

## The Social ills of Pornography: A Mockery of Technology and Engineering Advancement

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**ABSTRACT :** *The effects and influences of social ills of pornography on technology innovation and engineering advancement that has been overt and obviously in vogue was researched on. The present global social ills of pornography has continued to send millions of people including preschoolers to realms unhealthy, given the notion “social ills”. However, one need not look far to find problems associated with social networking sites as a result of advance in technology and engineering innovations. The probable ills are posited. This is considered a serious mockery not only on technology and engineering advancement but also on preservation and conservation of humanity at large. It is unreasonable to under estimate the impact this is having and will have on the society. We intend to go about this research work by using these; what is engineering and technology advancement, pornography and social ills of pornography and aspect of other spheres. Studies have shown that pornography has several significant effects on individuals. The roles of the society as well as proffered suggestions and solutions elucidated in the conclusions and recommendations through enlightenment, advocacy, holistic articulation of diverse knowledge and ideas to ensure ways of curbing these ills and be more pro-actively positive with regards to porn cum pornography.*

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### I. INTRODUCTION

According to Hornby, A. S. (2015) these terms were simplified.

What is Pornography? These are books, videos, etc that describes or show naked people and sexual acts in order to make people feel sexually excited and may offend others. Social ill are negative attributes or attitudes in the society. Mockery are actions or comments intended to ridicule somebody or something.

What is Engineering? It is a profession in which knowledge of physical, natural, biological and management sciences, humanities and arts gained through study and experience is applied with good judgment to develop ways of utilizing economically materials and forces of nature for the benefits of mankind (Oluka, S. J; Onwualu, A. P. and Eneh, I. I. 1999).

What is Technology? It is the body of organized knowledge, tools and machines, man uses to manipulate his environment to satisfy needs (Oluka et al., 1999). Advancement is the process of making progress or improvement. Technology (Science of craft, art, skill) is the collection of techniques, skills, methods and processes used in the production of goods and services or in the accomplishment of objectives, such as

scientific investigation. Technology can be embedded in machines to allow for operation without detailed knowledge of their workings. Systems (e.g machines) applying technology by taking an input, changing it according to the system's use and then producing an outcome, these are referred to as technology systems or technological systems. Majority, picture computers and cell phones when the subject of technology comes up, technology is not merely a product of the modern era. For instance, fire and stone tools were important forms of technology developed during the Stone Age. Today, the availability of digital technology shapes how we live, just as the creation of stone tools shaped how pre-modern humans lived and how well they ate. The first calculators invented in 2400BC in Babylon in the form of an abacus to the successor of the modern computer created in 1882 by Charles Babbage, are our technological innovations being advancement on previous iterations, bringing engineering to the limelight. All facets of our lives today are woven and shaped by these two terms "Engineering" and "Technology". It can be seen in agriculture (mechanization), chemical industries (poly-materials), law (justice systems), and social networking sites (connecting with families), and medicine (DNA) .... etc. It is apparent that technology has the potentials to harm or enhance your social skills or social life. The problems of social networking sites are all around us, especially creation of its addicts. People have been fired from their jobs or put under pressure because they use these sites at work or because something is posted on a site that undermined the person's professional standing. Nowadays, pornography seems socially acceptable and no longer a taboo or frowned at/upon. A certain survey shows that 79% of men aged 18-30 years watch porn at least once a month and the same holds for 76% of women in the same age group (Baron, Larry and Murray, 1984). Porn is openly discussed in a range of media and casually mentioned in workplace conversations. There is a huge shift in our cultural attitudes towards pornography mostly enabled and driven by technology (Gesenhues, 2015). VCRs and Cable TV, in their own way, made access to pornography easier and more private. It was the internet and mobile devices that really pushed pornography to its current level of acceptance. It is hard to underestimate the impact this is having or will have on society. Many children first learn about sex from watching pornography. Unconsciously allowing it to shape not just how they view sexual acts but confusing their understanding of the role of love and true intimacy in sex. Sadly, "24% of smart phone owners admit to having pornographic material on their mobile handsets" (Covenant Eyes, 2015). A study in 2000 conducted by Oddone-Paotucci, Genuis and Violato revealed information on the correlation between pornography consumption and behaviour (2000). As a matter of fact, the result of fast technological and engineering advancement and oblivious considerations of its effect, positively and negatively, unguarded persons especially youths, abuse the use of technology and engineering advancement resulting to many social ills like pornography. With these, technology and engineering advancement can be understood.

