

Official Behind UK Net Censorship Busted—For Child Abuse Images

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David Cameron aide Patrick Rock, who helped create the plans for the “Great Firewall of Britain,” busted for child abuse images

Remember UK prime minister **David Cameron’s plan to put massive firewalls in place** to censor porn and even esoteric content—largely justifying such measures by arguing that they would block access to child pornography?

Well—what’s this?—Patrick Rock, one of Cameron’s closest confidants and aides in drawing up the censorship plans just resigned from Downing Street for... getting caught with pornography featuring children. You don’t say.

Via the Guardian:

A senior aide to David Cameron resigned from Downing Street last month the day before being arrested on allegations relating to child abuse images.

Patrick Rock, who was involved in drawing up the government’s policy for the large internet firms on online pornography filters, resigned after No 10 was alerted to the allegations.

Rock was arrested at his west London flat the next morning. Officers from the National Crime Agency subsequently examined computers and offices used in Downing Street by Rock, the deputy director of No 10’s policy unit, according to the Daily Mail, which disclosed news of his arrest.

How... ironic. Though perhaps not surprising, really. Government officials getting busted for child porn is nothing new; it is, in fact, one of the great open secrets of our time. Consider, for instance, this **Anderson Cooper investigation** into a massive child porn ring in the Pentagon, also covered **here**.

David Cameron has taken massive heat for keeping the matter quiet for three weeks. Watch him covering himself (while looking sh*t terrified) below.