



Inquiry into the impacts of harmful pornography on mental, emotional, and physical health

Your perspectives

5. What do you think are the impacts of early exposure to pornography?

Exposure to pornography, particularly in childhood and adolescence, is very harmful in undermining the normal development of empathy, particularly in males towards women and girls. Pornography encourages males to regard females as objects available for their sexual gratification. This exposure results in a distorted view of sexuality that is likely to interfere with the development of mutually satisfying relationships. It encourages boys to develop a sense of

6. Does harmful pornography impact some groups in the community more than others?

If so, which groups and how?

Obviously those who are exploited in the making of pornography are specifically harmed, with rates of PTSD among prostitutes exceeding that of war veterans. But beyond that the spread of pornography is also harmful generally to women and girls, as well as other members of our society who are particularly vulnerable to male violence including children, the elderly and

7. What is the impact of pornography on the formation and maintenance of relationships?

Pornography is a very common factor in cases of relationship breakdown. The spread of 'sex positive' ideology assists men and boys in coercing their female partners into tolerating and engaging in unwanted and often violent sexual activity, a lot of which is positively harmful to their physical health (eg: 'rough sex', choking, anal sex on young girls, and other high risk activity). Child

8. How does pornography impact attitudes towards sex of those viewing pornography?

Pornography sets up ridiculous expectations on both men and women, reducing sex to some kind of spectator sport where participants are rated on their athleticism, appearance and 'performance'. It encourages a fake and superficial approach to intimate relationships. At best no one cares if the woman is suffering discomfort or distress since it is her 'job' to simulate

9. What do you think are the impacts of harmful pornography on mental, emotional and physical health?

Pornography is not only physically harmful but also emotionally damaging for both participants and spectators. It encourages a harmful approach to intimate relationships which has many damaging outcomes for our community. It has an addictive quality which means that it has the potential

10. How does access to harmful pornography impact body image?

Pornography impacts badly on body image, setting up unnatural and largely unachievable expectations in relation to appearance and what to expect from an intimate encounter.

11. What do you think are the impacts of harmful pornography on mental, emotional and physical health of the family of the consumer, such as partners, children or parents?

Enter your answer

12. What is the relationship between pornography use and respect and consent education?

Enter your answer

13. Do you think there a link between harmful pornography and violence against women?

Enter your answer

14. Does pornography teach consumers that "no" does not always mean no?
Why/ why not?

Enter your answer

15. Do you think there is a link between harmful pornography and human trafficking?
Why/ why not?

Yes. Many women enter into prostitution while still children, and others do so as a result of financial hardship or as result of emotional abuse and manipulation. Claims as to consent are spurious. Andrew Tate is just one high profile pimp who openly talks about how he has profited from his ability to

16. Are you concerned that pornography can be used to groom children?
How?

Yes we know it is regularly used in this way.

17. What are the strengths and weaknesses of current laws and regulations regarding pornography?

Laws are only as effective as those enforcing them. Since males dominate politics, police and judiciary, the current laws are not very effective at all. With a majority of the male population accessing pornography for their sexual gratification, that is hardly surprising. We have a systemic problem.

18. Do you support the use of mandatory age verification for access to online pornography?

Why/ why not?

Yes. Age and identity (ie: scan of drivers license or passport etc). That should shut down most of it. However, we do not support everyone having to give age verification to use social media generally as this constitutes an unreasonable infringement on freedom of speech that is not needed. Pornography should not be accessible other than through secure sites, tightly

19. Do you support the use of mandatory tools such as internet service provider filtering to block all access to sites that contain harmful pornography?

Why/ why not?

Yes. For the reasons given above.

20. Do you support age limits for access to pornography?

Why/Why not?

Yes. For the reasons given above.

21. Are you concerned about the presence of pornography on social media sites?

Why/Why not?

Yes. For the reasons given above.

22. What measures should be taken to educate the public, especially children and young people, about the harms of pornography?

The adult public needs to be educated about the harms of pornography and children should be left to grow up free from having these adult concerns imposed on them. Sexualisation of children through inappropriate school curriculum is an issue. The basics of reproduction should be taught but a

23. What resources or support services are needed for individuals, especially children and young people, at risk from or affected by harmful pornography?

Ideally children and young people should have the support of their family. However, if family members are responsible for inappropriately exposing children to sexual content or activity, then mothers need to be supported to live independently of male sexual perpetrators. Too often women are

24. Do you have any specific recommendations for policymakers to address any impacts of harmful pornography?

Enter your answer

25. What additional research is required into the impacts of harmful pornography on individuals, relationships and society?

Enter your answer

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