

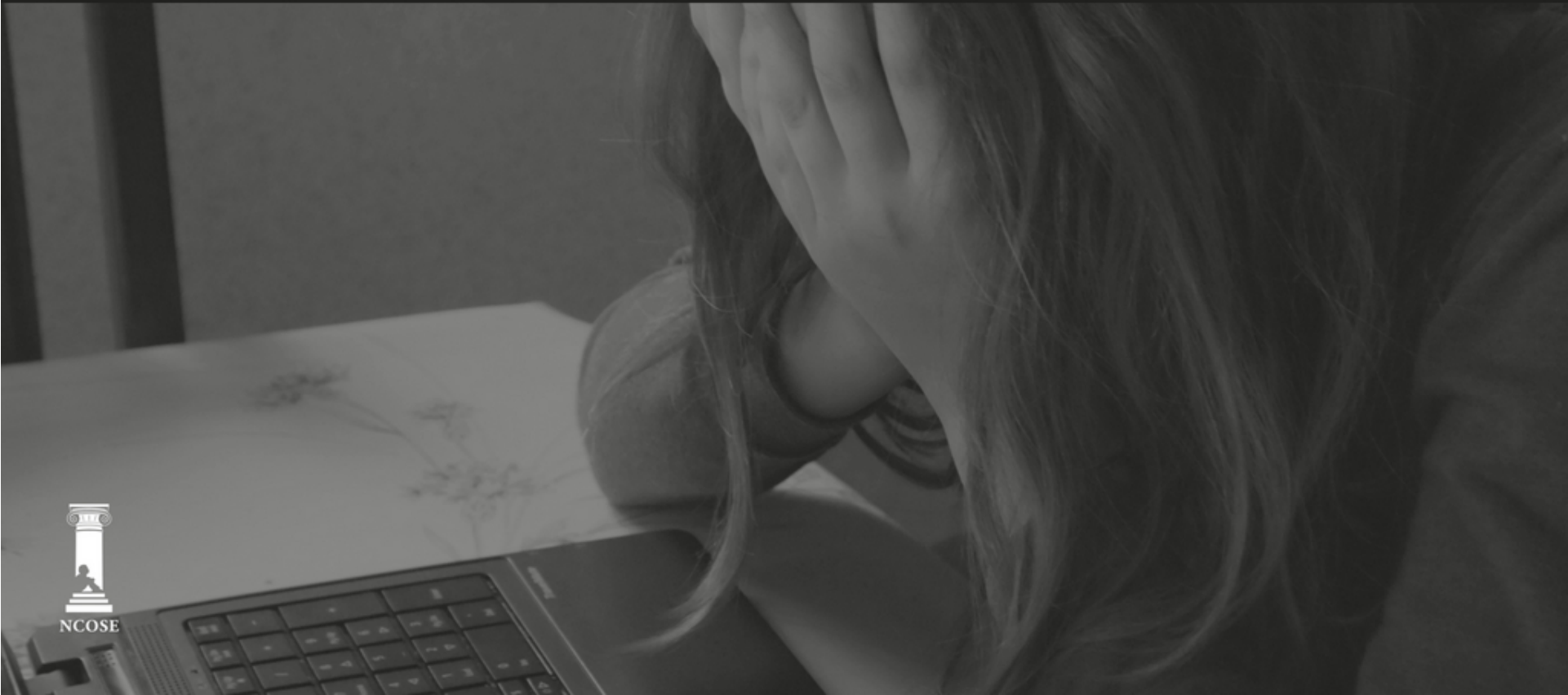
A dark, grainy photograph of a child being held by an adult, overlaid with red text. The child is in the center, looking towards the camera. The adult's hands are visible, one holding the child's hand. The background is dimly lit, showing what appears to be a window with blinds.

# PORNOGRAPHY & CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

*Understanding the Connections*

## The "Causation" Debate

The use of adult pornography by predators to arouse, instruct and desensitize their child victims is an example of how adult pornography contributes to harm.





