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## Peep Behind the Curtain – the Impact of Pornography

### What is the scope of the issue?

**Research of popular pornography films found that 88% of the scenes- not just the movies, but the scenes in these movies- there was verbal and physical aggression, usually toward a woman. The more interesting finding is that 95% of the time when someone is violent with another person in porn, usually a man toward a woman, the recipient is shown as either liking that violence or having no objection.**

Ana J. Bridges, “*Pornography’s Effects on Interpersonal Relationships*,” in *The Social Costs of Pornography*, eds. James R. Stoner and Donna M. Hughes (Princeton, NJ: Witherspoon Institute, 2010), doi: 10.1177/1077801210382866

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**Researchers coded 269 mainstream videos that were uploaded to PornHub between 2008 and 2016. PornHub was chosen because it is one of the world’s top adult websites and the 36th most visited site on the internet in 2017, with more than 81 million daily visits. Pornhub reports that in 2016, people watched 4.6 billion hours of pornography on its site alone; 61% of visits occurred via smartphone.**

**In 2017 alone**, Pornhub got 28.5 billion visits. That’s almost 1,000 visits a second, or 78.1 million a day — way more than the population of the entire United Kingdom. That number has since jumped to **33.5 billion site visits in 2018.**

*Pornhub, “Pornhub’s 2016 Year in Review,” (2016).*

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**Eleven pornography sites are among the world’s top 300 most popular Internet sites. The most popular such site “xvideo”, at number 18, outranks the likes of eBay, MSN, and Netflix. According to a recent Pornhub blog post, mobile web traffic has grown a staggering 1424% since 2010.**

Jonathan Marciano, “*Top 300 Biggest Websites: Based on Both Mobile and Desktop Data for the First Time!*” Similar Web (July 19, 2016), <https://www.similarweb.com/blog/new-website-ranking> (accessed July 24, 2019).

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**As an estimated \$97 billion a year global industry, pornography is one of the most popular forms on entertainment across every major media platform. Last year, the internet’s top free porn site received over 28.5 billion visits, and in 2016, streamed 4.3 billion hours of pornography to its users.**

**In 2016, 91,980,225,000 videos were watched on Pornhub. In 2018, that number jumped to more than 109,012,068,000. That’s over 14 videos watched for every person on the entire planet.**

**Also, more than 5,517,748,800 hours of porn were watched on the site in just 2018. That’s equal to 629,880 years of content consumed in 1 year, on one porn site.**

*Pornhub, “Pornhub’s 2018 Year in Review,” (2019).*

### **Brain Impact:**

**Harm to Young Brains: A survey of 813 U.S. teens and young adults (13–25), found that 26% of adolescents aged 13–17 actively seek out pornography weekly or more often.<sup>1</sup>**

**Research has demonstrated that children are more susceptible than adults to addictions and to developmental effects on the brain.<sup>2</sup>**

1: Barna Group, The Porn Phenomenon: “*The Impact of Pornography in the Digital Age*,” (Ventura, CA: Josh McDowell Ministry, 2016).

2: Frances E. Jensen with Amy Ellis Nutt, *The Teenage Brain: A Neuroscientist’s Survival Guild to Raising Adolescents and Young Adults*, (New York: Harper Collins, 2015); Tamara L. Doremus-Fitzwater, Elena I. Varlinskaya, and Linda P. Spear, “Motivational Systems in Adolescence: Possible Implications for Age Differences in Substance Abuse and Other Risk-Taking Behaviors,” *Brain and Cognition* 71, no. 1 (2010):114–123.

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**Studies of the brain and pornography come from investigating brain scans. In one experiment, the brains of men were scanned while they viewed porn. When neurologists looked at their brain scans, men’s brains reacted to women as if they were objects not people.**

Mary Eberstandt and Mary Anne Layden, “*The Social Costs of Pornography: A Statement of Findings and Recommendations*” (Princeton, NJ: The Witherspoon Institute, 2010).

