

Senate Bill 2307 and SB 2380

Pornography Causes Depression and Mental Health Problems

- Youth who are depressed or have delinquent tendencies are known to have higher levels of pornography exposure.
- Pornography use is a recognized predictor of depression.
- Younger age at first pornography viewing is associated with frequency of adult mental health problems.

Pornography Causes Permissive Sexual Attitudes and Behaviors

- Pornography use, even when infrequent, is associated with abnormal behaviors.
- In males, early exposure to pornography predicted "permissive sexual norms, sexual harassment perpetration" and various forms of sexual behavior.
- Even when controlling for other factors, pornography consumption influences sexual behaviors.
- Adolescents who are exposed to pornography are more likely to have multiple sexual partners.
- Early exposure to pornography is associated with initiation of sexual behavior at a younger age.
- In young men, pornography viewing is associated with higher rates of sexual coercion and violent or abusive behavior.
- Pornography consumption is associated with negative gender attitudes.
- Pornography exposure is associated with substance abuse.

Pornography Contributes to Poor Academic Performance

- Exposure to pornography has been shown to interfere with working memory in a way not seen with exposure to other stimuli, including negative stimuli.
- Sexually explicit images affect the brain's emotion/attention processing.
- In early adolescent boys, pornography exposure was associated with reduced academic performance.

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The Research-Backed Links Between Pornography & Child Sexual Abuse

- Pornography Feeds the Growing Appetites of Child Sexual Abusers
- Child Sexual Abusers Use Pornography to Create Plans of Action
- Child Sexual Abusers' Tastes for Pornographic Content Depicting Younger Performers Increase Over Time
- Abusers Point Children to Pornography as a Way to Groom and "Train" Their Victims
- Pornography Normalizes Deviant and Dangerous Sexual Behaviors
- Pornography Has Been Found to Be Connected to a Rise in Child-on-Child Harmful Sexual Behavior

Source:

<https://endsexualexploitation.org/articles/the-research-backed-connections-betweenpornography-and-child-sexual-abuse>

"In this day and age, you will never find a man who has sexually offended who is not deeply steeped in pornography prior to offending. So pornography is the common denominator among all sexual offenses."

Jon Uhler

Therapist with 30 years experience counseling both victims and perpetrators

Full interview:

<https://rumble.com/v27luo0-is-pedophilia-becoming-normalized-a-therapist-for-sexualoffenders-weighs-i.html>

The Brain on Porn

- Brains are hardwired to learn, and learning changes the brain
- Dopamine, produced by the brain, drives learning and curiosity and can become addictive
- Addiction changes the brain; cocaine brain and sexually-addicted brain look the same
- The brain sees explicit material the same way whether cartoon, drawing, picture, or video
- Exposure to pornography traumatizes children's brains
- Trauma reduces brain matter by 10-12%
- Long-term porn exposure reduces brain gray matter

“Exposing children to pornography should be forbidden and better regulated, as it is violating their spiritual boundaries and evolving beliefs around body, sexual development and intimate relationships, in a similar way that direct sexual abuse on their body does. If this trauma is not identified and processed promptly, the survivor runs the risk of reenacting as an attempt to resolve what once left him or her powerless, or of even engaging in similar criminal behaviors”

--Dr. Caroline Giroux, psychiatrist (2021)

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