

HJ 4

EXPOSURE TO PORNOGRAPHY – PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

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What does the resolution do ?

- Calls for recognition that pornography is a public health hazard leading to a broad spectrum of individual and public health concerns.
- Calls for the need of education, prevention, research and policy change at the community and societal level.

Why do we need the resolution ?

- The need for THE RESOLUTION comes from recent scientific research that has found that viewers of pornography develop maladaptive behavior which negatively affects our communities and nation.
- Some of these maladaptive behaviors include an increase in violence towards women, **a larger demand for sex trafficking of both women and children**, and physical changes in brain chemistry that result in a shrinkage in the brain.
- Even if you protect your children, the influences from youth who are not protected from porn will be an influence to others at school. For this reason, education on the negative effects of pornography needs to be widely known.

Other States

- Arkansas - 2017
- Florida - 2018
- Idaho – 2018
- Kansas – 2017
- Kentucky – 2018
- Louisiana – 2017
- Pennsylvania – 2018
- South Dakota – 2017
- Tennessee – 2017
- Utah – 2016
- Virginia – 2017

Why pornography is a public
health issue?

Contributes to Human Trafficking

- There is a direct connection between pornography and human trafficking. Porn leads some to become traffickers/predators/pimps and others to become victims.
- The Huffington Post reported that, “men who go to prostitutes are twice as likely to have watched a porn film in the last year compared to the general population,” based on research from Fight the New Drug
- Fight The New Drug’s CEO Clay Olsen said, “porn fuels the demand for the sex trade.”

Social Impact

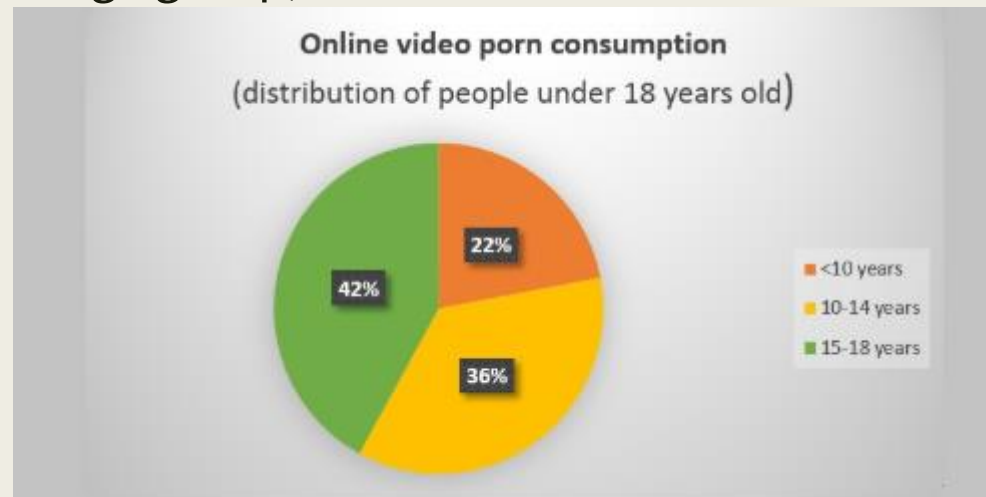
- Those who watch “pornography are more like to show an increased behavioral intent to rape, and are more likely to believe rape myths”
- Of 304 pornography scenes analyzed, 88.2% contained physical aggression, principally spanking, gagging, and slapping, while 48.7% of scenes contained verbal aggression, primarily name-calling. Perpetrators of aggression were usually male, whereas targets of aggression were overwhelmingly female.
- Extramarital sex is one of the most commonly cited reasons for divorce, and Pornography consumption is correlated with positive attitudes towards extramarital affairs.

Young exposure research:

- Children and youth are exposed to pornography that often times serves as their sex education and shapes their sexual templates.
- 90% of 18 year old men have been exposed to pornography – much of which is hard-core. Of the 90%, the average age of **first exposure was between 8-11**
- 60% of 18 year old women have been exposed as well
- Only 3% of boys and 17% of girls have never seen internet pornography

Under Age 10

- According to Bitdefender, a security technology company, “kids under the age of 10 now account for 22% of online porn consumption among the under 18 age.”
- “Internal intelligence from Bitdefender’s parental control feature revealed that the under-10 age group is now accounting for 1 in 10 of the visitors to porn video sites (of the under 18 age group).”



After children watch pornography:

- Children feel that it is ok to engage in acts that exploit themselves
 - Sex at a younger age
 - Engage in risky sexual behavior
 - Increasingly aggressive behavioral tendencies
- Then, after exploiting themselves, children also feel the blame and associated guilt which causes them to resort to other risky behaviors (alcohol/sex)
- Depression increases, bad health and habits increase, lower their standards for society

What pornography influences:

“ It teaches girls that they are to be used and teaches boys to be users.”

- Pornography **increases sexual abuse and violence** towards women and children by treating them as “objects”
- Pornography contributes **to low self-esteem, eating disorders, an increase in problematic sexual activity among minors**, and it increases sexual behavior



Why Declaring Pornography a Public Health Crisis is Important

- Open the door for more funding opportunities toward pornography treatment programs
- Create greater awareness of pornography's ills and create further dialogue between parents and children, and husbands and wives

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Questions ?