### A. Pornography

Porn which is short for pornography is the portrayal of display of sexually related materials via mobile phones, magazines, television, internet and other digital modes for the exclusive purpose of sexual arousal. The term pornography does not include, live exhibitions like sex shows and strip tease. The primary subjects of present day pornography depictions are pornographic models, who pose for still photographs or actors who engage in filmed sex acts. The word pornography was coined from the ancient Greek words (porne "prostitute" and porneia "prostitution") and (graphein "to write or record"). In modern times, advancement in technology and engineering has almost been limitless, especially the internet and photography. The digital technology shapes and reshapes the world with each release of new technology or new breakthroughs. The digital revolution has led to great strides in productivity, communication and other desirable ends and pornographers also have harnessed its power for their profit. With the commercial availability of tiny cameras and wireless equipments, free internet, coupled with other digital innovations such as home video, mobile phones etc, saw a boom in the world wide porn industry that generates billions of dollars annually. Also with the appearance of other technology marvels like the CD rom, DVD players and other portable media players, viewing of porn and porn related materials among adolescents and other age brackets increased fourfold. It is a personal problem for many and a cultural problem for all. You may think you have not been affected by porn, but you have because it is embedded in the surrounding culture. The staggering size of the pornography industry, its influence upon the media and acceleration of technology paired with the accessibility, anonymity and affordability of porn all contribute to its increasing impact upon culture. Pornography affects you whether you have ever viewed it or not, whether you are a man or woman struggling with watching it or simply a mom or dad with a son or daughter. Some negative effects of porn upon men and women are these:-

- a. Porn contributes to social and psychological problems within men and women making them neglect their responsibilities, spend huge amount of money they do not have, become isolated from others and often

suffer depressions.

- b. It rewires the male brain that is as men fall deeper into the mental habit of fixating on pornographic images, exposure to them creates neural pathways for unacceptable habits.
- c. Soft-core pornography has a very negative effect as it voyeurism teaches them to view their opposite sex as objects rather than human beings to be in relationships with. As it gives the false impression that sex and pleasure are entirely divorced from relationships. In other words, pornography is inherently self-centered, something a man or woman does by himself, for himself by using another woman as the means to pleasure, as yet another product to consume.
- d. Porn squashes the beauty of a real naked woman for men. The erotic images have been reflections of or celebrations of or substitute's for real naked woman or man (nakedness). The porn images' power and allure have supplanted that of real naked woman or man making them bad porn.
- e. Porn has a numbing effect upon reality. It makes real sex and even the real world boring in comparison. It is particular in anesthetizing the emotional life of a man or woman.
- f. Porn lies about what it means to be a male or female. The story porn tells about women are one-dimensional, who are nothing more than collections of holes, they never say no, never get pregnant and cannot wait to have sex with any man and please them in whatever way imaginable or even unimaginable. On the other hand, the story porn tells about men is that they are soulless, unfeeling, amoral life-support systems for erect penises who are entitled to use women in any way they want. These men demonstrated zero empathy, respect or love for the women they have sex with. Life have almost pros and cons in everything, so here are some advantages of pornography aside their social ills.

### **B. The Advantages of Pornography**

1. **Meditative State:** Pornography is a substitution for sex, sex grab the whole undivided attention of our senses. You are focused on that one thing completely. These can be very meditative and help you unwind after a hectic day at work, immersing yourself into someone else's action while also experiencing pleasure. Though you may feel serene and the mind softens and not pressured but knowing it is a substitute and the humongous time spent does not really leave one fulfilled.
2. **Limitless Option:** Porn may be the only option to see stunning naked ladies or gents like the porn stars. They are just a click away doing even things your dirty brain has not thought about.
3. **Exploring your Sexuality:** It may help in getting to know some sensibilities with regards to sex and learning something.
4. **Release:** Watching pornography can be one of greatest release of stress simply because it is so easy to do as watching naked women has a positive impact on men's health. If one do not have regular sex and do not masturbate as well, a pile up of sexual energy can be too much for your body if one does not know how to harvest it for other things. So watching pornography can be a perfect way to manually release some steam. So the question "is watching porn bad?" can be answered with "depends under which circumstances"

### **C. The Disadvantages of Pornography**

1. **Desensitizing Your Tools:** Excessive watching of pornography and masturbating can desensitize your brain and your penis to actual stimulants of a woman. It is hard for real everyday woman to excite you in the proper way. Secondly, with masturbation, you are in control of motion and pressure applied to your penis caring only about your own pleasure which is not the case in real sex.
2. **Objectifying Women:** Majority of pornography put women in subordinate roles by being sex objects only there to satisfy man's every desire with absolutely no other purpose. As the brain gets this subliminal information day in, day out for years, this can damage your non-sexual relationships with women like your colleagues or friends, seeing them lesser than yourself.
3. **Wasting Time:** Time is the only resource you cannot earn back, so a life full of regrets starts by not appreciating yours in the moment. People who are suffering from pornography addiction know it as that

impulse that makes it a priority in front of real life obligations like chores or plans with friends which make them cancel or postpone them. Staying in an unreal world does not bring lasting and fruitful results.

4. Killing Motivations: Unreality does not yield results and as it does not give supposed satisfactions and fulfillment so may get one depressed and less motivated.

