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Ensuring Internet Student Safety and Dignity Online

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ABSTRACT: A resolution to cause both ASCSU and the CSU bureaucracy to tackle the issue of ubiquitous porn consumption among students in order to protect the safety, psychological, and social health of our students. **TRIGGER WARNING:** Parts of this bill include descriptions of pornographic scenes where consent was *not* given as well as the impact pornography has on sexual aggression, including rape. Reader discretion is advised.

WHEREAS

Both hard- and soft-core internet pornography are ubiquitous in today's society; and,

WHEREAS

Pornography leaves an indelible mark on one's person, giving people a misleading view of the dignity of women, the teleology of sexual intercourse, and consent; and,

WHEREAS

93% of males and 62% of females have viewed porn during adolescence, and half have viewed it before age 13. Other research suggests the average age of exposure is 11 years of age. According to Pornhub, in 2016 alone people worldwide consumed 4.6 *billion* hours of pornographic material on their website; and,

WHEREAS

The ubiquity of porn use not only negatively impacts our private relationships and interactions, but the negative externalities spillover into our professional and social relationships and, ultimately, the society at large; and,

WHEREAS

Liberty and license are not synonymous. Oftentimes, limiting license is necessary in order to secure liberty; indeed, a man's freedom is dependent upon our moral state and our ability to control our unruly nature. As St. Augustine once wrote in his famous work *City of God*, "Thus, a good man, though a slave,

is free; but a wicked man, though a king, is a slave. For he serves, not one man alone, but what is worse, as many masters as he has vices"; and,

WHEREAS

Liberty is contingent upon order and virtue, and as such adherence to the transcendent moral order is the most important facet of school and public policy. The great founding father, John Adams, once opined, "Liberty can no more exist without virtue and independence than the body can live and move without a soul"; and,

WHEREAS

Plato; and,

WHEREAS

Of all of the internet actions typically considered addicting, such as gaming, online gambling, and social media use, pornography has the strongest tendency to be addictive, according to a 2006 paper by Meerkerk *et al.*; and,

WHEREAS

When an individual becomes addicted to tobacco, alcohol, or any other physical drug, the body becomes addicted to the chemicals which are added to the individual via the drug's ingestion. Porn, on the other hand, is addictive without the addition of new chemicals to the brain: it hijacks our chemical pathways. Ultimately, in the end, it impacts our brain in the same way as a drug, and needs to be regulated as such; and,

WHEREAS

Koob *et al.* (2016) reviews the addiction literature generally and finds addiction changes the brain in five ways: 1) Sensitization, 2) Desensitization, 3) Dysfunctional prefrontal circuits, 4) Malfunctioning stress system. Dozens of studies have linked these brain changes to habitual porn use, suggesting it, too, is an addictive stimulus like a drug (Wilson 2017); and,

WHEREAS

Steele *et al.* 2013 is one of the few studies which rejects the porn addiction model; the majority of opinion pieces which reject the porn addiction model use this study to undergird their arguments. There are various peer-reviewed critiques of Steele's paper (see, e.g. Hilton 2014). Obvious critiques of the paper include the fact it had no control group, it actually *confirmed* the porn addiction model as it had proof of cue reactivity, individuals were not screened for pre-existing mental conditions, the questionnaires were not validated for porn use, and had a heterogeneous sample (males, females, non-heterosexuals). Steele also claimed porn use is not explained by addiction but rather porn users having a higher libido to begin with. However, Steele's paper showed porn users had *less* desire to have intercourse with people *in real life*; instead, they *only* reported higher desire to use porn—exactly what the porn addiction model predicts; and,

WHEREAS

Prause *et al.* 2015 is the second study generally used to refute the porn addiction model. Prause's study found frequent pornography users showed less brain activity in response to vanilla porn than less frequent porn users—exactly what papers consistent with the porn addiction model predict (e.g. Kuhn and Gallinat

2014). Just like Steele, Prause failed to screen for preexisting conditions or addictions. Her study also failed to determine whether or not the users in her treatment group were actually addicts, which would be required in order to ensure a non-addict control group was appropriate; and,

WHEREAS

Neither Steele nor Prause debunk porn addiction, and even if their studies were methodologically sound, they would not debunk all of the literature showing the exact opposite; and,

WHEREAS

Internet pornography is considered a supernormal stimulus. Today's porn is *not* the porn of our parents. Our lizard brains love sexual novelty (Coolidge effect), and internet pornography allows for endless novelty just at the click of the mouse. We can inundate and trick our brain into thinking it has been with more females than our pre-industrial ancestors would have even seen in their entire life; and,