## Mainstream Pornography Depicts Sex with Teens & Children

Titles of pornography films sold by Comcast NBC Universal on August 24,  
2017:

- *Teen Petite A-Cup Princesses*
- *Use my Young Teen Body for Your Pleasure*
- *My Teen Stepdaughter Sucked Me Dry!*
- *UK Schoolgirls Pounded*
- *DDD Ebony Moms Finger & Eat Teens*
- *10 Best: Tiny Teen Cuties*
- *Teen Sex Initiation*
- *Innocent Easy Teens in Public*
- *Sweet Babysitters Drenched in Spunk*
- *Teens Blindfolded & Slammed*
- *Stepdaughters Drip Stepdaddy Cream*



## Studies Find Escalation and Habituation in Porn Users (Tolerance)

Compulsive porn users often describe escalation in their porn use that takes the form of greater time viewing or seeking out new genres of porn. New genres that induce shock, surprise, violation of expectations or even anxiety can function to increase sexual arousal, and in porn users whose response to stimuli is growing blunted due to overuse, this phenomenon is extremely common.

*At least 31 Peer-reviewed studies on escalation listed at <https://www.yourbrainonporn.com/studies-find-escalation-porn-users>. Accessed on 8/29/18.*

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## Child Sexual Abuse Image Collectors' Tastes Grow More Severe Over Time

*Study analyzed the evolution over time of the activity of consumers of child porn, using data extracted from the hard drives of 40 convicted individuals. A sample of these images (N = 61,244) was categorized by the age of the subjects depicted and—using the Combating Paedophile Information Networks in Europe (COPINE) scale—by severity of the acts depicted.*

- 37.5% of the collections exhibited increased severity in terms of both age and COPINE [extremeness] score: The children depicted became younger, and the acts became more extreme.
- [A second pattern was] exemplified by ... an increase in the COPINE [extremeness] score and in the age of the subjects... This pattern was present in [an additional] 20%.
- It should be noted that all the child pornography collections included mainstream pornography content.

## Continued: Child Sexual Abuse Image Collectors' Tastes Grow More Severe Over Time

- explanation related to the sexual interest explanation is that collectors become habituated to low-severity pornography, which is congruent with the patterns 1, 2, and 3 of the current study. It has been suggested that habituation to pornographic content leads to boredom, which in turn impels the pornography consumer to seek out new content that is more severe... Thus, to maintain their degree of sexual arousal, child-pornography collectors may be driven to explore other age categories and sexual acts.
- CSEM collectors have the possibility of exploring a wider range of sexual interests than offline sexual offenders, who are limited by the availability of victims. This explanation is in agreement with Babchishin et al.'s (2015) meta-analysis, which reveals that online offenders have more deviant sexual interests than offline offenders.



# Future Use of Deviant Pornography

A 2013 survey of a general population of Internet pornography users revealed that those who intentionally sought pornography at a younger age were significantly more likely to be users of pornography exhibiting the sexual abuse of animals and children.

*Seigfried-Spellar, Kathryn C., and Marcus K. Rogers. "Does Deviant Pornography Use Follow a Guttman-like Progression." Computers in Human Behavior 29 (2013): 1997–2003. doi:10.1016/j.chb.2013.04.018.*