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**Porn is fantastic at forming new, long-lasting pathways in the brain. In fact, porn is such a ferocious competitor that hardly any other activity can compete with it, including actual sex with a real partner.**

Park, B. Y., et al. (2016). Is Internet Pornography Causing Sexual Dysfunctions? A Review with Clinical Reports. *Behavioral Sciences*, 6, 17. doi:10.3390/bs6030017; Volkow, N. D., Koob, G. F., & McLellan, A. T. (2016). Neurobiological Advances from the Brain Disease Model of Addiction. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 374, 363-371. doi:10.1056/NEJMra1511480; Love, T., Laier, C., Brand, M., Hatch, L., & Hajela, R. (2015). Neuroscience of Internet Pornography Addiction: A Review and Update, *Behavioral Sciences*, 5(3), 388-433. doi: 10.3390/bs5030388; Voon, V., et al. (2014). Neural Correlates of Sexual Cue Reactivity in Individuals with and without Compulsive Sexual Behaviors, *PLoS ONE*, 9(7), e102419. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0102419; Hilton, D. L. (2013) Pornography addiction—a supranormal stimulus considered in the context of neuroplasticity. *Socioaffective Neuroscience and Technology* 3. 20767. doi:10.3402/snp.v3i0.20767; Wang, Y., Ghezzi, A., Yin, J. C. P., & Atkinson, N. S. (2009). CREB regulation of BK channel gene expression underlies rapid drug tolerance. *Gene Brains Behavior*, 8(4) 369-376. doi:10.1111/j.1601-183X.2009.00479.x; Angres, D. H. & Bettinardi-Angres, K. (2008). The Disease of Addiction: Origins, Treatment, and Recovery. *Disease-a-Month* 54: 696–721.

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**Porn can actually overpower the brain's natural ability to have real sex. As porn creates the perfect conditions and triggers the release of the right chemicals to make lasting changes in the brain.**

Doidge, N. (2007). *The Brain That Changes Itself*. (104) New York: Penguin Books

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**Like other addictive substances and behaviors, porn activates the part of the brain called the reward center, triggering the release of a cocktail of chemicals that give you a temporary buzz.**

Negash, S., Van Ness Sheppard, N., Lambert, N. M., & Fincham, F. D. (2016). Trading Later Rewards for Current Pleasure: Pornography Consumption and Delay Discounting. *The Journal of Sex Research*, 53(6), 698-700. doi:10.1080/00224499.2015.1025123; Voon, V., et al. (2014). Neural Correlates of Sexual Cue Reactivity in Individuals with and without Compulsive Sexual Behaviors, *PLoS ONE*, 9(7), e102419. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0102419; Pitchers, K. K., et al. (2013). Natural and Drug Rewards Act on Common Neural Plasticity Mechanisms with DeltaFosB as a Key Mediator. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 33(8), 3434-3442. doi:10.1523/JNEUROSCI.4881-12.2013

Volkow, N. D., Koob, G. F., & McLellan, A. T. (2016). Neurobiological Advances from the Brain Disease Model of Addiction. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 374, 363-371. doi:10.1056/NEJMra1511480; Pace, S. (2014). Acquiring Tastes through Online Activity: Neuroplasticity and the Flow Experiences of Web Users. *M/C Journal*, 17(1). Retrieved from <http://journal.media-culture.org.au/index.php/mcjournal/article/view/773>

### **Porn and Violence**

**NOTE:** this does not include the body of knowledge around the people featured in porn videos as experiencing violence and/or human trafficking. We are still compiling that data.

**Correlated to Male Sexual Objectification of Women and Attitudes Supporting Violence against Women: Among collegiate men, frequency of exposure to men’s lifestyle magazines, reality TV programs that objectify women, and pornography, predicted more objectified cognitions about women and stronger attitudes supportive of violence against women.**

Paul J. Wright and Robert S. Tokunaga, “Men’s Objectifying Media Consumption, Objectification of Women, and Attitudes Supportive of Violence against Women,” *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 45, no. 4 (2016): 955–64.

