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Seventeen One-Liners for the Most Common Pro-Porn Myths

They say: But they're enjoying themselves.
You say: If they enjoy it so much, then they would be willing to do it for \$7.50 per hour.

OR: Women in porn are often screaming with joy, but sometimes they are also screaming in pain. Which should we believe? If their pleasure is real, and not faked, then their pain is also real, and not faked.

OR: Once Jenna Jameson got very powerful in the industry, she began refusing to do scenes involving anal sex. This suggests to me that she doesn't actually enjoy anal sex. Yet I'm sure if you investigate her earlier movies, you can probably find a scene or two where she is appearing to enjoy it. Why? It's called acting.

They say: Porn has always existed. Look at Pompeii! **You say:** Three wall paintings in Pompeii do not compare to the multi-billion dollar global industry we have today. That's like comparing a caveman's smoke signals to the iPhone.

They say: You just hate sex. **You say:** Porn is not sex, but a distorted, for-sale, fictionalized version of sex. If I told you I don't eat at Burger King, would you tell me I hated food? **OR:** I like sex just fine. But I prefer to have sex only with someone I actually know and like, for free, in private with no strangers watching. Why is that weird to you?

They say: I've watched porn and I've never raped anyone. **You say:** I guess you are arguing that words and images paired together do not have the power to influence human behavior. If that is your argument, then kindly explain:
[1] the multi-billion dollar industry called 'advertising'
[2] kids learning their ABCs from Sesame Street
[3] people learning to make a meal by watching Martha Stewart
[4] public service announcements telling us not to drink and drive
[5] (insert your own example here)

They say: Strippers are empowered. **You say:** If they're so powerful, then why do strip clubs have security guards protecting the dancers? Why do women working bachelor parties have to take security with them? **OR:** How is it empowering for women to give men exactly what they've come to expect from us? **OR:** How is it empowering to grovel and compete for male attention and cash...like a trained seal doing flips in a tank to get his fish reward?

They say: Porn/prostitution have always been around, they always will be, so what're you gonna do? **You say:** Rape, murder, and incest have always been around too. Should we be okay with those things?

They say: Ok, maybe some of the women in porn didn't freely choose their careers, but lots of them did.
You say: If you have a comprehensive research survey of all current and former porn workers, I'd love to see it. There isn't one available. However, there are major studies involving prostitutes around the world, which found that 90% of them wanted out immediately, but didn't have the resources.

They say: Ok, well not everyone who uses porn becomes a rapist/addicted/fucked-up.
You say: Not everyone who smokes cigarettes gets lung cancer, and cigarettes still come with warning labels.

They say: Nobody is forcing them to do it. It's their choice.
You say: The word "choice" implies that there was at least one other viable option available. What was their other option?

They say: Porn-stars and strippers are celebrating their sexuality.
You say: Why does celebrating your sexuality always seem to happen in public for strangers and a paycheck? Does anyone ever get to celebrate their sexuality in private with their partner?

They say: My partner and I both enjoy using porn, so what's the problem? Who's getting hurt?
You say: Some people like to wear fur coats, or eat veal, or shop at Wal-Mart. Your enjoyment of a product does not erase the suffering that went into creating that product.

They say: If you hate porn, just don't watch it.
You say: That's like saying if you hate air pollution, don't breathe. I'm surrounded by porn everywhere I go whether I like it or not. Where's my free choice not to see it?

They say: Pornography and prostitution are different. **You say:** Not really, pornography is just prostitution plus a camera.

They say: You're just jealous because you're not as pretty as a porn-star. **You say:** Even porn-stars don't look like their original selves. After a few rounds of surgery, a dye job, and some makeup I could look exactly like them.

They say: You're just jealous because men like them better than you.
You say: It's been successfully proven that just about any naked woman can get any straight man's attention pretty quickly. It's not hard to do, and it doesn't make you special.

They say: The women in the industry make more money than men, therefore it's empowering to them. **You say:** It's true that pornography and prostitution are the only industries where a woman can out-earn her male counterparts. What does that say about our economy, or about women's power, that the only way for a woman to outearn a man is to get naked and fuck strangers?

They say: You want to censor all porn!
You say: I haven't ever mentioned censorship, which doesn't address demand for porn. You're saying that to shut me up, and it won't work.