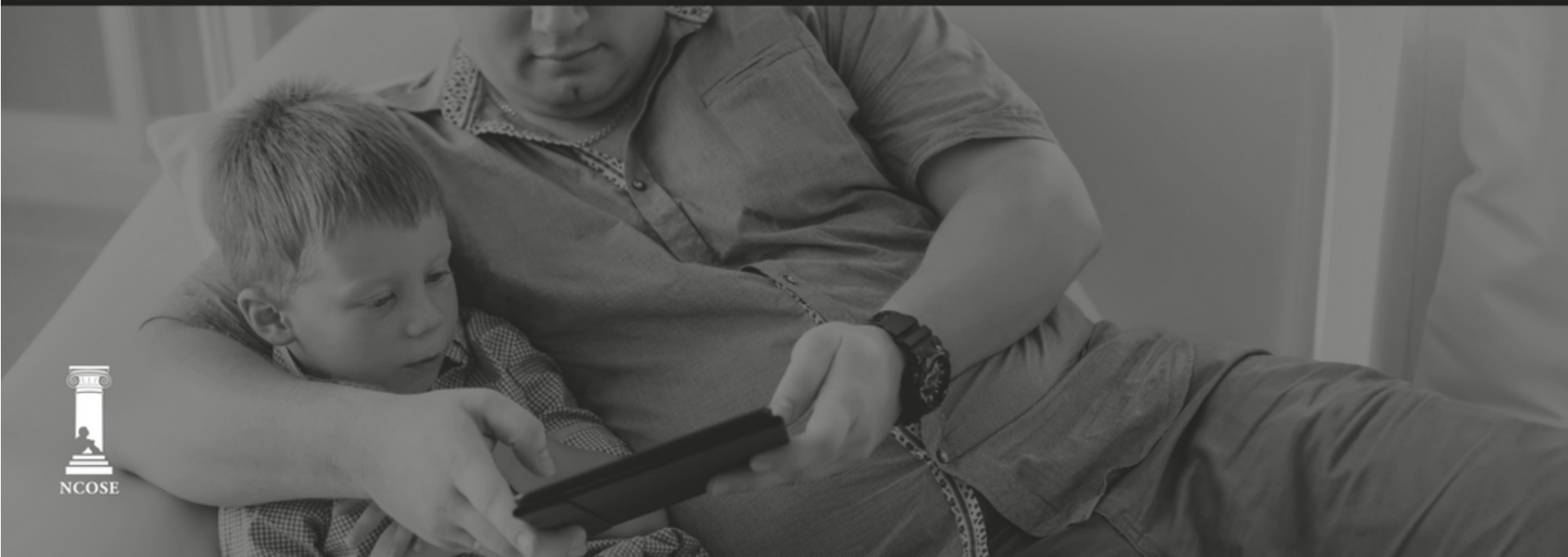
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# Grooming

Repeated exposure to both adult and child pornography is intended to diminish the child's inhibitions and give the impression that sex between adults and children is normal, acceptable, and enjoyable.



# The complex experience of survivors of child sexual abuse images



- Nearly half of the sample worried all the time that people would think they were willing participants or that people would recognize them
- One-third refused to talk about the images
- 22% denied there were images
- Nearly half reported they felt the production of sexual images caused specific problems that were different from the problems caused by other aspects of the abuse

Ateret Gewirtz-Meydana, Wendy Walsh, Janis Wolaka, David Finkelhor. "The complex experience of child pornography survivors" *Child Abuse and Neglect The International Journal*. (2018)

Porn





# Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse

In four years, allegations of children committing sexual offences against other children have **risen 78%** in the UK and Wales

more common in Missouri than experts had previously believed...2000 cases in five months vs the estimated 600 cases each year

1. <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/feb/03/claims-child-sexual-offences-soar-england-and-wales-police-barnardos>
2. <http://www.abc17news.com/news/crime/child-on-child-sexual-abuse-bigger-problem-than-thought-in-missouri/55326827>



Adolescents account  
for 15–20% of arrests  
for all sex crimes  
annually

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[ENDCHILDONCHILDABUSE.COM](http://ENDCHILDONCHILDABUSE.COM)

FBI (2005). CRIME IN THE UNITED STATES, 2004: UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS. WASHINGTON, DC:  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Sibling Sexual Abuse – Latzman Study

In a study that analyzed 166 cases of males aged 13–17 who were referred to a residential sex offender program in the Midwestern United States from 1994–2005

Compared to those in the non-sibling group, sibling abusers had higher rates of previous sexual abuse (58% to 35%), physical abuse (49.5% to 44.6%), neglect (33% to 21%), domestic violence exposure (58% to 20%) and had higher rates of pornography exposure (58% to 24%).

