

PORNOGRAPHY

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We have hesitated to write such an article.

It has been said that 33% of people who have the internet regularly watch pornography.

It is also said that one of the major sources of revenue for the British government comes from pornography and other related matters.

First we must define pornography.

It is said to be

- (a) the explicit portrayal of sex for the purpose of sexual arousal and erotic pleasure.
- (b) anything that causes you to think of sex or sexual activity which are sometimes called turn ons and which has the power to entice people into illicit sex.

If this is so, sexual arousal can be caused by a number of factors such as art, a girl in a mini skirt, a man in tight swimming trunks, a handsome man or a beautiful woman whether they be fully dressed or naked. It is said that the more explicit the presentation, the greater the arousal and this leads to sex and even to rape often of some innocent and unsuspecting girl or woman. The increase of sexual crimes is commensurate with the increase in pornography.

Society has a habit of using words and phrases to alter meanings, or to diminish the gravity of something, and so we have definitions such as soft porn and hard porn.

Soft porn is said to be when no penetration is made, that is to say no sexual intercourse and, usually when no genitalia is shown. So a topless woman on page three of The Sun is really soft porn.

Hard porn is when sexual intercourse takes place and when genitalia is shown.

We hear about porn stars which refers to those who earn money by displaying sexual acts and genitalia in film and other media. Such activity requires no acting or dramatic skill.

The word slut has several definitions such as a slovenly woman, a woman having multiple concurrent relationships, someone who is horizontally challenged, non-virginal, footloose, having pussy power, indiscriminate and dirty and filthy in matters of sex.

So a man or a woman who displays themselves and has indiscriminate sex and allows people to watch on film or in magazines sexual acts or has several sexual relationships is a slut although this term invariably refers to women. The word slapper is used to describe a woman with loose morals or a woman who sleeps around, or a prostitute, one who sells her body for sex. Someone who is paid for allowing to be photographed nude is a slapper as well as the other definitions of that word and this has been termed secondary prostitution. I had a platonic lady friend who in 44 years had at least ten sexual relationships. What word that we have quoted best describes her?

This engenders lust which is a desire for sexual gratification, to be a voyeur, to see nudity or desire to have sex. This can and does lead to rape and sexual assault, as we have indicated. And these are crimes and are engendered by nudity and pornography.

We know of schoolgirls as young as eight years old whose first view of male nudity was in art gallery in visits arranged by their school. It made them giggle but also made some want to see a boy without his clothes on and they concocted plans to ambush a boy and take his trousers and pants down.

Now if a boy or a man flashed his private parts to a girl it would be indecent exposure and the matter could go to Court, but such flashing is allowed in the name of art.

It has been truly said that artists were the first pornographers.

Voyeurism is looking at people for sexual pleasure. It may include spying on them, watching people dress or undress, seeing them nude or semi-nude and watching pornography in any form and that is voyeurism. Deliberately looking up a girl's skirt or down her cleavage is voyeurism.

We now come to the subject of obscenity. It is that which strongly offends the principles of decency and morality. The difficulty is that people have widely differing views. Some claim that the body is beautiful and we should not be ashamed of it. One can agree with that. But the body is private.

We have come across many girls in school who are deeply hurt because boys have seen female nudity and porn and the girls are aware that the boys will know what they look like.

Some used to think that women went in for prostitution to earn money perhaps to support a drug habit. I also used to think that women became porn stars at the initiation of men who offered them large sums of money.

But it is noted that the executives of porn magazines, film companies etc. are 98% women. And the models speak over the media that they enjoy displaying themselves in full explicit nudity and want men to look at them and lust after them. There are sex chat shows where you can talk filth with a naked woman on the screen. Many of the callers to these programmes are women who engage in lesbian chat.

I am a normal red-blooded male. If a girl in a mini skirt bends over in front of me I will look. So will other men and so will women as well! Some women will sit with their legs apart showing their underwear, if they are wearing any, and not be bothered.

Girls and women's magazines encourage girls to wear the most daring and skimpiest of bikinis.

Genitalia, whether male or female, is not attractive. In fact it can be ugly. It is not intended to be pretty but functional. Most men said that to see female genitalia is a privilege rather than seeing something beautiful.

Most men said that seeing a girl in her underwear and seeing up her skirt is far more exciting than nudity.

The other distressing facts are that in porn movies the language is obscene and really filthy and some of the models are often heavily tattooed which is the defacing of the body.

As these porn stars sleep with many others, there is a very high risk of sexually transmitted disease which can cause madness and death.

STDs have risen alarmingly in the UK over the last decade... only gonorrhoea figures have declined.

Here are the figures from 2000 to 2009:

Syphilis	327	2,311
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Gonorrhoea	21,292	17,001
Chlamydia	67,173	114,686
Herpes	17,590	30,126
Genital warts	70,414	91,257

Condoms can reduce the risk of STDs but they are not foolproof.

The Sexual Offences Act 2003 deals with rape, assault by penetration, sexual assault, causing a person to engage in sexual activity, rape of a child under 13, causing a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity, sexual activity with a child, causing a child to watch sexual activity, breach of trust with someone in your care, causing prostitution for gain, exposure of genitalia, voyeurism but, in the Act, voyeurism only seems to refer to spying on sexual acts.