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### **Pedophile Culture:**

**The “teen” porn category has topped porn site searches for the last six years.**

*Pornhub, “Pornhub’s 2018 Year in Review,” (2019).*

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**The most common female role stated in porn titles is that of women in their 20’s portraying teenagers.**

*2013, Millward conducted the largest personal research study on the Porn Industry in the U.S. He interviewed 10,000 porn performers about various aspects of the business.*

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**There are over 100 studies showing that pornography use is both correlated with and is the cause (shown through experimental studies) of a wide range of violent behaviors. Over 50 studies show a strong connection between pornography and sexual violence.**

Neil M. Malamuth, Tamara Addison, and Mary Koss, “Pornography and Sexual Aggression: Are there Reliable Effects and Can We Understand Them?” *Annual Review of Sex Research* 11(2000): 26-91; Jochen Peter and Patti M. Valkenburg, “Adolescents and Pornography: A Review of 20 Years of Research,” *The Journal of Sex Research* (2016): 1-23, doi: 10.1080/00224499.2016.1143441

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**The use of pornography by batterers significantly increased a battered woman’s odds of being sexually abused. Pornography use alone increased the odds by a factor of almost 2, and the combination of pornography and alcohol increased the odds of sexual abuse by a factor of 3.46**

**Other research has found that pornography use by batterers is associated with learning about sex through pornography, imitation of behaviors seen in pornography, comparison of women to pornography performers, introduction of other sexual partners, filming sexual acts without consent, and the broader culture of pornography (e.g., fetishes).**

Janet Hinson Shope, “When Words Are Not Enough: The Search for the Effect of Pornography on Abused Women,” *Violence Against Women* 10, no. 1 (2004): 56–72.

Walter S. DeKeseredy and Amanda Hall-Sanchez, “Adult Pornography and Violence against Women in the Heartland: Results from a Rural Southeast Ohio Study,” *Violence against Women* (May 2016), 1–20.

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**Males who use pornography and go to strip clubs were found to engage in more sexual abuse, stalking, and marital rape than abusers who did not use pornography and go to strip clubs.**

C. Simmons, P. Lehmann, and S. Collier-Tenison, “Linking Male Use of the Sex Industry to Controlling Behaviors in Violent Relationships: An Exploratory Analysis,” *Violence Against Women* 14, no. 4 (2008): 406–417.

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**One longitudinal study of SEM exposure and subsequent sexual aggression among youth found that intentional exposure to violent SEM over time predicted an almost six-fold increase in the odds of self-reported sexually aggressive behavior.**

Ybarra, ML, Mitchell, KJ, Hamburger M, Diener-West, M, Leaf, PJ. ( 2011) “*X-rated material and perpetration of sexually aggressive behavior among children and adolescents: is there a link?*” *Jan-Feb*; 37(1): 1-18.doi: 10.1002/ab20367.

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**One study found that women are pressured to engage in anal sex when their male partners see porn featuring anal sex.**

Bonomi, AE, Nemeth, JM, Altenburger, LE, Anderson, ML, Snyder, A, Dotto, I. (2014) “Fiction or not? Fifty Shades is associated with health risks in adolescent and young adult females”. *Womens Health (Larchmt)*. Sep;23(9):720-8. doi: 10.1089/jwh.2014.4782. Epub 2014 Aug 21.

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**Aggressive acts against women in pornography occur in roughly 87% of the scenes, and 95% of the time when these acts are committed, women respond with expressions of pleasure or neutrality.**

Ana J. Bridges, Robert Wosnitzer, Erica Scharrer, Chyng Sun, and Rachael Liberman, "Aggression and Sexual Behavior in Best-Selling Pornography Videos: A Content Analysis Update," *Violence Against Women* 16, no. 10 (2010): 1065-1085

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**Pornography acts as a form of sexual education, teaching the lesson that female sexual partners ought to enjoy physical acts such as hitting, gagging, slapping, or nonconsensual sex. Unsurprisingly, the research is clear that even mainstream pornography use by frequent viewers is associated with greater intent to commit rape.**

Foubert, J., Brosi, M., & Bannon, S. (2011). Pornography viewing among fraternity men: Effects on bystander intervention, rape myth acceptance & behavioral intent to commit sexual assault. *Sexual Addiction & Compulsivity*, 18: 212-231.