The study concluded that “Exposure to domestic violence and a sexualized home environment (in this case, exposure to pornography and/or child sexual abuse) may render adolescents particularly at risk for sexual violence.”

Natasha E. Latzman, Jodi L. Viljoen, Mario J. Scalora, and Daniel Ullman, “Sexual Offending in Adolescence: A Comparison of Sibling Offenders and Nonsibling Offenders Across Domains of Risk and Treatment Need,” *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse* 20, no. 3 (2011): 245-263.



## Sibling Sexual Abuse – Latzman Study Cont.

Researchers also suggested that “exposure to pornography may negatively impact the sibling–victim in addition to the sibling–offender,” and “early exposure to pornography may impact a child’s view of what is normative and impair the ability to avoid, deter, or negotiate from dangerous situations...”

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# Sexual Harassment and Coercion

A study of 804 Italian males and females aged 14 to 19, found that males who viewed pornography were significantly more likely to report having sexually harassed a peer or forcing someone to have sex.

*Bonino, Silvia, Elena Cattelino, Silvia Ciairano, and Emanuela Rabagliette. "Use of Pornography and Self-Reported Engagement in Sexual Violence among Adolescents." European Journal of Developmental Psychology 3, no. 3 (2006): 265–288. doi:10.1080/17405620600562359.*

# Sex with Younger Adolescents

In a cross-sectional study of 710 Norwegian 18- to 19-year-olds, 19.1% of males who indicated some likelihood of having sex with a 13- to 14-year old also reported more high-frequency use of pornography and having more friends with an interest in child pornography and violent pornography.

*Kristinn Henga, Svein Mossige, and Lars Wichstrom, "Older Adolescents' Positive Attitudes toward Younger Adolescents as Sexual Partners," *Adolescence* 39, no. 156, (2004): 627-651.*



## 59 Study Meta-Analysis of Age 12-18 Male Sexual Offenders:



Adolescents who had sexually offended were significantly more likely to have had early exposure to pornography, report higher rates of exposure to pornography, have significantly more atypical sexual fantasies, behaviors or interests (sex with animals, incest, pedophilia, etc.), and were more often diagnosed with a paraphilia than non-sex offenders.

The researchers suggested that promising directions for further research include the roles of exposure to sexual violence, exposure to sex or pornography more generally, and atypical sexual interests.

*Michael C. Seto and Martin L. Lalumiere, "What is So Special about Male Adolescent Sexual Offending? A Review and Test of Explanations through Meta-Analysis," Psychological Bulletin 136, no. 4 (2010): 526-575.*

# Pornography, Sexual Coercion and Abuse, and Sexting



*4,564 young people aged 14 to 17 in five European countries; included 91 personal interviews.*

- Boys' perpetration of sexual coercion and abuse was significantly associated with regular viewing of online pornography.
- Viewing online pornography was associated with a significantly increased probability of having sent sexual images/messages for boys in nearly all countries.
- Boys who regularly watched online pornography were significantly more likely to hold negative gender attitudes.
- Sexting has the potential to reproduce sexist features of pornography such as control and humiliation

*Nicky Stanley, Christine Barter, Marsha Wood, "Pornography, Sexual Coercion and Abuse and Sexting in Young People's Intimate Relationships: A European Study," Journal of Interpersonal Violence Vol 33, Issue 19 (2018): 2919 - 2944.*



# PORNOGRAPHY, SEX TRAFFICKING, & PROSTITUTION

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Victims of sex trafficking are trafficked into various sectors of the commercial sex industry such as prostitution, pornography, and stripping. They may be exploited in more than one sector.



