

## Facts Sheet on Pornography

“At least one woman is raped every 48 seconds. Pornography often serves as a manual for rape.”

“Sexually transmitted diseases strike more children per year than polio did in the 11-year epidemic between 1942 and 1953. The typical child molester abuses 380 children in his lifetime. Both adult and child pornography are often used as an aid during the crime.”

“Pornography’s number one consumer group is adolescent boys between 12 and 17 years old. This distorts their view of women, family life, and their own sexuality.”

“Pornography has misrepresented the true nature of human sexuality as presented in the Bible. It attacks love, affection, commitment, and fidelity.”

“The Meese Commission reported: ‘Depictions of heterosexual intercourse were a minority in porn, accounting for only 5 percent.’ Themes include sadomasochism, torture, violence, death, homosexual and lesbian activity, urination, excrement, cutting of genitals, oral and anal sex, sex with animals, sex with young children, rape, and incest.”

- *Baptist Banner*

“In 1998 Larry Flynt gave every U.S. representative, senator and cabinet head a complimentary subscription to his pornographic magazine *Hustler*. Only 63 refused the subscription.”

- *Reason*, May 1998 (page 14)

“Between 1987 and 1992 the number of strip joints in the United States doubled. There are over 2,500 such “clubs” across the country today. U.S. phone companies estimate that 70% of the half-million calls made to dial-a-porn services every day are placed by children under age 18.”

- *Promise Keeper*, Jul/Aug 1998 (page 6)

“There are nearly three times more hard-core pornography outlets in the United States than there are McDonald’s restaurants, and pornography brings in an estimated \$13 billion dollars annually. (1998)”

“It is estimated that 50 million users interact with 40 million internet pages sporting at least one million pornographic pictures.”

“Currently, pornography addicts comprise 3-6% of our population and are 96% male. Like most addicts, these teachers, lawyers, engineers, and pastors find they can’t quit on their own. Like other addictions, pornography needs more and more stimulation to reach the “highs” that were originally experienced, stimulation that can result in such damaging behaviors as incest and prostitution.”

“Paralleling pornography’s availability, rape has increased 523% since 1960.”

- Carol McGalliard, “Caught in the web of pornography,” *Light and Life*, Jul/Aug 1998 (Vol. 131, No. 4) Pages 7-11

“America’s electronic playground has been described as “virtual Viagra of the adult industry.” In 1998, profits from cyberporn topped \$1 billion, up 30 percent from the year before.”

“One adult Web site, “Clublove,” has over 115,000 subscribers who pay \$24.95 a month for its sultry services. Donna Rice Hughes, author of “Kids Online: Protecting Your Children in Cyberspace,” says there are 72,000 explicit pornographic sites on the Internet.”

- Don Feder, “Seductive Cyberspace Sinks Marriage,” *Smart Marriages* (July 5, 1999)

““Adult entertainment” is one of America’s fastest-growing industries. According to a recent survey by the Free Speech Coalition, a California-based porn trade association, the sale and rental of adult videos topped \$5 billion in 1998. Overall revenues of adult-entertainment-related goods and services – including phone sex, novelties, strip clubs, magazines, and adult cable programming – are estimated to exceed \$10 billion today. Compare that with the mid-1970’s, when a federal study found that the retail value of all hard-core pornography was between \$5 million and \$10 million.”

“Cybersmut directly generated nearly \$1 billion in business last year. Its wide dissemination has also led indirectly to a broader cultural acceptance of the porn industry.”

“About 1 in 6 of the 36 million Internet surfers visits adult entertainment sites. About 20 percent of the visitors to the adult Web sites are women.”

- Elise Ackerman, “Sex Sells. Latte Sells. But in the Same Store?” *U.S. News and World Report* (May 10, 1999)

“Even America Online, which tirelessly promotes itself as family friendly, owes a great deal to sex; its early survival depended on E-porn and spicy chat, the latter of which brought in an estimated \$7 million per month at one point. The company is the provider of choice for porn-site visitors – nearly 16 percent of the Internet’s racy materials is still accessed via AOL.”

“Most of the millions of individuals who regularly visit adult sites settle for free “teaser,” but enough surfers pay access fees to make porn the ding of online content. Adult material accounts for 69 percent of the \$1.4 billion pay-to-view online-content market, far outpacing video games (4 percent) and sports (less than 2 percent).”

“There are now at least 40,000 sex-oriented sites on the Web, and probably thousands more. No one has been able to count them all.”

“Maryland resident Jon-David Messner began posting nude pictures of his wife on the Internet. “The surfers felt that she was real, as opposed to a mammary-enhanced blond bimbo,” says Messner. His site...grossed over \$3 million last year. He spends over \$40,000 a month on high-speed phone lines to handle the demand.”

“We all know the adult entertainment industry drives the Internet.”

“In 1998, net surfers spent \$970 million to access adult sites. Some analysts estimate that figure could grow to \$3 billion by 2003.”

“Over 17.5 million people visited porn sites in January 2000, a 40% increase from four months earlier.”