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**In a study of 271 battered women, it was found that 30% of the abusers reportedly used pornography. The study concluded that "the majority of women (58%) whose abusers used pornography acknowledged that the pornography had affected their abuse..."**

Janet Hinson Shope, "When Words Are Not Enough: The Search for the Effect of Pornography on Abused Women," *Violence Against Women* 10, no. 1 (2004): 56-72

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**"We have seen a huge increase in deprivation of liberty, physical injuries, torture, drugging, filming and sharing footage without consent."**

Di Macleod, Director of the Gold coast Centre Against Sexual Violence, personal correspondence to Melinda Tankard Reist, 7 April 2015. [https://www.collectiveshout.org/why\\_domestic\\_violence\\_will\\_rule\\_for\\_as\\_long\\_as\\_pornography\\_exists](https://www.collectiveshout.org/why_domestic_violence_will_rule_for_as_long_as_pornography_exists)

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**"In another study of 40 survivors of marital rape, pornography was used by one third of the abusive partners—often women were forced to watch pornography and to enact what they had seen."**

Bergen, R. K. (1998). The reality of wife rape: women's experiences of sexual violence in marriage. In R.K. Bergen (Ed.) *Issues in intimate violence* (pp 237-250). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

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**Hardcore Pornography Portrays Paraphilic Disorders and Extreme Sex: Since the 1950s, the distribution and availability of pornography has become increasingly normalized. Pornography exposure among college males is now almost universal.**

*Gail Dines, Pornland: How Porn Has Hijacked Our Sexuality, (Boston, MA: Beacon Press, 2010), 1–23.*

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**Boys and men are consuming hardcore pornography, which may include depictions of sex with persons who look like children or teens, scenarios portraying incest, and other paraphilic interests such as sex with animals (i.e. zoophilia), excretory activities (i.e. coprophilia/urophilia), and violence against women, including rape (i.e. biastophilia) and torture (i.e. algolania).**

*John D. Foubert, Matthew W. Brosi, and R. Sean Bannon, “Effects of Fraternity Men’s Pornography Use on Bystander Intervention, Rape Myth Acceptance and Behavioral Intent to Commit Sexual Assault,” Sexual Addiction & Compulsivity: The Journal of Treatment & Prevention 18, no. 4 (2011): 212–231.*

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**Today “. . . mainstream commercial pornography has coalesced around a relatively homogenous script involving violence and female degradation.”**

*Robert Peters, “How Adult Pornography Contributes to Sexual Exploitation of Children” (September 2009); Foubert, *ibid*; Ana Bridges, Robert Wosnitzer, Erica Scharrer, Chyng Sun, and Rachael Liberman, “Aggression and Sexual Behavior in Best-Selling Pornography Videos: A Content Analysis Update,” Violence Against Women 16, no. 10 (2010): 1065-1085; Gail Dines, *ibid*. 11Sun, *ibid*.*

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**A study of 804 Italian males and females aged 14 to 19, found that males who viewed pornography were significantly more likely to report having sexually harassed a peer or forcing someone to have sex.**

*Silvia Bonino, Silvia Ciairano, Emanuela Rabagliette, and Elena Cattellino, “Use of Pornography and SelfReported Engagement in Sexual Violence among Adolescents,” European Journal of Developmental Psychology 3, no. 3 (2006):265-288.*

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**Analysis of the 50 most popular pornographic videos (those bought and rented most often) found that 88% of scenes contained physical violence, and 49% contained verbal aggression.**

**Eighty-seven percent of aggressive acts were perpetrated against women, and 95% of their responses were either neutral or expressions of pleasure.**

*Ana J. Bridges, Robert Wosnitzer, Erica Scharrer, Chyng Sun, and Rachael Liberman, "Aggression and Sexual Behavior in Best-Selling Pornography Videos: A Content Analysis Update," Violence against Women 16, no. 10 (2010): 1065–1085.*

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**In a separate content analysis of free, Internet pornography, researchers found that nearly half of all videos in which two or more persons were present ended with the act of ejaculation on the face or mouth of a female by one or more males.**

*Stacy Gorman, Elizabeth Monk-Turner, and Jennifer N. Fish, "Free Adult Internet Web Sites: How Prevalent*

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**Committing Sexual Offenses and Accepting Rape Myths: A meta-analysis of 46 studies reported that the effects of exposure to pornographic material are "clear and consistent," and that pornography use puts people at increased risk for committing sexual offenses and accepting rape myths.**