# Pornography, Prostitution, Sex Trafficking

film forced sex acts & distribute

use pornography as form of  
advertising

training tool used by pimps &  
traffickers

buyers learn how to use women from  
porn

force, fraud, coercion, sexual  
violence used against performers in  
mainstream pornography

Research & Personal Accounts at [StopTraffickingDemand.com](http://StopTraffickingDemand.com)

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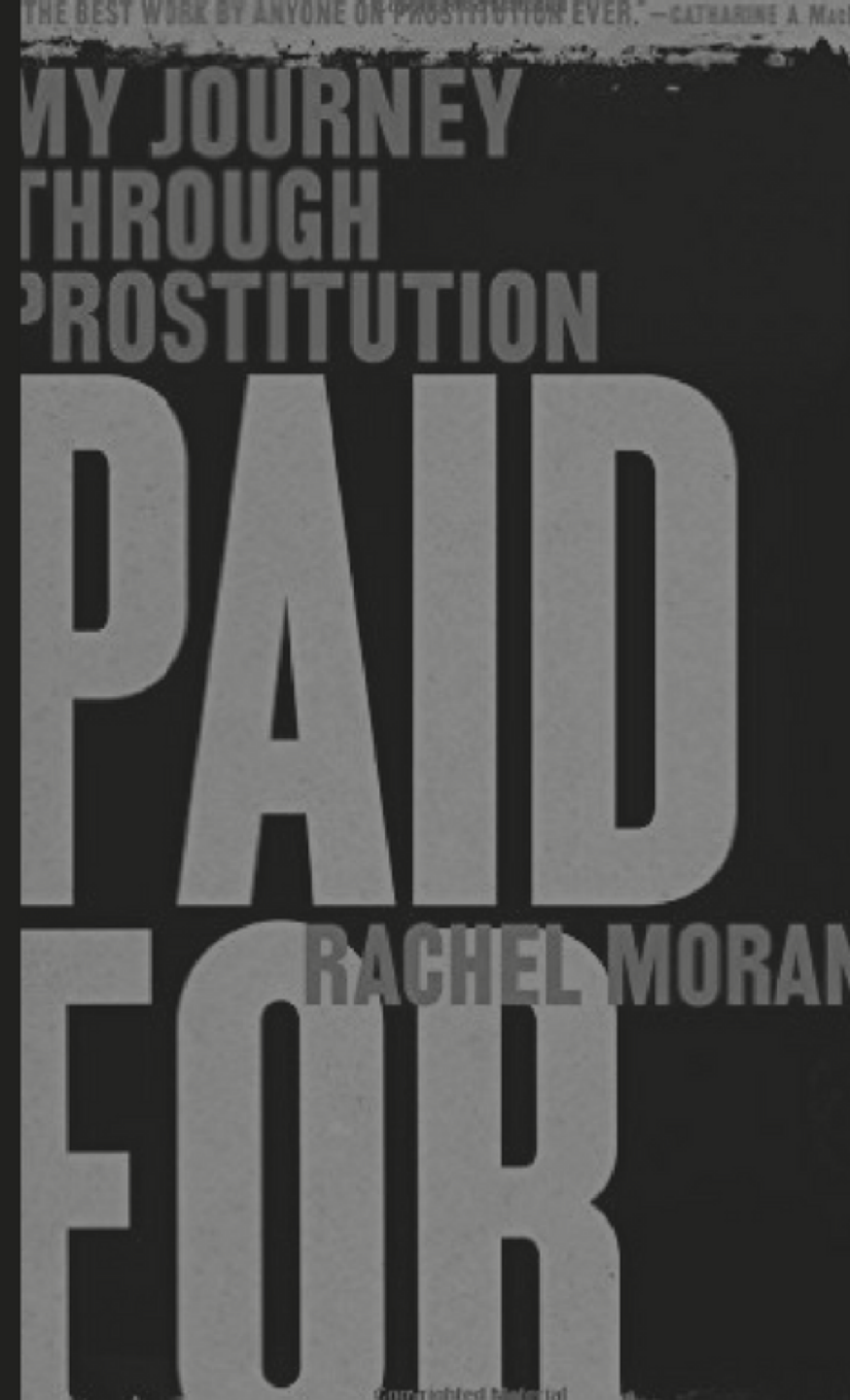




“I told all of the men I met my age at that time. I did this for a reason: because it had the almost universal effect of causing them to become very aroused and to climax easily, which was good news for me because it meant that the experience was over with quickly.”

