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Pornified Life:
From the Sexual Revolution to the
MeToo Movement
The Message is the Enemy

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Pornified

The Society

has become

Pornified

Pornified

Sex is a product

The body is a commodity

Pornified

If it is a product,

You can sell it

You can steal it

Pornified

Selling it

Sexual Exploitation Industry

includes

Pornography, Strip clubs, Prostitution,
Sex Trafficking

Stealing it

Sexual Violence and Abuse

includes

Sexual harassment, rape, incest

Pornified

Sexual Exploitation Industry
And
Sexual Abuse
Are
**Seamless
Interconnected
Continua**

Pornified

Common message

The belief that the point of women's bodies is for sexual entertainment for men and that men are entitled to sex.

Learning

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Pictures
Rewards
Role models
Aroused
Anonymous

Learning

Pornography
Especially
Internet Pornography
Is the
Perfect Learning Environment

Learning

Except that everything
it teaches you is a lie

Learning

What is it teaching us?

Permission-Giving Beliefs

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- Pornography produces Permission-Giving Beliefs
- Permission-Giving Beliefs are beliefs that say what I am doing is normal, doesn't hurt anyone, and everyone is doing it, etc.
- Therefore, I don't need to change my behavior.
- Those who have a problem with my behavior are wrong, crazy, prudish.

Permission-Giving Beliefs

Examples

- All people want sex with all people all the time.
- Women enjoy being raped
- Women enjoy degrading sex
- Children enjoy sex with adults

Mis-education about Sex

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- Sex is not about intimacy, caring, love or respect
- Sex is not about marriage or having children
- Sex is recreation.
- You don't need to know your partner.
- Sex with strangers is the best and most intense kind of sex

Mis-education about Sex

- Sex is adversarial
- Pornography is a one-way street with focus only on one's own pleasure. There is no need to consider the others needs or feelings.
- No one ever says no.

Mis-education about Sex

Pornography and violence images:

304 scenes in pornographic videos analyzed

- 88.2% scenes contained **physical aggression**: spanking, gagging, and slapping, etc.
- 48.7% of scenes contained **verbal aggression**: name-calling, etc.
- Teaching the viewer that **violence is sexy**

Mis-education about Sex

Sex talk with your son?

- during sex he should choke her, gag her, slap her, pull her hair
- finish up on her face and in her eyes
- if she says no he should rape her

Mis-education about Sex

**If you would not tell you son that
then why would you
let some pornographer make money
by teaching him those lessons?**

Pornified Thinking

What pornified men think

- That women enjoy rape
- More acceptance of the rape myth
- That rapists deserve less time in prison

What pornified men think

- They have an adversarial view of sex
- They have more sexually callous beliefs

What pornified men think

- They are more accepting of violence against women
- They see women as sex objects
- They have reduced support for the women's liberation movement

What pornified men think

- They are less satisfied with their partner's sexual performance
- They are more depressed
- They are more narcissistic
- They are more sexually entitled

What pornified men think

- They have a greater desire for sex without emotional involvement
- They have a greater acceptance of sex outside of marriage for married individuals
- They have a greater acceptance of sex before marriage
- They are less child centered during marriage
- They are less desiring of female children

What pornified men think

- They are more sexually attracted to children
- They are less likely to think pornography needs to be restricted from children

What pornified men think

The increasing use of pornography is related to
higher psychopath scores

Pornified Behavior

How pornified men behave

Sexual dysfunction

- Erectile dysfunction
- Premature ejaculation
- Retarded ejaculation

- 58% of male pornography users (average age 25) had erectile dysfunction with women but not with pornography.

How pornified men behave

- They have more sex partners
- They try to get their partners to act out scenes from pornographic films
- They have affairs if they are married
- They prostitute women

How pornified men behave

- Those who prostituted women were more likely to engage in non consenting sex

How pornified men behave

Men who go to strip clubs are more likely to engage in non-consensual sex than those who do not go to strip clubs

How pornified men behave

- engage in behavioral aggression
- sexually abuse partners whom they have battered

How pornified men behave

- They use violent sexual fantasies to get themselves aroused
- Men who use porn are more narcissistic. Those who are more narcissistic are more likely to engage in sexual aggression
- They are more likely to sexually harass women

How pornified men behave

- Men who use porn have more sexual entitlement
- Men who have more sexual entitlement are more likely to engage in sexual aggression

How pornified men behave

- The earlier male children are exposed to pornography, the more likely they are to engage in non-consensual sex as young adults.

How pornified men behave

The factors that have been identified that are connected to sexual violence:

- Hostility toward women
- Sex is a casual, non-intimate, recreational, adversarial behavior
- Use of pornography

How pornified men behave

- 1 in 8 women are raped
- 25% of college females experience a rape or attempted rape
- 50% of women will be sexually harassed at some point in their life
- By the time a female is 18 years old, 38% have been sexually molested

How pornified men behave

Given the number of studies, the probability that there is not a connection between pornography and sexual violence is

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John Foubert

Pornified Women

Pornified Women

- More likely to accept the rape myth.
- More likely to have sexual fantasies that involve rape.
- Think rapists deserve less time in prison
- Have reduced support for the women's liberation movement

Pornified Women

The more pornography young adult females use the more likely they are to be **victims** of non-consensual sex.

Pornified Kids

Pornified Kids

Minors (<18) exposed to sexualized media (both pornography and sexualized TV) are more likely to:

- Have engaged in oral sex
- Have engaged in anal sex
- Have engaged in sexual intercourse

Pornified Kids

- Have earlier initiation of sex
- Have more sex partners
- Have had more than one sexual partner in the last 3 months
- Have sex more frequently

Pornified Kids

- Have a strong desire to conceive
- To become pregnant

Pornified Kids

- Test positive for Chlamydia
- Have used alcohol or other substances at last sexual encounter
- Have higher sexual permissiveness scores
- Have less progressive gender role attitudes

Pornified Kids

- Engage in more sexual harassment perpetration
- Engage in more non consensual sex

What's the Problem? What's the Solution?

The Message is the Enemy

Men are not the enemy
Women are not the enemy

The message is the enemy
The message is the solution

Pornography threatens the loss of love in a world where only love brings happiness

Roger Scruton

Love people Use things

Matt Fradd

Let us see what love can do

William Penn

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