WHEREAS

Porn addiction isn't just a tiny problem. According to a survey by the Barna Group, one third of men aged 18-30 believed they were addicted to porn (Huffington Post); and,

WHEREAS

Pornography is antithetical to the feminist movement, with the vast majority of research finding a link between porn use and inegalitarian views of women. According to a 2016 literature review published in the *Journal of Sex Research*, "A total of 109 publications that contained 135 studies were reviewed. The findings provided consistent evidence that both laboratory exposure and regular, everyday exposure to [pornographic] content are directly associated with a range of consequences, including higher levels of body dissatisfaction, greater self-objectification, greater support of sexist beliefs and of adversarial sexual beliefs, and greater tolerance of sexual violence toward women. Moreover, experimental exposure to this content leads both women and men to have a diminished view of women's competence, morality, and humanity"; and,

WHEREAS

Furthermore, pornography consumption has a proven link to rapist ideation and motivation. Almost all serial rapists report pornography as either the whole or part of their motivation, down to and including (although not limited to) recreating the exact acts they viewed in pornographic videos in their crimes; and,

WHEREAS

Tom Schiro, an Indiana man, raped and murdered a woman in 1981, and many analysts and psychologists attributed his behavior to his extreme pornography addiction, which taught him (and got him interested in) hard core sex acts. There are dozens more anecdotes with a disturbingly similar story (Jones 2000); and,

WHEREAS

Voyeurism, as an addiction, often first forms through pornography consumption and then progresses to criminal acts of stalking, the "peeping tom" crimes, and other voyeuristically motivated sex crimes; and,

WHEREAS

According to the Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force:

A study combining 46 published research studies on the effects of pornography (and encompassing a sample size of 12,323 persons) found that exposure to pornographic material puts one at increased risk for committing sexual offenses and accepting beliefs about rape and sexual violence that trivialize rape or blame the victim... Pornography can desensitize the viewer to rape as a criminal offense and can encourage a desire for increasingly deviant and violent porn... An additional study showed that men who have engaged in date rape reported that they “very frequently” read magazines such as Playboy, Penthouse, Hustler...

WHEREAS

Porn use has repeatedly been shown to increase the propensity for men to be tolerant of, and in some cases engage in, verbal, physical, and sexual abuse of women. As of 2015, according to a separate review from the one above, at least 22 papers from 7 countries have linked hardcore pornographic consumption and the propensity to engage in sexual aggression (Wright *et al.* 2015); and,

WHEREAS

Fraternity members who watch pornography are less likely to report rape incidents as well as intervene as bystanders. As one paper notes: “The present study surveyed 62% of the fraternity population at a Midwestern public university on their pornography viewing habits, bystander efficacy, and bystander willingness to help in potential rape situations. Results showed that men who view pornography are significantly less likely to intervene as a bystander, report an increased behavioral intent to rape, and are more likely to believe rape myths” (Foubert *et al.* 2011); and,

WHEREAS

Another study of collegiate aged men found “this study proposed that the more men are exposed to objectifying depictions, the more they will think of women as entities that exist for men’s sexual gratification... pornography predicted more objectified cognitions about women, which, in turn, predicted stronger attitudes supportive of violence against women” (Wright and Tokunaga 2016); and,

WHEREAS

Education about pornography can attenuate the relationship between pornography and sexual objectification explained above. One study looking at the impact pornography education programs at school has on sexual objectification concluded the following, “The relationship between [sexually explicit online material consumption] and sexist views became weaker, the more users had learned from porn literacy education” (Vandenbosch and Oosten 2017). To make the message clearer: *we can do something about this issue*; and,

WHEREAS

Taylor Kohut is the main academic whose work undergirds arguments against the idea that porn leads to egalitarian views of women (contrary to what hundreds of studies, some cited above, show). The issue with Kohut’s research is he asks questions related to abortion, negative views towards the traditional family, and feminist identification, but these questions are related much more to religious identification than egalitarian views of women. Religious people are more likely to not watch porn but answer in an “un-egalitarian” manner, even if they have wholly egalitarian views (YBOP). In other words, he is measuring religiosity, not un-egalitarian attitudes *per se*, and as such to use his work against the strong consensus in the other direction makes little sense; and,

WHEREAS [Trigger Warning]

Many pornographic performers report there being filmed scenes with a lack of consent. One performer, Leigh Raven, reported the following: “Rico was then sticking his d— in my mouth as far as he could while I was giving him, you know, leg squeezes, leg nudges, to ease up, but he wasn’t easing up. . . He actually acknowledged the fact that I wanted his d— out of my mouth so I could breathe, because it was becoming unbearable at this point, because...essentially, I’m choking [on my own vomit].” Later, during the intercourse scene, she was forced into a position she told the director would not and *could not* do and was injured in the process; and,

