OUTRAGE OF OUTREAU (THE)

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On December 1, 2005, the Paris Court of Appeal acquitted the last defendants in the "Outreau" case: it had taken four years of proceedings, and two trials to reach this conclusion. A total of 12 children are recognized as victims of sexual assault, 4 people were found guilty, 13 were cleared after 3 years in prison.

This series of 4 episodes looks back on this incredible judicial fiasco which led to the setting-up of a parliamentary commission of inquiry in January 2006 and continues to haunt French collective memory.

The series offers an innovative narrative technique combining reconstructions of the interrogations filmed in a 1000m2 studio with newly filmed testimonies of the main protagonists. The protagonists thus meet face-to-face the actors portraying them in the same studio. It gives us a much better understanding of how the judicial investigation of Judge Burgaud created a madly spinning wheel that no one knew how to stop and which crushed the lives of child victims and innocent defendants.

Four of the cleared defendants (Thierry DAUSQUE, Daniel LEGRAND, Alain MARECAUX, Dominique WIEL) as well as one of the twelve child victims (Jonathan DELAY) and François-Xavier MARECAUX take us back in time - together with the actors who play their part - and explain the nightmare they experienced because they had been unable to find anyone who would listen to them, neither in the judicial and police institutions nor in the media. Their story had never been heard in their own words.

It all started on December 5, 2000 when the children of Myriam Badaoui and Thierry Delay accused their parents of having sexually abused them...

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