*Elizabeth Paolucci-Oddone, Mark Genuis, and Claudio Violato, "A Meta-Analysis of the Published Research on the Effects of Pornography," The Changing Family and Child Development, ed. Claudio Violato, Elizabeth Paolucci, and Mark Genuis (Aldershot, England: Ashgate Publishing, 2000), 48–59.*

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**A 2015 meta-analysis of 22 studies from seven countries found that internationally the consumption of pornography was significantly associated with increases in verbal and physical aggression, among males and females alike.**

*Paul J. Wright, Robert S. Tokunaga, and Ashley Kraus, "A Meta-Analysis of Pornography Consumption and Actual Acts of Sexual Aggression in General Population Studies," Journal of Communication 66, no. 1 (February 2016): 183–205.*

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**A study of 14- to 19-year-olds found that females who watched pornographic videos were at significantly greater likelihood of being victims of sexual harassment or sexual assault.**

*Silvia Bonino, Silvia Ciairano, Emanuela Rabagliette, and Elena Cattelino, "Use of Pornography and Self-Reported Engagement in Sexual Violence among Adolescents," European Journal of Developmental Psychology 3, no. 3 (2006):265-288.*

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**A Swedish study of 18-year-old males found that frequent users of pornography were significantly more likely to have sold and bought sex than other boys of the same age.**

*Carl Göran Svedin, Ingrid Åkerman, and Gisela Priebe, "Frequent Users of Pornography. A Population Based Epidemiological Study of Swedish Male Adolescents," Journal of Adolescence 34, no. 4 (2011): 779-788.*

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**Some pornography consumers use pornography to build sexual excitement in advance of purchasing sex from prostituted persons; others seek to reenact pornographic scenes on prostituted persons.**

*Mimi H. Silbert and Ayala M. Pines, "Pornography and Sexual Abuse of Women," Sex Roles 10, no. 11/12 (1984): 857-868; Rachel Durchslag and Samir Goswami, Deconstructing the Demand for Prostitution: Preliminary Insights from Interviews with Chicago Men Who Purchase Sex, (Chicago, IL: Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, 2008); Victor Malarek, The Johns: Sex for Sale and the Men Who Buy It (New York: NY Arcade Publishing, Inc. 2009).*

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**An analysis of 101 sex buyers, compared to 100 men who did not buy sex, found that sex buyers masturbate to pornography more often than non-sex buyers, masturbate to more types of pornography, and reported that their sexual preferences changed so that they sought more sadomasochistic and anal sex.**

*Farley et al., "Comparing Sex Buyers with Men Who Don't Buy Sex: 'You Can Have a Good Time with the Servitude' vs. 'You're Supporting a System of Degradation.'" Paper presented at Psychologists for Social Responsibility Annual Meeting July 15, 2011, Boston, MA. San Francisco: Prostitution Research & Education (2011).*

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**Other research also demonstrates an association between purchase of commercial sex acts and pornography use.**

*Steven Stack, Ira Wasserman, and Roger Kern, "Adult Social Bonds and Use of Internet Pornography," Social Science Quarterly 85 (2004): 75-88; Martin A. Monto and Nick McRee, "A Comparison of the Male Customers of Female Street Prostitutes With National Samples of Men," International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology 49, no. 5 (2005): 505-529; Martin A. Monto, "Summary Report for National Institute of Justice Grant #97-IJ-CX-0033 'Focusing on the Clients of Street Prostitutes: A Creative Approach to Reducing Violence Against Women'" (October 30, 1999); Durchslag, *ibid.**

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**A survey of 4,564 adolescents aged 14–17 in five European countries found that viewing Internet pornography is significantly associated with an increased probability of having sent sexual images and messages (sexting) among boys.**

*Nicky Stanley et al., "Pornography, Sexual Coercion and Abuse and Sexting in Young People's Intimate Relationships: A European Study," Journal of Interpersonal Violence (2016): 1–26.*

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**A separate survey of 617 college freshman found that 30% of participants sent nude pictures at some time during high school; 45% had received nude pictures on their cell phones. The most important motivation for sexting was coercion such as blackmail or threats. About half of all sexting may be coercive.**