WHEREAS [Trigger Warning]

Another performer, Riley Nixon, reported a similar experience. She endured forcible oral sex, was put into positions she did not want to be put into, and was choked, despite her visible revoking of consent during the scene. Reports such as this are all too common (Fradd 2017); and,

WHEREAS [Trigger Warning]

These are not isolated incidents. Hundreds of examples of producers luring performers into the industry under false pretenses, directors and actors ignoring the pleas of the women to not engage in certain actions, and using drugs and alcohol to obtain “consent” for the most abominable acts imaginable can be found all over the internet and in publications researching the topic of pornography. Further, most actresses’ consent when given is vitiated by the power imbalance between the girls and the producers (a huge number of the women before their careers were either homeless, drug addicts, were abused as children, etc. – see Frad 2017). In other words, pornographic consent is a mockery of what consent actually is. The “consent” in pornography is like the “consent” a homeless person gives when he “voluntarily” trades his or her shoe in exchange for a rich passerby’s half eaten sandwich; and,

WHEREAS

A 2012 study of Swiss men found 11% of men under 40 suffered from premature ejaculation (PE) and 30% suffered from erectile dysfunction (ED). Before the proliferation of porn use, ED rates were much lower: according to Alfred Kinsey’s (in)famous sexual research, the prevalence of ED was less than 1% in men younger than 30 years, less than 3% in those 30–45, 6.7% in those 45–55—much less than the 30% reported by modern young males; and,

WHEREAS

The dramatic increase in the rates of ED didn’t begin until after 2006, the year tube streaming sites became ubiquitous on the internet, making pornography an obvious contributor to the epidemic; and,

WHEREAS

Studies investigating the common ED risk factors for men under 40 have ruled out factors such as smoking, alcoholism, obesity, sedentary life, diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and hyperlipidemia as being causes of the increase in ED (Martins and Abdo 2010). Less than a quarter of the recent youth ED cases have been attributed to “organic” trends* such as the recent decline in testosterone in male populations (Papagiannopoulos *et al.* 2015) All of these factors are important because they are what typically cause ED in older populations, and they are the traditional explanation for the increase in

*Causes of “organic” ED include neurological, hormonal, anatomical, or pharmacologic side effects.

ED, but the evidence simply refutes these as the primary cause of rising ED rates. As such, porn seems like a likely cause; and,

WHEREAS

A burgeoning oeuvre of papers have established a *causal* connection between porn use and sexual dysfunction. For many young individuals who report ED, removing pornography—and changing no other variable in their life—often palliates, if not totally cures, ED. A paper authored by 7 U.S. Navy Physicians reviewing both individual clinical reports as well as a growing body of literature from various academic disciplines concludes: “Traditional factors that once explained men’s sexual difficulties appear insufficient to account for the sharp rise in erectile dysfunction, delayed ejaculation, decreased sexual satisfaction, and diminished libido during partnered sex in men under 40... terminating Internet pornography use is sometimes sufficient to reverse negative effects” (Park *et al.* 2016); and,

WHEREAS

Dozens of research papers have demonstrated a negative effect of pornography consumption and relationship satisfaction, which impacts both men and women. YourBrainOnPorn.com has compiled over 70 studies published as of 2018 which have linked porn use and reduced marital, sexual, and relationship satisfaction. According to a meta-analysis quoted in their literature compilation, “pornography consumption was associated with lower interpersonal satisfaction outcomes in cross-sectional surveys, longitudinal surveys, and experiments”; and,

WHEREAS

Porn not only makes relationships less satisfactory for men (due to ED etc.), but also for women. A study of college aged women found, “higher pornography consumption was related to lower commitment... Those who continued using pornography reported lower levels of commitment than control participants... pornography consumption was positively related to infidelity,” though the latter finding was “mediated by commitment” (Lambert *et al.* 2012); and,

WHEREAS

The mental health of CSU students should be one of ASCSU’s chief concerns. It often takes weeks to schedule a counselling appointment. According to one paper of college aged males, pornography viewership was positively associated with depression, anxiety, stress, and social functioning (Levin *et al.* 2012); and,

WHEREAS

A similar paper linked porn use and “interpersonal sensitivity, depression, paranoid thinking and psychoticism” (Brand *et al.* 2011); and,

WHEREAS

Almost a dozen studies correlate porn use with depression (Wilson 2017); and,

WHEREAS

Pornographic use has been associated with worse cognitive functioning; and,

WHEREAS

A longitudinal study of youths over a 6-month period found “an increased use of Internet pornography decreased boys’ academic performance six months later” (Beyens et al. 2015); and,