Prostitution is not a crime but soliciting in a public place, such as kerb crawling, owning a brothel, pimping and pandering are crimes.

We have said that genitalia is not really attractive and it is not meant to be. It is functional. We have said that looking up a girl's skirt is more exciting according to most men and surveys that have been taken. Taking photographs up a girl's skirt could be an arrestable offence but many such views are on the internet, I understand.

We have heard that some men guilty of sexual assault or rape have blamed it on the way women dress with low tops and tiny skirts. The introduction of the mini skirt led to an epidemic of unwanted teenage pregnancies and that is true. What would not have happened if the mini skirt was not invented? Some women excuse this by saying, "I never got pregnant and it was up to me what I wear!"

To return to porn stars, they have penetrative sex including anal sex with many partners and many porn stars are lesbians and indulge in other acts of gross indecency. One young woman who is just 19 says that she has up to twelve acts of sexual intercourse every day and with different men each time, some of which have been shown in DVDs or on television. They are paid well but all these women admit that they love doing it. They are not coerced into it. The idea that porn is available solely because of dirty old men is untrue.

Child pornography is a money making industry. In 2005, it brought in over 3 million pounds. It is said that 69% of teenagers receive messages on line which lead to abuse.

This causes great harm and is one of the many reasons why pornography must be banned. I have had girls at school come to me in deep distress because a boy has said to them that he has watched porn and has pictures of girls and women naked with spread legs. The girls said, "That means that they know what I'm like without my clothes on! We have lost our privacy!"

This causes some boys to want to 'experiment' with girls, and there are girls who want these experiments. I know of girls of eight who have had sex with older boys and wanted more.

Tony Blair wants children to start having sex lessons at the age of six and this has frightened many girls and caused some children to 'experiment'.

We have said that sex chat shows have more women callers than men. Recent surveys have shown that 66% of women regularly watch porn and contact this sex chat lines.

We knew a girl who was killed by a car when she was only ten. She was an only child from a loving family. She accidentally saw her father full-frontal nude and screamed and told her mother that father

was deformed and it was ugly and horrible. She was terrified and ran in to the road and into an oncoming car.

It has also been mentioned that children can go to art galleries and exhibitions and see, often for the first time, nudity. If it is art, it cannot be obscene say the artists and gallery owners.

If you walk around Rome and some Greek cities, you will see sculptures of nude men and we recall that the Roman and Greek Empires legalised homosexuality.

The Bible condemns such things. Nudity is only permitted in the privacy of marriage. Leviticus 18 tells us we are not to see the nudity of anyone save our own spouse. Semi-nudity is also sin. In fact, it is called an abomination. In Isaiah 47 a woman with bare thighs was naked and, therefore, in sin. Women in bikinis, swimsuits and little skirts as in tennis can and does engender voyeurism and unwanted attention some of which lead to sexual assault and other crime. In Amos we read that a man in his underwear was in sin, unless he was on his own and could not be seen by anyone else, save his wife. Nakedness in the Bible does not only mean completely nude but inadequately dressed, such as showing one's underwear.

To most people this sounds Puritan, Victorian and so old-fashioned, so out-of-date and irrelevant. But sexual health, sex crimes and the protection of our children remains and always will remain topical and important issues.

I do not want to be irreverent but God is right in that He is against such things for many reasons such as health and hygiene, the sanctity of marriage and the protection of women from crimes against them.

At the end of March 2015 we were told of a report that 10% of children of the age of 12 and 13 are addicted to porn and that 20% of 700 youngsters regularly watched porn and only a small minority were shocked at it. 12% of children who watch or have watched porn have subsequently taken part in some such activity themselves including making a sexually explicit video of themselves and put it on mobile phones or on the Internet. Society is becoming more and more depraved. It is said that pornography is a part of everyday life just as the f and c words are so familiar that they are also a part of everyday life. Good manners, decency and morality is unacceptable in the days in which we live.

What I cannot understand is why people want to display themselves. Is it for the money? Does that money feed a drug or alcohol addiction? I remember an actress who in 1960 was promised double her fee if she appeared briefly topless. Now fifty years later the majority of films include nudity as well as bad language and graphic violence. And it is called entertainment and so many people relish this.

The internet is full of such material leaving nothing to the imagination. We have gang sex, anal sex and grannies having sex. There is child pornography and that is deplorable. I am also informed that there are Japanese schoolgirls having sex on the internet and videos.

We will be accused of being so old-fashioned and not living in the real world and that it is not our business and that everyone has the right to do what they like. We should back off and shut up. We have no right to judge or condemn and if God condemns adultery, tough! Religion and Christianity is on its way out anyhow. These are some of the things being said.

Adultery is still an offence.

What about rapists and other sex offenders? The reply comes back sometimes that they were stupid to get caught. People do not understand the severe harm it does to the victims of sexual crime which

can last a lifetime and cause unbelievable emotional and psychiatric problems and, sometimes, suicide.

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