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Understanding the reasons that lead to people molesting children can help in coming up with the best methods to protect them. Several reasons may lead to child molestation, first is desires. Some people are controlled with the desire for sexual gratification and thus end up molesting children. According to van der Kolk (2017), psychological problems also lead to people molesting children, for instance, some of the abusive individuals have difficulties controlling their emotions. Also, they are preoccupied with sex and have weakened capacities to comprehend social rules. Moreover, misconception is also another reason since abusive people end up being convinced that what they are doing is right hence viewing themselves more important than the children they abuse.

Reference

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