#### **D. Effects of Pornography on Children**

For a child exposed to pornography with a family setting, it causes stress and increase the risk for developing negative attitudes about the nature and purposes of human sexuality. Pornography eliminates the warmth of affectionate family life, being the natural social nutrient for a growing child. There are other losses and traumas a child experiences on encounter with porn materials acquired by an adult or adults indulging in phone sex or even consuming pornography themselves.

#### **E. Effects of Pornography on Adolescents**

The ever curious stage of human cycle called the adolescents who view pornography, their attitudes towards their own and others' sexuality change and their sexual expectations and behaviours are shaped accordingly. Sexual Development – This disorients them during this developmental phase having to learn how to handle their sexuality and most vulnerable to uncertainty about their sexual beliefs and moral values. Pornography increases attitudes towards sexual exploration with others outside of marriage and decreased marital commitment to the other spouse. Mental development – A significant relationship exists between frequent pornography use and feelings of loneliness, including major depressions. It alters the brain in ways similar to the neurological alterations of those addicted to cocaine, alcohol and methamphetamines. Viewing pornography can engender feeling of shame causing some level of desensitization in the society.

#### **F. Social Ills of Pornography an Aspect of Other Spheres**

The social maladies of pornography abounds and some of them are as follows:

1. Social Isolation: This will give rise to withdrawal from social activities, developing secret life, lying, deceit, self-centeredness, choosing porn over people etc.
2. Mood Disorder: There is a feeling of irritability, anger, depression, mood swings, pervasive anxiety, fearfulness, feeling powerless in relation to porn etc.
3. Sexually Objectifying Other People: This will trigger treating people as sex objects, judging people primarily based on their body parts, disrespecting other people's needs for privacy and safety, being insensitive about sexually harmful behaviour etc.
4. Engaging in Risky and Dangerous Behaviours: These are accessing porn at work or school, accessing child abuse imagery, participating in degrading, abusive, violent or criminal sexual activity, producing, selling and distributing porn, engaging in physically unsafe and harmful sex etc.
5. Unhappy Intimate Partner: With pornography, relationship is marred by dishonesty, deception, anger etc. partner views porn as infidelity i.e. cheating. Relationship decays due to lack of trust and respect. Partner feel sexually threatened by the porn and they lose emotional closeness and mutual sexual enjoyment.
6. Sexual Problems: Pornography will make one lose interest in sex with a real partner, experience difficulty becoming aroused or achieving orgasm without porn, intrusive thoughts, fantasies and having images of porn during sex, becoming sexually demanding and rough in sex, having difficulty contending love and caring with sex, feeling sexually out of control and compulsive, growing with dissatisfaction with sex, increased interest in risky, degrading, abusive, illegal sex. They experience sexual dysfunction like inability to orgasm, delayed ejaculation and erectile dysfunction.
7. Self Loathing: This manifest by feeling disconnected from personal values, beliefs and goals. There is loss of personal integrity, damaged self-esteem, persistent feelings of guilt and shame or feelings controlled by porn.

8. Neglect to Important Areas of Life: These aspects of life are unattended to like personal health (sleep deprivation, exhaustion, poor self care) and family life (partner, children, pets and household responsibilities). There is drastic reduction in focus, productivity and advancement in work and school pursuits. There is financial depletion due to spending on porn. We also experience spiritual alienation from faith and spiritual practices.
9. Addiction to Porn: These are seen in cravings for porn intensely and persistently, difficulty in controlling thoughts or exposure to, and use of porn. There is inability to discontinue porn use despite negative consequences, repeated failures to stop using porn, requiring more extreme content or intense exposures to porn to get same effects (habituation symptoms), experiencing discomfort and irritability when deprived of porn (withdrawal symptoms/syndromes) etc. These and more social ills are harms of viewing pornography and porn related materials, regrettably, they are mockery to the advancement of engineering and technology being that their advancement made pornography easier and very accessible to its consumers.

There are avenues to preventing these social ills, they are achievable through:-

- a. Public Policy and Law Enforcement: Effective and vigorous law enforcement can help deter internet pornography. For practical and technical reasons, it is most feasible to seek regulation of commercial sources of such materials.
- b. Technology-Based Tools: There are tools such as filters, which are available for dealing with inappropriate internet materials and experiences. Filters can be highly effective in reducing exposure to inappropriate sexually explicit materials. They also reduce access to large amounts of appropriate materials, which help to limit accessibility of these porn materials.

## II. CONCLUSION

As a result of fast technology and engineering advancement, oblivious considerations of their negative effects gave rise to many social ills like pornography. We examined the effects of pornography due to technological and engineering advancement in many spheres and then got into the right approaches or avenues of prevention and protection over mockery of technology and engineering advancement caused by social ills of pornography. Rather than allowing the mockery, we should explore more on the positive effects and advantages for the well being of humanity.

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