WHEREAS

Adult performers are also plagued with psychological issues. A 2011 California study of the mental health of female adult film actresses found 33% met the criteria depression, 27% had been raped as adults, half reported living in poverty, 37% were victims of child sexual abuse, and 34% had experienced domestic violence in the past year (Grundzen *et al.* 2012). Those percentages for their control group were significantly lower, both statistically and in in raw numbers; and,

WHEREAS

Pornography is antithetical to CSU’s value of environmental conservation. Digital technologies, which includes internet pornography, is now 4% of total CO₂ emissions, and the research vaticinates the percentage will rise to 8% by 2025. Pornography emits about as much CO₂ as the entire nation state of Belgium and more than the entire nation state of Israel (*The Shift Project* 2019); and,

WHEREAS [Trigger Warning for basically the rest of the resolution]

The abominable sex trafficking industry is one of the fastest growing industries today. Unfortunately, parts of the pornographic industry are complicit in sex trafficking. According to a survey by Thorn, an organization dedicated to fighting underage child sex trafficking, 62% of underage sex trafficking victims reported being used to create pornographic material; and,

WHEREAS

Another anti-sex trafficking organization, Rescue:Freedom, claims at least half (49%) of all sex trafficking victims reported being used to create pornography; and,

WHEREAS

A study in Minneapolis found 53% of prostitute victims were used to create a pornographic film, and that “[80%] had experiences where a sexual exploiter asked them to imitate sexual acts from a particular pornographic video” (Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force); and,

WHEREAS

These sex trafficking victims often have their videos posted onto mainstream pornography websites. Various employees and the *millionaire* owners of two large and mainstream pornographic websites, GirlsDoPorn and GirlsDoToys, on October 10th, 2019, were charged in Federal Court with sex trafficking, the *New York Times* reports; and,

WHEREAS

While researching the connection (or lack thereof) of the pornographic industry and sex trafficking, results such as these came up:

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“forced movie,” “gangbang mouth,” “forced kidnapped,” “blackmail teen,” “forced prostitution,” “milf slaves,” “wife forced,” “slave young prostitute,” “yakuza sex trafficking,” “No other sex tube is more popular and features more human trafficking sex slave scenes than pornhub!”, “afroslave,”—that is the utter and complete filth that is wholly accessible on school platforms and viewed by our students.

WHEREAS

Violent and evil scenes like this are the norm, not the exception. A 2010 paper in the journal *Violence Against Women* found 88% of pornographic scenes included physical violence and almost half contained verbal abuse; almost all, 94%, of the violence was against women (Bridges *et al.* 2010). Esquire Magazine ran an article with the headline: “Incest Is the Fastest Growing Trend in Porn. Wait, What?”; and,

WHEREAS

Internet pornography not only provides an impetus to traffic women on the supply side (trafficked women being used in porn), but it can also drive demand for trafficked women (pornography is lucrative and would only be lucrative if people watch the porn these evil individuals produce). Porn can also boost

demand for victims of sex trafficking in other ways. Various papers have correlated pornography use to the likelihood of procuring a prostitute (Shared Hope International); and,

WHEREAS

A survey of men with 14,000 respondents found “Pornography consumption was positively associated with having multiple partners and engaging in paid sex behavior, even after controlling for age, ethnicity, education, and religiosity” (Wright 2013); and,

WHEREAS

In 2018, the World Health Organization classified compulsive sexual activity as a diagnosable condition in the ICD-11, and obsessive porn use is a symptom in 80% of cases; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That the ASCSU recognizes the public health crisis that is the widespread consumption of hardcore internet pornographic material; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

In response to the health issues which impinge upon our students’ lives, any relevant ASCSU senators and/or executive members ought to meet with the relevant CSU administrative and health officials to concoct an appropriate plan to deal with the issue of widespread hardcore internet pornographic consumption on campus; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That these meetings discuss policies such as, but certainly not limited to, harm reduction strategies like education, advertising, and college counselling information, as well as more drastic policies such as WiFi restrictions; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That ASCSU demand the full scope of the above actions, and other possible actions that could be taken, in order to effect the greatest possible impact and ensure the greatest possible benefits for our students and community

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

ASCSU humbly requests that any policy proposal crafted in meetings such as those conducted above are to be approved by the ASCSU Senate legislative body upon their creation in order to give students more oversight into the process; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to CSU President Joyce McConnell, ASCSU President Ben Amundson, Executive Director Ann Hudgens, Associate Executive Director Lori Lynn, Director of Health Education and Prevention Services Christina Berg, Vice President for Student Affairs Blanche Hughes.

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