*Elizabeth Englander, Low Risk Associated with Most Teenage Sexting: A Study of 617 18-Year-Olds, (Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center, 2012).*

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**In a systematic review and meta-analysis of 14 cross-sectional studies about young people aged 10-24 years, sexting was strongly correlated with having had sexual intercourse, recent sexual activity, alcohol and other drug use before sexual intercourse, as well as having multiple recent sexual partners.**

*Lucy Watchirs Smith, Bette Liu, Louisa Degenhardt, et al., "Is Sexual Content in New Media Linked to Sexual Risk Behaviour in Young People? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis," Sexual Health, August 11, 2016, doi: 10.1071/sh16037.*

**Child Impact:**

**NOTE:** this does not include the vast body of knowledge surround child rape/ torture trafficking victims featured in porn videos.

**Analyzing the results of a random-sample survey of 1,500 kids ages 10 to 17, they recently found that kids don't start seeking out Internet porn until age 14, when they're "age-appropriately curious about sex."**

Michele L. Ybarra, MPH, PhD, Kimberly J. Mitchell, PhD, Janis Wolak, JD, David Finkelhor, PhD.(2006). "Examining Characteristics and Associated Distress Related to Internet Harassment: Findings From the Second Youth Internet Safety Survey". Internet Solutions for Kids, Inc, Irvine, California; Crimes Against Children Research Center, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire.

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**Most statistics on pornography use say the average age of a child's first exposure to pornography is 11 years old. New research from the security technology company Bitdefender, has reported children under the age of 10 now account for 22% of online porn consumption under 18 -years old. Particularly alarming is that the site most visited by children under 10 include porn mega sites like Pornhub. The under 10 age group is now accounting for one in 10 visitors to porn video sites, per Bitdefender.**

Munteanu, C. Muresan, R. (2018). Analysis of Porn use of children. Internetsafety101.org/pornographystatistics

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**A study of university students found that 93% of boys and 62% of girls had seen Internet pornography during adolescence. The researchers reported that the degree of exposure to paraphilic and deviant sexual activity before age 18 was of “particular concern.**

Chiara Sabina, Janis Wolak, and David Finkelhor, “The Nature and Dynamics of Internet Pornography Exposure for Youth,” *CyberPsychology & Behavior* 11, no. 6 (2008):691–693.

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**Another sample has shown that among college males, nearly 49% first encountered pornography before age 13.**

Chyng Sun, Ana Bridges, Jennifer Johnson, and Matt Ezzell, “Pornography and the Male Sexual Script: An Analysis of Consumption and Sexual Relations,” *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 45, no. 4 (May, 2016): 983–94.

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**A nationally representative survey found that 64% of young people, ages 13–24, actively seek out pornography weekly or more often.**

Barna Group, *The Porn Phenomenon: The Impact of Pornography in the Digital Age*, (Ventura, CA: Josh McDowell Ministry, 2016).

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**While hardcore pornography users are typically male, use among younger females use is increasing. Teenage girls and young women are significantly more likely to actively seek out porn than women 25 years old and above.**

Barna Group, “News Conference on Barna’s New Study: ‘The Porn Phenomenon,’” (January 15, 2016), <https://www.barna.org/blog/culture-media/barna-group/porn-press-conference#.VrS9OrSJndl> (accessed June 27, 2016).

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**A survey from a general population of Internet pornography users found that users of pornography depicting sexual abuse of children also consume both hardcore pornography (featuring ostensibly adult performers), as well as animal pornography. There were no consumers of child sexual abuse images who only collected child sexual abuse images.**

Kathryn C. Seigfried-Spellar and Marcus K. Rogers, "Does Deviant Pornography Use Follow a Guttman-like Progression," Computers in Human Behavior 29 (2013): 1997–2003.

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**A separate study examining 231 Swiss men charged in a 2002 case for possession of child sexual abuse images (i.e. child pornography), found that 60% percent also used pornography that depicted sexual acts with animals, excrement, or brutality; 33% consumed at least three or more types of deviant pornography. Researchers also found that those convicted for possessing child sexual abuse images were more likely to subscribe to commercial websites containing legal (according to Swiss law) pornographic material (19% vs. 4%).**

Endrass et al., "The Consumption of Internet Child Pornography and Violent and Sex Offending," BMC Psychiatry 9, no. 43 (2009).