RACHEL MORAN, SPACE INTERNATIONAL

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Not all prostituting persons are sexually trafficked, but prostitution harms those in it, whether they are trafficked or not.

Ipswich, England: Murder victims

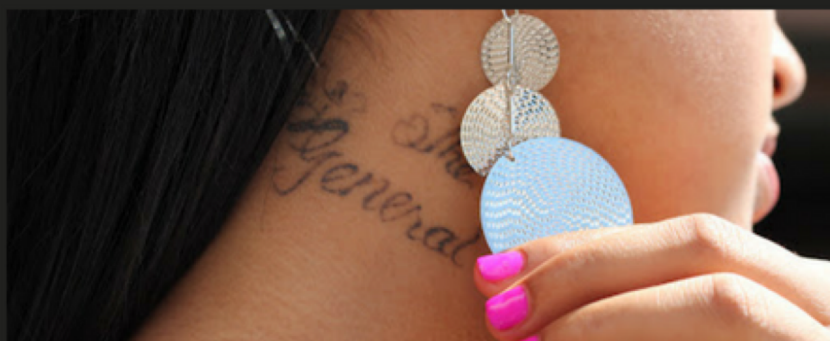


Backpage.com Murder Victim, Natasha Curtis



Jennings, LA Murder Victims





The vast majority of adult women in prostitution experience levels of psychological coercion, physical abuse, and torture that plainly classify them as victims of sex trafficking.



Interviews with 854 women in prostitution in 9 countries... made it clear that pornography is integral to prostitution. In 9 countries, almost half (49%) told us that pornography was made of them while they were in prostitution. Forty-seven percent of our respondents were upset by tricks' attempts to make them do what the tricks had previously seen in pornography.

Farley, M. (2007). "Renting an Organ for Ten Minutes: What Tricks Tell Us about Prostitution, Pornography, and Trafficking."

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*A Scottish study compared men (n=110) who were high frequency users of women in prostitution (once a month or more) to those who were low frequency users (once or twice, ever) with respect to their use of print, video, and Internet pornography. Those who were most frequent users of pornography were also the most frequent users of women in prostitution.*

*Jan MacLeod, Melissa Farley, Lynn Anderson, & Jacqueline Golding, Challenging Men's Demand for Prostitution in Scotland. A Research Report Based on Interviews with 110 Men Who Bought Women in Prostitution, (Scotland: Women's Support Project & Prostitution Research and Education, 2008).*





## Sex Buyers:

“porn and mongering go together like peas and carrots. Many times...I start out watching porn; next thing I know I am in my car looking for the real thing”

“I watch the positions; find a girl who looks like one of the performers and make porn the build up to the...party”

“The more I’ve watched pornography, the more specific my wants have become. Watching pornography has also shaped my sexual desires. I watch pornography and I discover, ‘hey, that really turns me on’ and I want to recreate what I’ve seen in porn.”

Reddit & other Johns Boards

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# Sexting & Trafficking

Sexting is frequently "an online extension of offline forms of sexual coercion."\*

Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Human Trafficking Bureau gave comprehensive update on the number of human trafficking cases involving children and young teens taking nude photos of themselves and sending them over the Internet. They investigated 519 cases involving nude photos of young girls and boys; one in four appeared to be "selfies" produced by the children

1. Choi, Hyejeong, Joris Van Ouytsel, and Jeff R. Temple. "Association between sexting and sexual coercion among female adolescents." *Journal of Adolescence* 53 (2016): 164-68. doi:10.1016/j.adolescence.2016.10.005.
2. <http://scvnews.com/2016/03/13/the-dangers-of-sexting-sheriff-jim-mcdonnell/>