

THE STATISTICAL EFFECTS OF PORNOGRAPHY:

The porn industry is one of the most powerful on earth. With an annual profit of over \$13 billion each year, it's almost double the profit of all hollywood film companies put together;¹ and grosses more revenue than the Nfl Football League, Major League Baseball and NBA sports put together.² An industry this large obviously wants us to believe that porn is a "victimless indulgence." Unfortunately, the research tells a different story:

- **Porn Creates Discontentment:** "Men who use porn report decreased sexual interest in their girlfriends or wives.³ " Premarital sex has long been known to increase sexual dissatisfaction;⁴ but merely imagining extra-marital sex has a similar effect. 75% of married porn addicts will virtually stop having sex with their spouses.⁵
- **Porn is Connected to Depression:** Aside from the discontentment mentioned above, being married to a porn viewer doubles your odds of depression. One study found a 43% increased likelihood of depression for people married to porn addicts.⁶
- **Porn increases "Rape-Emotions"** - Men who use porn report "*decreased empathy for rape victims as well as higher levels of anger at women who flirt but then refuse to have sex.*" In addition, Men who use porn report "*increased interest in coercing partners into unwanted sex acts.*"⁷ In 2014, UNICEF reported that rapes have increased to record numbers.⁸ 18.3% of American women have already been raped⁹ -- which shouldn't surprise us when the U.S. is one of the world's top porn producers.¹⁰
- **Porn Creates Aggressive Tendencies and Violence:** According to StopPornCulture.org, 88.2% of "top rated" porn scenes contain aggressive acts: (E.g., Over 41.1% of top rated porn scenes contain open-hand slapping.) Less than 9.9% of the top selling scenes analyzed contained behaviors such as kissing, laughing, caressing, or verbal compliments.¹¹ Thus, men who use porn are more likely to believe that "*a woman who dresses provocatively deserves to be raped.*"¹²
- **Porn Lowers Self-Esteem and Creates Eating Disorders:** Women generally experience a forty-percent reduction in self-esteem after marrying a man who views porn.¹³ Interestingly, if your spouse views porn, you are twenty-two percent more likely to have a food addiction or eating disorder. Thus,

¹ 13,000 adult videos are produced annually, amassing over \$13 billion dollars in profit. By comparison, Hollywood released 507 movies and made only 8.8 billion (Bridges and Wosnitzer, 2007).

² The Porn industry also has larger revenues than the top technology companies (Microsoft, Google, Amazon, eBay, Yahoo, Apple and Netflix) combined (IFR, 2006). If we added the revenues of porn in China, S.Korea, Japan, & US, it would equal 86.4 billion/year! (As quoted from Dr. Douglass Weiss, PhD., Clean: A Proven Plan for Men Committed to Sexual Integrity: Thomas Nelson, 2013; (pg. 7).

³ See Bridges, A., & Wosnitzer, R. (2007). Aggression and sexual behavior in best-selling pornography: A content analysis update. *International Communication Association*.

⁴ See Linda J. Waite & Maggie Gallagher's book, "Talk" (Oct.2000), p.155

⁵ See Marriage and Religious Institute - downloads.frc.org/EF/EF13G48.pptx

⁶ Douglass Weiss, *Partners: Healing from His Addiction* (Discovery Press, 2011).

⁷ See Bridges, A., & Wosnitzer, R. (2007). Aggression and sexual behavior in best-selling pornography: A content analysis update. *International Communication Association*.

⁸ There's an unprecedented 120 million girls who've been sexually abused or raped before age twenty - As reported by news anchor, Mike Embley, BBC World News, interviewing Susan Bissell – Global Head of UNICEF; September 4th, 2014.

⁹ As reported in a 2012 Center For Disease Control study – linked here: <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/sv-datasheet-a.pdf>

¹⁰ The United States is the top producer of pornographic dvds and web material; the second largest is Germany: they each produce in excess of 400 porn films for dvd every week – according to www.StopPornCulture.org (<http://stoppornculture.org/about/about-the-issue/facts-and-figures-2/>)

¹¹ Bridges, A., & Wosnitzer, R. (2007). Aggression and sexual behavior in best-selling pornography: A content analysis update. *International Communication Association*. Also see: Malamuth, N. (1986). Repeated exposure to violent and nonviolent pornography: Likelihood of raping ratings and laboratory aggression against women. *Aggressive Behavior*, 12(2), 129–137.

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¹³ Douglas Weiss, PhD. "Clean: A Proven Plan for Men Committed to Sexual Integrity" (Thomas Nelson, 2013) pp. 69-74.