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National Awareness Day: Human Trafficking — Modern Slavery

A 2010 panel, *'Slavery Today: Sex Labor & Pornography'*, revealed that porn has become the foundation of the human trafficking business. Porn justifies the buying and selling of women and children. Human trafficking victims are forced to watch porn and imitate it as a form of training. Once they are deemed 'ready', victims are forced to perform sexual acts on camera, then viewed by millions without their permission.



The Money

- Human trafficking is a \$10 billion a year business; most of that money comes from forced sexual activity.
- There are 4.2 million pornographic websites, 420 million pornographic web pages, and 68 million daily search engine requests.
- An Internet search of the word 'porn' returns 200,000 sites.
- \$3,000 is spent every second on porn in the U.S. alone.
- 30,000 people view porn every second.
- Every 30 minutes a new porn movie is made.
- 1 out of 5 pornographic images is of a child.
- Porn is a \$97 billion a year business, \$13 billion of which is in the U.S..
- *Time Warner, CBS, Verizon, Comcast*, and other telecommunication and media corporations earn over \$1 billion a year from porn, through services like *'video on demand'*.

The Demographics

- 58% of divorces are the result of a spouse looking at excessive amounts of porn online.
- Child pornography is one of the fastest growing online businesses. In 2008, *Internet Watch Foundation* found 1,536 individual child abuse domains.
- Of all known child abuse domains, 48% are housed in the U.S..
- Of 1351 pastors surveyed, 54% had viewed Internet porn within the last year.
- Of church attendees surveyed, 50% of men and 20% of women regularly viewed porn.
- More than 11 million teens regularly view porn online.
- The average age of children viewing porn: age 11.



The Bottom Line

Minors may be dressed to look 18, but looking older does not make them older. A movie caption stating all performers are over 18 does not make it true.

Smiling women, letting strangers do what they want sexually, are not enjoying what is happening. They are *'acting'*.

Human trafficking victims are trained to look and act a certain way while posing for photographs, performing on camera, or servicing customers. No matter the circumstances — pornography hurts innocent people.

Porn makes human trafficking a *'supply-demand'* business. Viewers *demand* to watch sex and human traffickers *supply* it.

Pornography and human trafficking have become an unholy alliance that enslaves, degrades, and destroys lives. (http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/5697986/the_relationship_between_pornography.html)

"I recently interviewed a number of men in prison, who had committed rape against children. All were habitual users of child porn. What they said to me was they got bored with 'regular' porn and wanted something fresh. They were horrified at the idea of sex with a prepubescent child initially but within six months they had all raped a child." Gail Dines, Prof. of Sociology, Wheelock College Boston.



(<http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeand-style/2010/jul/02/gail-dines-pornography>)

Stages of Porn Use

Addiction: You keep coming back to porn. It becomes a regular part of your life. You're hooked and can't quit.

Escalation: You look for more graphic porn. You start using porn that disgusted you earlier, but is now enticing to you.

Desensitization: You begin feeling numb towards the images you see. Even the most graphic porn no longer arouses. You become desperate to feel the same thrill again, but you can't find it.

Acting out sexually: Now you make a critical change — acting out the images you've seen and rehearsed in your mind.

Shame: No matter how great the pleasure, the guilt quickly replaces the short-term adrenaline high with shame.

Dr. Victor B. Cline, "Pornography's Effect on Adults and Children," *Morality in Media*. 'How Pornography Drugs and Changes Your Brain' D. L. Hilton, Jr. (<http://www.salvomag.com/new/articles/salvo13/13hilton.php>)

What was once called 'softcore' porn is now part of mainstream media. The sexual objectification of women is obvious on cable & reality TV shows, MTV, in fashion, advertising, men & women's magazines, music videos, Hollywood films, video games, etc. At the same time, 'hard-core' porn has become increasingly more violent, aggressive and misogynistic.

"Porn is the most serious threat to psychological health today. The Internet is a perfect 'drug delivery system' — it is anonymous, accessible, and addictive. The 'drug' can be pumped into your house 24/7 free. Since children are more adept at Internet use than adults, it is a perfect delivery system if we want to have a whole generation of young addicts, who may never get that 'drug' out of their minds." Dr. Mary Anne Layden, Co-Director, *Sexual Trauma & Psychopathology Prog., Univ. of PA's Center for Cognitive Therapy* (<http://www.examiner.com/crime-in-san-jose/porn-stars-are-abused-and-are-human-trafficking-victims>)