

Effects On Women's Safety

A 1984 research study found that the state of Alaska ranked first both in porn magazine sales *and* in rapes. Nevada was second on both measures. (*Baron & Straus*)

A women's crisis center serving Wahperton, ND reported a 96% increase in domestic violence and sexual assault calls after a 2nd strip club opened in town. (*Not For Sale*)

100% of strippers surveyed in 1999 said they'd experienced physical abuse, sexual abuse, verbal harassment, and offers for prostitution while on the job. (*K. Holsopple*)

In Phoenix, neighborhoods with a porn outlet had 500% more sexual offenses than neighborhoods without. (*U.S. Department of Justice, 1988*)

The rate of reported sexual assaults in Japan has doubled overall between 1996 and 2003. (*National Police Agency of Japan*)

The death rate of women working as prostitutes in Canada is 40 times higher than the general Canadian population. (*Special Committee on Pornography and Prostitution*)



We feel confident in our findings that pornography is harmful. Our study involved more than 12,000 participants and very rigorous analyses. I can think of no beneficial effects of pornography whatsoever.
- Researcher Dr. Claudio Violato, University of Calgary

APAN presents:

A Summary of
Pornography's
Negative Effects



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Effects on Children

The biggest group of Internet porn consumers are aged 12 – 17. (*Boston Globe*, 2005)

Reported sexual assaults of children in Japan increased 70% between 1994 and 2004. (*Agence France-Presse*)

An Australian hospital reports that the cases of children referred for "sexually abusive behavior" tripled from 2000 to 2003. (*Stock*, 2004)

An expert in South Africa has handled cases of children as young as 3 performing sex acts on each other. (*J. Van Niekerk*)

A survey of 1,000 British teenage girls found that 25% would choose a "lap-dancing" career after finishing school. (*TheLab*)

A therapist in Boston reports treating children as young as 10 for porn addiction. (*Boston Globe*, 2005)

87% of the molesters of girls, and 77% of the molesters of boys reported regular use of hard-core porn. (*Marshall*, 1988)

It is estimated that 20% of all pornography on the Internet involves children. (NCMEC)

Effects on Users

I've definitely noticed that naked images that used to arouse me don't anymore, so I had to move on. I found that I was **getting numb** to basic images. I needed to keep progressing to more explicit stuff. - Dave, porn user, quoted in *Pornified* by Pamela Paul

Zillmann and Bryant's research studies, completed in the 1980's, were so successful at proving the irreversible negative effects of viewing pornography that ethics boards will not allow further studies on the topic to be undertaken. (*Paul*, 2005)

It is estimated that 15% of people using Internet pornography develop a compulsive habit that disrupts their lives. (*Paul*, 2004)

One psychiatrist specializing in treatment of sexual dysfunction estimates that 60% of his cases are directly related to the Internet. (*The Sunday Paper*, Atlanta)

Effects on Marriage

At the 2002 American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers convention, attorneys present reported that 56% of their recent divorce cases resulted from a spouse's compulsive Internet porn use. (*Paul*, 2005)

After watching only six hours of nonviolent pornography, research subjects were much less likely to want to marry or have children than subjects in the control group. (*Zillmann and Bryant*).

41% of surveyed adults admitted they felt insecure and less attractive due to their partner's pornography use. (*Yarhouse, Marriage Related Research*)

I don't see how any male who likes porn can think actual sex is better, at least if it involves all the crap that comes with having a **real live female** in your life. -Frank, porn user, quoted in *Pornified*