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**Recorded child sexual exploitation (known as "child porn") is one of the fastest-growing online businesses.**

**624,000+ child porn traders have been discovered online in the U.S.**

Barna Group, The Porn Phenomenon: The Impact of Pornography in the Digital Age, (Ventura, CA: Josh McDowell Ministry, 2016).

**Between 2005 and 2009, child porn was hosted on servers located in all 50 states.**

Association of Sites Advocating Child Protection

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**Fraternity men who consumed mainstream pornography expressed a greater intent to commit rape if they knew they would not be caught than those who did not consume pornography. Those who consumed sadomasochistic pornography expressed significantly less willingness to intervene in situations of sexual violence, greater belief in rape myths, and greater intent to commit rape.**

**Among those who consumed rape-themed pornography, the researchers described “serious effects” including less bystander willingness to intervene, greater belief in rape myth, and greater intent to commit rape. In other words, there was no type of pornography that did not result in a greater intent to commit rape by a user if they knew they would not be caught.**

John D. Foubert, Matthew W. Brosi, and R. Sean Bannon, “Effects of Fraternity Men’s Pornography Use on Bystander Intervention, Rape Myth Acceptance and Behavioral Intent to Commit Sexual Assault,” *Sexual Addiction & Compulsivity: The Journal of Treatment & Prevention* 18, no. 4 (2011): 212–231.

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**Pornography as a Form of Sexual Exploitation: “Pornography may meet the legal definition of trafficking to the extent that the pornographer recruits, entices, or obtains the people depicted in pornography for the purpose of photographing commercial sex acts.”**

Farley et al., “Comparing Sex Buyers with Men Who Do Not Buy Sex: New Data on Prostitution and Trafficking.” *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, (2015).

**Producer quotes:**

**“I’d like to show what I believe the men want to see: violence against women. I firmly believe that we serve a purpose by showing that. The most violent we can get is the \*\*\*\* in the face. Men get off behind that, because they get even with the women they can’t have. We try to inundate the world with \*\*\*\* in the face.”**

Bill Marigold, quoted in Robert J. Stoller and I. S. Levine, *Coming Attractions: The Making of an X-Rated Video* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1993) p. 22.

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**“Essentially it comes from every man who is unhappily married, and he looks at his wife who just nagged at him about this or that or what not and he says, ‘I’d like to \*\*\*\* you in the \*\*\*.’ He’s angry at her, right? And he can’t, so he would rather watch some girl taking it \*\*\*\* and fantasize at that point he’s doing whatever girl happened to be mean to him that particular day, and that is the attraction, because when people watch anal, nobody wants to watch a girl enjoying anal.”**

Paul Hesky, quoted in Robert Jensen, *Getting Off: Pornography and the End of Masculinity* (South End Press, 2001) p. 58.

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**“People just want it harder, harder, and harder, because like Ron said, What are you gonna do next?”**

– Jerome Tanner, “AVN Directors Roundtable,” *Adult Video News*, January 2003

**“Sometimes we do a \*\*\*\* line, where the girl’s giving \*\*\*\*, and she’s gagging so much she vomits. ... It’s repugnant. It is, Yes. We’ve got tons of stuff they technically could arrest us for. And when this happened, I put on our website—I made a big speech: ‘I welcome the LAPD to come on down.’ I said, ‘Come and get me,’ I said, ‘Because we won’t go down without a fight. We will fight this. Regardless of the cost, we will fight it. We will take it to the airwaves.’”**

– Rob Black, *PBS Frontline*, PBS.org

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**“People want more. They want to know how many \*\*\*\* you can shove up an \*\*\*... It’s like Fear Factor meets Jackass. Make it more hard, make it more nasty, make it more relentless. The guys make the difference. You need a good guy, who’s been around and can give a good scene, \*\*\*\* ’em hard. I did my homework. These guys are intense.”**

– Mitchell Spinelli, *Adult Video News*, September 2004