

Unlike other international conventions, the child is denied the right to petition an international tribunal for relief or refuge when all other avenues have been exhausted within her country. In this respect, the convention, in its essence, discriminates against children. It is an adult-authored document that allows adults to wear the clothes of concern and care. That is its real problem.

The next time a not so properly attired green-purple-pink haired, nose-tongue-ear-belly-ringed squeegee youth invades your space and asks to wash your window, let her. Give her a buck. That's the least we owe.

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