores.

The group made headlines last September when it penned an open letter to President Vladimir Putin asking him to cancel a scheduled performance in Russia. "The singer intends to come out in support of local sodomites and break the current Russian law, directed at protecting children," the group said in quotes carried by Reuters at the time.

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