

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

St. Peter's Father / Son Event 2013



A 15 Minute Journey: Where are we going?

- * The Power of the Poison: The Prevalence of Porn
- * The Mobile Revolution: From Sexting to Hard-Core
- * What Can a Dad Do to Protect His Children?

THE POWER OF THE POISON

The Prevalence of Porn



The Prevalence of Porn

- * 40 million Americans regularly visit porn sites
- * 70% of men between ages of 18-24 visit porn sites in a typical month
- * 87% of men & 31% of women report using pornography
- * 1 in 3 porn viewers are women
- * 1 in 4 search engine requests are porn-related
- * Most popular day of the week for viewing porn is Sunday.

The Porn Industry

- * The porn industry's profits has been estimated at over **\$14 billion dollars** in the U.S. and is growing at an alarming rate.
- * U.S. porn revenue exceeds the combined revenues of ABC, CBS, and NBC (\$6.2 billion).
- * Child pornography generates \$3 billion annually.
- * Worldwide revenues of pornography are greater than all combined revenues of all professional football, baseball, and basketball franchises.

Every Second...

- * \$3,075.64 is spent on porn.
- * 28,258 people are viewing porn.
- * 372 people are typing adult search terms.

Every 39 Minutes...

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A new pornographic video is created in the
U.S.

In 2005, 13588 hardcore titles were created.
The stacked DVD cases would equal the
height of the St. Louis Arch.



Christian Adults & Porn

The Church is not exempt from the influence of pornography. Research has found that men and women in the pew, as well as pastors and priests, are struggling with this issue. One study found that 47 percent of Christian homes report pornography is a problem in their home.

- * 47% of Christian homes report pornography as a problem in their home.
- * 50% of all Christian men and 20% of all Christian women reported being addicted to pornography.

REMEMBER THIS IMAGE?

Porn: Is It Candy?



TEENS AND PORN

The Power of the Poison



Teens: A Targeted Demographic

“The pornography industry purposefully targets children today; due to the severely addictive nature of pornography, if kids get hooked on porn, they will be customers for life. Counselors have called addiction to pornography the “crack cocaine” of sex addiction because the use of the Internet to view pornography causes a rapid development of the addiction, one that is more difficult to overcome than cocaine or heroin addiction.”

The Archdiocese of St. Louis

Teens: A Targeted Demographic

They're one of its biggest consumers. They're watching it in their own homes. They're reporting that "conventional hardcore" is their main preference.

And "they" aren't even adults.

Porn is proliferating, and children under the age of 18 have become one of its biggest consumers. Most of them have viewed it by the age of 11.

Understandably, parents have become angry, alarmed and worried, because it's so easy for their children to access pornography.

A Damaged Generation?

Teenage kicks: Is internet porn creating a damaged generation?

With just a few clicks of a mouse, modern teenagers have easy access to hardcore and often violent pornography. But are we raising a damaged generation as a consequence?

The Independent, April 10, 2010

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“Type into google any common female name, or the name of a sweet (such as a lollipop) or a flower (a blue orchid, say) and up will come links to websites that open on to a disturbing new world – a world of extreme pornography that includes images of child rape and other acts of sexual torture. But these are not sites restricted to private systems requiring credit-card payments or age verification; indeed, they are easily accessible by children.”

The Independent, April 10, 2010

“It is now estimated that 12 per cent of our five- to seven-year-olds and 16 per cent of eight- to 17-year-olds have unintentionally stumbled on to some of the estimated 250 million pages of pornography on the internet, while 38 per cent of older teens admit to seeking out such sites. And what they find is a far cry from the "top shelf" magazines their parents might have stashed under their mattresses when they were teens.”

Teens & Porn

- * Average age of first exposure to internet pornography is 11 years old.
- * 8 to 16 year olds having viewed porn online: 90%
- * 15 to 17 year olds having multiple hard-core exposures: 80%
- * Only 3% of boys and 17% of girls have never seen internet pornography.
- * 79% of youth unwanted exposure to porn occurs in the home.
- * Largest demographic of internet porn users: 12 to 17 year olds.

Teens & Porn

- * 70% of boys have spent more than 30 consecutive minutes looking at online porn on at least one occasion.
- * 23% of girls have spent more than 30 consecutive minutes looking at online porn on at least one occasion.

