

## Conclusion

Pornography is harmful on so many levels to men, women, and children. When the government chooses to ignore the problem and the law, the ripple effect is profound. When the church chooses to ignore the problem, the effect is devastating.

How many people have to suffer from pornography's harmful influence before America wakes up to the threat that is available 24/7/365 on their (and more frighteningly their children's) phones, televisions, and computers?

Concerned Women for America will continue working towards the eradication of pornography by raising awareness and providing resources for those who want to join the fight.

## What Can YOU Do?

- ◆ Encourage your church to address pornography as a spiritual (sin) problem.
- ◆ Talk to your family about the dangers of pornography.
- ◆ Read the WRAP Week "10 Harms of Pornography" report at ConcernedWomen.org as well as downloading CWA's brochures at [www.cwfa.org/brochures](http://www.cwfa.org/brochures): "Facts About Pornography"; "Obscenity is NOT Protected Speech" and "Pornography and Sex Trafficking: The Link."
- ◆ Fight pornography on a state and local level through the work of CWA.

## Endnotes:

<sup>1</sup>Judith Reisman, Ph.D., "The Brain Science Behind Pornography Addiction and the Effects of Addiction on Families and Communities," Testimony before the United States Senate, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, November 18, 2004, 1, [http://www.drjudithreisman.com/archives/Senate-Testimony-20041118\\_Reisman.pdf](http://www.drjudithreisman.com/archives/Senate-Testimony-20041118_Reisman.pdf) (accessed October 11, 2012).

<sup>2</sup>Pamela Paul, *Pornified: How Pornography is Transforming Our Lives, Our Relationships, and Our Families* (New York: Henry Holt and Company, LLC, 2005): 160.

<sup>3</sup>Janis Wolak, David Finkelhor and Kimberly J. Mitchell, "Trends in Arrests for Child Pornography Production: The Third National Juvenile Online Victimization Study (NJOV-3)," University of New Hampshire, Crimes Against Children Research Center, April 2012, 1, [http://www.unh.edu/ccrc/pdf/CV270\\_Child%20Porn%20Production%20Bulletin\\_4-13-12.pdf](http://www.unh.edu/ccrc/pdf/CV270_Child%20Porn%20Production%20Bulletin_4-13-12.pdf) (accessed November 20, 2012).

<sup>4</sup>Davy Rothbart, "He's Just Not That Into Anyone," *New York Magazine*, January 30, 2011, <http://nymag.com/news/features/70976/> (accessed November 26, 2012).

<sup>5</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup>Mary Ann Layden, "Pornography and Violence: A New Look at the Research," Editors: James R. Stone, Jr. and Donna M. Hughes, *The Social Costs of Pornography*, The Witherspoon Institute, 2010, 61.

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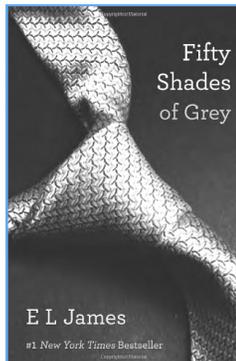
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**1 Pornography is addictive.** Dr. Judith Reisman explains, “Thanks to the latest advances in neuroscience, we now know that emotionally arousing images imprint and alter the brain, triggering an instant, involuntary, but lasting, biochemical memory trail.”<sup>1</sup>

**2 Pornography warps perceptions.** Pamela Paul writes, “According to Diana Russell, a sociologist who has researched pornography for decades, men who look at pornography repeatedly ‘come to think that unusual sex acts are much more frequently performed in sexual relationships all over the country, because of course that’s what they’re seeing in porn.’”<sup>2</sup>

**3 Pornography harms children.** Producers of pornography abuse children, as do many users; also pornographic images (seen on-line as early as nine years old) remain in children’s minds. According to the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire, there has been “a dramatic increase in cases involving ‘youth-produced’ sexual images”<sup>3</sup> too.

**4 Pornography is increasingly violent and degrading.** Today’s pornography can involve bestiality, crushing small animals to death, urination, defecation, and the raping of children as young as newborns to name a few of the perversions found online. *Fifty Shades of Grey* marketed bondage, sadism, and masochism to women.



**5 Pornography ruins marriages.** Using pornography is a pathway to infidelity and divorce. One married man admitted, “It’s like I’ve got this ‘other woman’ ... and the ‘other woman’ is porn.”<sup>4</sup>

**6 Pornography use can lead to impotency.** Pornography addicts can suffer loss of libido, impotence, and ability to perform with real women. Erectile dysfunction is now a problem for otherwise young and healthy men, a trend that psychotherapists say is due to pornography.



**7 Pornography objectifies women.** Surgically enhanced women are portrayed as good for only one thing in pornography. One young woman explains, “A lot of guys have come to expect P.S.E. [the ‘Porn-Star Experience’] as a common thing - snatches waxed bald, access to every hole — and plenty of women are more than happy to provide.”<sup>5</sup>

**8 Pornography use leads to aggressive behavior.** Dr. Mary Anne Layden found these stunning links between pornography exposure and violent behavior. Juvenile sex offenders (juvenile rapists and child molesters) were more likely to have been exposed to pornography (42 percent had been exposed) than juveniles who were not sex offenders (29 percent), and adult sex offenders showed a high rate of using hard-core pornography: child molesters (67 percent), incest offenders (53 percent), and rapists (83 percent) were significantly higher in use than non-offenders (29 percent).<sup>6</sup>

**9 Pornography is linked to sex trafficking.** Victims are forced to appear in pornography, and traffickers use it to train sex slaves. The common denominator in pornography, prostitution, and sex trafficking is “demand.” People who buy sex or pornography are supporting sex trafficking, because they create the demand that fuels the commercial sex industry.

Pornography and sex trafficking both make human beings commodities to be bought and sold for the “pleasures” of others. Those who think pornography is harmless entertainment and the performers are all there because they want to be could not be more wrong.

**10 Pornography is not protected free speech.** “This much has been categorically settled by the Court, that



obscene material is unprotected by the First Amendment.” - *Miller v. California*, 1973. There is no First Amendment

right to produce, promote, and distribute pornography, because it is not protected by the Constitution and is, therefore, illegal.

Pornography producers, distributors, and viewers, continually claim that obscenity is protected by the First Amendment as a freedom of speech issue. According to the United States Supreme Court, those people are wrong.

