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

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It's been said that the average age of exposure to porn to young males is 11 years of age but the sad reality is that there are some boys and girls even younger than this who now have to live with inappropriate sexual images in their heads that they can never now unsee. The rate of peer against peer sexual assault is escalating at an alarming rate and we know from the testimony of educators that primary school aged girls have been reporting this type of abuse. It is widely known that even mainstream pornography consists of harmful depictions of women which, in turn, has a negative impact on the viewer's ability to form meaningful and respectful relationships in general. Whether portrayed as violent in nature or not, pornography is a clear driver of violence against women and this brings us directly to the scourge on our society otherwise known as domestic violence which has now escalated to a nationwide crisis. If the government is genuinely serious about getting rid of domestic violence in our country then a rock solid, no holds barred approach to the eradication of the porn industry is an excellent place to start because make no mistake, this is where the bulk of the issues begin there sorry excuse for an existence. We must do better for our kids and our society.