Teens & Porn

- * 83% of boys and 57% of girls have seen group sex on the internet.
- * 69% of boys and 55% of girls have seen porn showing same-sex intercourse.
- * 39% of boys and 23% of girls have seen online sex acts involving bondage.

THE MOBILE REVOLUTION

From Sexting to Hard-Core



The Sexting Craze

- * 20% of teenagers have sent or posted nude or semi-nude pictures or video of themselves (22% of teen girls and 18% of teen boys).
- * 39% of teenagers have sent or posted sexually suggestive messages (37% of teen girls and 40% of teen boys)
- * 48% of teenagers say they have received sexting messages

A Computer in Your Pocket

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Technology leading to surge in teen sexting

Fargo-Moorhead (WDAY TV) – There are shocking statistics about a child pornography problem hitting our region from creation to easy access online. Parents, watch out - your kids could be sending sexually explicit pictures, videos, and messages before they even make it to middle school.

By: [Kay Cooley](#), WDAY



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Video

Send

Print

One-third of Americans Will Sext This Valentine's Day | BostInno

“Americans sext. A lot. (So much so that it’s in the dictionary now.) Apps like Snapchat and Facebook’s Poke have given rise to people of all ages and genders sending more explicit images via smartphone with gusto. But is what was once an act of lust now a universal symbol of love?”

February 11, 2013

Juvenile Sexting on the Increase

“Juvenile sexting is increasing in frequency. A recent study found that 20 percent of teenagers (22 percent of girls and 18 percent of boys) sent naked or seminude images of themselves or posted them online. Another survey indicated that nearly one in six teens between the ages of 12 and 17 who own cell phones have received naked or nearly nude pictures via text message from someone they know.”

From the FBI's Website...

Advice for Young People

Think about the consequences of taking, sending, or forwarding a sexual picture of yourself or someone else underage. You could get kicked off of sports teams, face humiliation, lose educational opportunities, and even get in trouble with the law.

Never take images of yourself that you wouldn't want everyone—your classmates, your teachers, your family, or your employers—to see.

Before hitting send, remember that you cannot control where this image may travel. What you send to a boyfriend or girlfriend easily could end up with their friends, and their friends, and their friends.

If you forward a sexual picture of someone underage, you are as responsible for this image as the original sender. You could face child pornography charges, go to jail, and have to register as a sex offender.

Report any nude pictures you receive on your cell phone to an adult you trust. Do not delete the message. Instead, get your parents or guardians, teachers, and school counselors involved immediately.

Mobile Access to Porn: Is There a Difference?

- * iPhone, Android or other smart phone? All have access to the internet via a browser.
- * There exists a plethora of apps that bypass the browser.

WHAT'S A DAD TO DO?

What Can A Dad Do To Protect His Children?



Communication

“Any problem, big or small, within a family, always seems to start with bad communication. Someone isn't listening.” - Emma Thompson

- * No secrets. You should have their passwords.
- * Connect with them on social networks (Facebook, etc.).
- * Connect with them around the family table too.

Ultimately, it's about relationship.

Integrity

“Don’t worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you.” - Robert Fulghum

- * We can’t give what we don’t have.
- * Be a man. Take a stand.
- * Get help if you need it.
- * Confidential help is available in the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

My House Men’s Group: 504-430-3060

myhouse@archdiocese-no.org

Knowledge

- * Keep up-to-date with social networking sites and apps. One good way is to ask your son.
- * Research filtering software. There are several options available. I will post resources along with this presentation at <http://JeffYoung.me>.
- * Books on prayer, spirituality, and family relationships are always helpful. I particularly liked the book *Be a Man* by Fr. Larry Richards.

Prayer

“If we have gone away, if by living riotously we have squandered the whole substance of our Father, if we have committed any crime or transgression anywhere, if we have come to the whole rocky coast of impurity, and to complete ruin, let us now at last get up... Let us return to such a Father.” - St. Peter Chrysologus

- * This one is really first. But I wanted to save the best and most effective for last.
- * Prayer is vital. The early Church Fathers used to say, “Without prayer, there is no salvation.”

Find This Presentation Online...

<http://JeffYoung.me/fatherandson2013>