

**Dear Congressman or Senator, please contact Congressman Mike McIntyre (D. NC) and Randy Forbes (R. VA) or Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) to sign onto the letter to Attorney General Eric Holder asking him to begin vigorously prosecuting major producers and distributors of illegal adult pornography.**

## **Pornography's Harm**

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### **Dr. Cline's Four Factor Syndrome Common to Nearly all His Clients**

- 1.) **Addiction** -- Once addicted, they could not throw off their dependence on the material by themselves.
- 2.) The second phase was an **escalation**-effect. With the passage of time, the addicted person required rougher, more explicit, more deviant, and 'kinky' kinds of sexual material to get their 'highs' and 'sexual turn-ons.' ...
- 3.) The third phase was **desensitization**. ... Pornography which was originally perceived as shocking, taboo-breaking, illegal, repulsive, or immoral, though still sexually arousing, in time came to be seen as acceptable and commonplace. 4.) The fourth phase that occurs is an increasing tendency to **act out sexually** the behaviors viewed in the pornography

*Final Report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography.* Nashville, Tenn.: Rutledge Hill Press, 1986 found the following:

- 1.) We have reached the conclusion, unanimously and confidentially ... that substantial exposure to sexually violent materials ... bears a causal relationship to anti-social acts of sexual violence and, for some subgroups, possibly to unlawful acts of sexual violence (page 39).
- 2.) "The non-violent ... material studies ... portray women as 'masochistic, subservient ... nymphomaniacs and overresponsive to serving the male interest" (page 41). "Substantial exposure to materials of this (non-violent) variety is likely to increase the extent to which those exposed will view rape or other forms of sexual violence as less serious than they otherwise would have and will view the victims of rape and other forms of sexual violence as significantly more responsible ... and will increase the acceptance of the proposition that women like to be forced into sexual practices" (page 42).
- 3.) Perhaps the most significant potential harm in non-violent materials exists with respect to children ... much, probably most, and maybe even all material in this category ... is harmful when it falls into the hands of children. We have little doubt that much of this material finds its way into the hands of children. For children to be taught by these materials that sex is public, that sex is commercial and that sex can be divorced from any degree of affection, love, commitment or marriage is the wrong message at the wrong time (page 45).
- 4.) Studies by social scientist Dr. W.L. Marshall found that almost half of rapists used pornography depicting consenting sex to arouse themselves preparatory to seeking out a victim to rape. Other investigators have reported that rapists and child molesters use pornography both immediately prior to their crimes and during the actual assault.
- 5.) It seems clear ... that the bulk of commercial pornographic modeling ... which include sexual intercourse quite simply is a form of prostitution. (page 242)
- 6.) Addiction to pornography can lead apparently normal people to commit the ultimate crime of murder of a fellow human being. This is a hard saying, but its truth lies in the stories and confessions of serial killers such as Gary Bishop, Ted Bundy and Jeffrey Dahmer.

## **What Can Be Done?**

The Congressionally-created COPA Commission included the following statement in its 2000 *Final Report* ("III. RECOMMENDATIONS"), available at <http://www.copacommission.org/report/recommendations.shtml>: Witnesses appearing before the COPA Commission testified that distribution over the Internet of obscene material, child pornography, and harmful to minors material continues to grow in a troubling manner. *Law enforcement resources at the state and federal level have been focused nearly exclusively on child pornography and child stalking.* We believe that an aggressive effort to address illegal, obscene material on the Internet will also address the presence of harmful to minors material.

In *Paris Adult Theater I v. Slaton*, 413 U.S. 49 (1973), the Supreme Court recognized that there are "legitimate" governmental interests at stake in "stemming the tide of commercialized obscenity" (at 57). These governmental interests include:

- Protecting the quality of life and total community environment (at 58)
- Protecting public safety (at 58)
- Maintaining a decent society (at 59-60)
- Protecting the social interest in order and morality (at 61)
- Protecting family life (at 63)

Display of porn is a frequent factor in sexual harassment and viewing porn reduces productivity. In 2009 Gettysburg Park Super. was found accessing porn on government computer; DOD has failed to investigate accessing illegal pornography on their office computers.