

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACTS OF HARMFUL PORNOGRAPHY
ON MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL HEALTH**

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To the committee,

the relationship between pornography use and respect and consent education;

the impact of exposure to violent and/or misogynistic pornography on children, teenagers and young adults;

the effectiveness of any current education programs about use and misuse of pornography, and how these may be improved:

Physical education classes should focus on the similarities between St. Jerome's promise of pleasureless joyless sex in heaven, the Agapetae, sex workers and the conditions of establishments of higher education prior to the reforms of Ignatius of Loyola for context. Inclusion of the hysterical paroxysm within the curriculum. If you want to ruin the entertainment value of most porn just tell them to focus on her navel. More broadly- it is the lack of female pleasure that is unifying misogynistic element in the majority of pornographic content.

Tell boys that if a girl is comfortable, freely consents and enjoys herself then they are more likely to be invited for a repeat performance.

impacts on body image:

If you want to address body image issues then variant anatomy needs to be taught. Intraspecies penile morphology is highly consistent. Female urogenital morphology is highly variable functionally, neurologically and physically.¹²³⁴⁵⁶ Not only this but female spatial awareness is highly variable from day-to-day.⁷ Address, "The perceived lack of clinical importance of the clitoris,"⁸ within the classroom.

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the effectiveness of current restrictions on access to pornography and consideration of any need to improve these:

They don't work. Won't work. Kids are remarkably good at circumventing and evading surveillance. AI porn detection algorithms will block pictures of the Bursa Ulu Cami or the Masjed-e Nasir ol-Molk due to the color palette but will not detect porn featuring subjects with a darker complexion.

Best suggestion that I could make would be film grants to portray mutually pleasurable sexual relationships and/or develop educational material on the subject.

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