PORNOGRAPHY

* **Big business (9)**

1. 13,000 films made yearly earning $15 billion (NFL made $15 billion in 2019)

* **Internet--“Crack cocaine for sexual addiction” (3, 4)**

1. 70% of sites accessed from work

*- Businesses report lost productivity, sexual harassment, & viruses*

1. Estimated 40 million Americans view—10-15% addicts
2. By age 18, 93% of boys & 62% of girls have seen Internet pornography

*- 67% of boys, 33% of girls 13-24 use once/month*

*- Among 13-17 year olds, 8% use daily; 18% weekly; 17% once or twice/month*

*- Among 18-24 year olds, 12% use daily; 26% weekly; 19% once or twice/month - - Among 25-30 year olds, 8% use daily; 17% weekly; 20% once or twice/month*

* **Dangers to individuals (6, 7, 8)**

1. Addictive

*- Like drugs & alcohol—neurochemical dependency on sexual imagery*

*- Hormone epinephrine secreted in bloodstream from sexual image & locked in memory*

*- Hormones during sexual activity that alter brain—bonding with partner, rewards; no partner, just rewards*

1. Progressive

*- Softcore (Playboy, Penthouse)*

*- Hardcore (Explicit films—88% contain physical violence or aggression; nearly all to women)*

*- Perversions (Homosexual violence, child pornography, bestiality)*

*- Death ("Snuff" films, violent acts)*

1. Influential to "vulnerable" types

*- All death-row inmates' commonality*

* **Dangers to marriages (8)**

1. Persistent—won't stop after wedding day; risk of addiction
2. Destructive*—*ruins intimacy & sexual relations; temptation of adultery
3. Unfair*—*spouse can't compete

* **Dangers to children—average age of 1st exposure=11 (5)**

1. Dehumanizing of people; negative beliefs about marriage & family
2. Earlier sexual activity & risk of STD
3. Exposure to bestiality, group sex, child pornography; addiction

* **Dangers to communities (2)**

1. Crime increases
2. Property values decrease
3. Other retail store sales decrease

* **Obscenity tests—1973 Miller v. California Supreme Court ruling (2)**

1. Degrading/shameful
2. Offensive
3. Devoid of societal value

* **Scriptural help**

1. Use God’s power—walk in Spirit (Ga 5:16; 2 Pe 1:3-4)
2. Make the decision—purify your house (Ps 101:2-3)
3. Guard your eyes—shift focus away from visual temptation (Jb 31:1; Mt 5:27-29)
4. Guard your mind—shift focus to memorized verses or prayer (Co 3:1-3)
5. Guard your heart—focus on cherishing spouse (Pr 5:15-23)
6. Share your struggle—[newlife.com](http://newlife.com) (Ja 5:16)

* **Resources**

1. *What’s the Big Deal with Pornography?* (Dr. Jill Manning)
2. <https://world.wng.org/2018/02/lustful_eyes>
3. <https://www.barna.com/the-porn-phenomenon>
4. <https://www.independent.ie/entertainment/porn-now-the-wallpaper-of-our-lives>
5. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/real-healing/201208/overexposed-and-under-prepared>
6. *Every Man’s Battle* (Stephen Arterburn & Fred Stoeker)
7. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424127887323628004578456710204395042>
8. *Life on the Edge* (James Dobson)
9. <https://medium.com/@Strange_bt_True/how-big-is-the-porn-industry-fbc1ac78091b>

SEX EDUCATION

* **Sex Week on college campuses**

1. Started at Yale; now at Harvard, Brown, Duke, Northwestern, Illinois, Wisconsin…

2. In the name of academic freedom, classes watch pornography, see strippers perform, taught how to have

sado-masochist sex…

* **Sexuality Information & Education Council of the US (SIECUS)**

1. Board member Wardell Pomeroy on incest: “Incest between adults and younger children can be a satisfying

and enriching experience.”

2. Co-founder Mary Calderone on pedophilia: “It’s not that it is a bad thing or a wicked thing; it simply should not

be a part of life in general right out on the sidewalk.”

* **B4U-ACT**

1. Advocates for pedophiles or “minor-attracted people.” They are not advocating treatment to change sexual

feelings—it is just another sexual orientation.

* **National Education Association (NEA)**

1. Established groups to “queer elementary school children” (discuss sexuality & state that behaviors aren’t

wrong)

* **Sex education in states**

1. 24 require it

*- 21 of those require HIV education as well*

*- WI doesn’t—only human growth & development & HIV ed*

2. Two forms: comprehensive & risk avoidance

3. Parents have to opt child out

4. Child cannot opt out of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI)

* **Comprehensive sex education (K-12)**

1. Gender is on a spectrum

2. Follow your feelings/attractions

3. Slang terms for body parts

4. Details on sexual acts

*- Masturbation*

*- Sex toys*

5. 13 lessons—45 minutes each

6. Discussions with another student at end of every lesson

* **Sexual risk avoidance education**

1. Abstinence plus conflict resolution, dating violence, sexual abuse, pornography

2. 25% of girls, 16% of boys sexually abused (CDC)

* **Results**

1. Percentage having teenage sex

*- 1988: 60% of boys, 51% of girls*

*- 2016: 41% of both (CDC)*

* **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) & pornography**

1. All forms should be legal

2. All public libraries should give access

3. Parents cannot prohibit their children from accessing