- Brendan I. Koerner, “A Lust for Profits,” *U.S. News & World Report* (March 27, 2000)

“Two years ago, 8,948 hard-core videos hit the U.S. retail market, up from 1,275 in 1990, reported Forbes. X-rated videos generated about \$5 billion in sales last year, double the revenue of five years ago.”

- Cal Thomas, “Selling Out a Heritage,” *World* (June 24, 2000) p. 31

“Adult video and DVD sales last year topped \$10 billion, and porn is “the top business on the Internet,” says Ellen Elcock of the research firm Datamonitor.”

- Joellen Perry, “My Yahoo!?! My, Oh My!” *U.S. News & World Report* (April 23, 2001) p. 42

“87 percent of girl child molesters and 77 percent of boy child molesters admitted to regular use of hard-core pornography. Of 36 serial murderers interviewed by the FBI in 1985, 81 percent admitted using pornography.”

“Pornography is not harmless...it degrades and dehumanizes women and destroys families”

“Pornography creates an emotional sickness in men called ‘The Centerfold Syndrome’ – a sickness that causes men to view women as body parts and not as human beings.”

“Men who become addicted to pornography become sexual predators who are unfaithful to their wives and may molest their own daughters to satisfy their sexual desires.”

- Jason Pierce, “Opponents of Pornography Contend It’s Not ‘Harmless’ or Victimless,” *Baptist Press* (May 4, 2001)

“25 million Americans visit online sex sites between one and ten hours a week, according to a recent MSNBC study. Sex is the number one searched-for topic on the Internet, and experts estimate that 60 percent of all web site visits are sexual in nature. Visits to pornographic web sites increased 27 percent between December 1999 and February 2001.”

“Adult content web sites account for the Internet’s largest volume of business – generating an estimated \$2 billion a year with an estimated 200 new such sites launched every day.”

“Studies consistently reveal that the largest consumers of pornography are males 24 years old and younger.”

- Richard Land, “Can We Stand the Costs of an X-Rated Culture?” *Light* (Summer 2001)

“In 1973, Americans spent some \$10 million on pornography, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. In 1997, Americans spent \$8 billion on porn.”

“this is nearly a thousand-fold increase. Porn now takes in more money than rock and country music combined, more than Hollywood’s box office receipts. Today, nearly every family motel chain offers on-demand “adult movies.”

“So the film industry has gone from 1,000 films eight years ago to 10,000 last year.”

“[Pornography] is sex wholly and purposefully void of love. It takes what is designed for engendering new life and makes it sterile. It is gnostic, like the old heresy – which combined permissiveness with contempt for the physical world – and assault against the body itself.”

“Focus on the Family found that 20 percent of Americans adults have patronized pornographic websites, with that percentage holding true for both Christians and non-Christians. Focus sponsors the Pure Intimacy website ([www.pureintimacy.org](http://www.pureintimacy.org)), designed to offer biblical counseling for Christians addicted to porn. Some Christians, though, are rationalizing the issue, as in a recent article on the online religion site Beliefnet that claimed “porn saved my marriage.””

“Jesus Himself addresses the moral and spiritual consequences of pornography:

“Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully” – perhaps the best description of what pornography entails – “has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Pornography is a type of adultery. What we do in our imaginations is the moral and spiritual equivalent of what we do in our actions.”

- Gene Edward Veith, “The Pornographic Culture,” *World* (April 7, 2001)

“An obscenity watchdog group is concerned with the results of a recent study showing that 70 percent of teens surveyed have “accidentally” encountered porn on the Internet.”

- Melanie Hunter and Matt Pyeatt, Kaiser Study Reports, report in *Baptist Press* (Dec. 14, 2001)

“It is estimated that nine out of 10 children between the ages of 8 and 16 have been exposed to obscene material on the Internet,” said Attorney General John Ashcroft”

- “Website available to report Internet obscenity violations,” *Baptist Press* (7-17-02)

“According to a recent report broadcast in November on CBS’s flagship *60 Minutes*, Americans spend “somewhere around \$10 billion a year” on so-called “adult entertainment” products. As correspondent Steve Kroft reported, “Consumer demand is so strong that it has seduced some of America’s biggest brand names, and companies like General Motors, Marriott, and Time Warner are now making millions selling erotica to America.”

“Americans rent over 800 million adult videos each year.”

“Last year alone (2002), the industry released 11,000 new titles – covering the polluted waterfront of sexuality.”

“The impact of the pornographic invasion can be seen in rising rates of sexual violence and rape, sexual experimentation and confusion among teenagers, and in the lives of countless victims who have fallen for the empty promises and false eroticism of the pornography industry. The saddest victims are children subjected to sexual abuse for demented pornographic thrills...”

“what would have been outlawed as obscene just a few years ago, is now common fare in America’s post-Christian culture. Mass-market magazines brazenly feature pornographic images on the front cover and clothing stores aimed at teenagers market their labels with pornographic catalogues.”

“Numerous research studies now document the link between pornography and sexual violence. Sex offenders can often trace the origins of their crimes in passions aroused through fixation on pornographic images.”

- Albert Mohler, “The Pornography Crisis: A Time for Candor,”  
*Crosswalk.com* (12-2-03)