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MCAP Calls for Action: Pornography is a Public Health Crisis

Porn websites now constitute 30% of all web traffic, generating more hits than Netflix, Amazon and Twitter combined. Research shows that viewing pornography has the same effect on the brain as drugs and most children are now exposed to pornography before they even reach puberty. Pornography objectifies women and creates unrealistic expectations for relationships, acting as a twisted form of sex education. Research shows that viewing pornography is linked to an increase in sexual violence and a decrease in empathy and self esteem among viewers. The porn epidemic has been called "the largest unregulated social experiment in human history" (Hughes 2014).

By asking our legislators for this resolution we are creating a call to action, stating that this problem has become more than any individual or family can combat on their own. We need our legislative bodies, educational institutions, private businesses and community members to educate, prevent, and treat this growing pandemic. A resolution does not change existing laws, but it does create a foundation on which to build changes in attitudes and policies. Please sign this petition! Start the conversation in your community and in your home. Pornography is creating a public health crisis. An online version of this petition is at <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/437/665/759>. Post it on your Facebook account, help us spread the word, mention it to your legislators. We are seeking sponsors.

Speaking of Facebook, have you "liked" MCAP's page?

If you were following MCAP's Facebook page, you would have seen, and been able to comment on, informative posts and news on a variety of topics, such as:

"A Single Person's Guide to Fighting Against Porn and Fighting for Love" from the organization *Fight the New Drug*. <http://tinyurl.com/z4a8d3j>

A link to a *Washington Post* article (9/6/16), "And everyone saw it." It goes on to say, "the seventh-grader's sext was meant to impress him. Then he shared it. It nearly destroyed her," based on one Massachusetts town's experience. <http://tinyurl.com/jpsmeuy>

Info on a hardware/software product, "Circle with Disney", that enables parents to filter web content and apps, limits screen time, and keeps up-to-date on how kids are spending time online.

Links to excellent advice, warnings, resources, e.g., from the organization *Protect Young Minds* like these:

- Hidden Porn Exposure Leads Young Boy to Sibling Abuse
- Addiction Counselor Begs Parents to Work Him Out of Job (and Shares 5 Specific Strategies to Keep Your Kids Out of His Office)
- Art vs Porn: How to Explain the Difference to a Child
- Warning! Hidden Link in Cartoon Game Site Lures Kids to Porn

EVENTS

Restoration 1:99 presentation: “Creating a Culture of Trauma-Informed Care: Sexual Addiction in the Church Using Spiritual Disciplines in Recovery” – Location: Capital Baptist Church, 3504 Gallows Road Annandale, VA 22003. Oct. 15, 9:30 AM-noon. Among the topics: what interventions the church uses to help restore people who are addicted to sex? Donation: \$25 (online registration before 10/15), \$35 (at the door) <http://www.r199.org/upcoming-events.html>

McLean Bible Church, Tysons, Smith Center, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna VA – **“Purity is Critical” conference**, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM, Sat., October 22, Featuring Dr. Jim Cecy, author of *The Purity War*. \$39 before Oct. 1, \$49 after Oct. 1. Registration includes: lunch, conference materials, live music, and breakout sessions. <https://www.mcleanbible.org/events/mens-conference-2016>

Want to check out entertainment on the big and small screen? Consult **MovieGuide** and find good know-before-you-go movie reviews along with warnings about objectionable ones, covering both theater and TV. You will likely find interesting titles you may not have heard of.

<https://www.movieguide.org/category/reviews/> Examples: Ben Hur, The Light Between Oceans, Pete’s Dragon, Sully, Storks, The Queen of Katwe, The Magnificent Seven, Kubo and the 2 Strings, etc.

More Men Caught Looking at Child Pornography at Libraries – Here’s What You Can Do About It <http://tinyurl.com/gm3keam>

Save the Date!– On Nov. 12 MCAP will celebrate our 30th year anniversary. Time 2:00-4:00 PM, Place: LDS Church, 17700 Old Baltimore Rd., Olney MD 20832. Free! Light Refreshments! Distinguished guest speaker, Dawn Hawkins, VP and Executive Director of the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE). More info to come in our next newsletter which will feature the annual WRAP (White Ribbons Against Pornography) campaign.

What is VidAngel and why is it being sued? VidAngel is primarily a video filtering service that enables watching of videos without content that some consumers object to. Yet it’s much more, as it is an affordable video streaming service comparable to Redbox and VUDU below, and is a ROKU channel. It allows consumers to watch major home-video releases in standard definition for \$1. Customers of VidAngel buy a movie online for \$20, then have the option of setting filters to screen out objectionable content and watch the movie. The customer then sells back the movie for as much as \$19. Movies and TV series are being added quickly and hundreds of titles are available already. Filters are applied to language, sex, profanity, blasphemy, and other content families often object to in movies.

Disney, Warner Bros, 20th Century Fox, and Lucasfilm are suing, on the basis of copyright infringement. [VidAngel](#) claims its operations are legal, as explicitly authorized under the 2005 Family Movie Act. Sony, Universal, and MGM chose not to join the lawsuit. Nearly two dozen leaders of well-known non-profit organizations, led by The Parents Television Council, have publicly expressed their support of VidAngel.

VidAngel counterattacks that studios have violated the Sherman Antitrust Act by pressuring Google to withhold its Chromecast support services from VidAngel, which depends on streaming services for access to customers. It claims that the studios sought to “expand their copyright monopoly” by depriving consumers of the right to buy and sell copyrighted works. Next step is a preliminary injunction hearing in the Central District of California federal court, October 31, 2016. <http://tinyurl.com/zczlmyf>

Parents Television Council is petitioning sponsors to drop support of a cable tv program entitled “Dating Naked” on VH1. To add your voice to the protest and ask that VH1 channel immediately change the rating for “Dating Naked” from TV-14 to TV-MA, see <http://tinyurl.com/hq6ffdf>.

McDonald's and Starbucks are now blocking pornography from their public Wi-Fi

A victory to celebrate! Thank all of you who were among over 50,000 who signed petitions as part of the "National Porn Free Wi-Fi" campaign launched in 2014 by Enough is Enough and NCOSE. They join the ranks of others such as Panera and Chick-Fil-A, and it is hoped other establishments will soon follow. <http://tinyurl.com/zkb97nj>

Book Review: *American Girls: Social Media and the Secret Lives of Teenagers* by Nancy Jo Sales. The author crisscrossed the country, speaking to more than 200 girls, ages thirteen to nineteen, and documenting a massive change in the way girls are growing up, a phenomenon that transcends race, geography, and household income. The result is a disturbing portrait of the end of childhood as we know it and of the inexorable, ubiquitous experience of a new kind of adolescence--one dominated by new social and sexual norms, where a girl's first crushes and experiences of longing and romance occur in an accelerated electronic environment; where issues of identity and self-esteem are magnified and transformed by social platforms that provide instantaneous judgment. To be a girl in America in 2016 means coming of age online in a hypersexualized culture that has normalized extreme behavior, from pornography to the casual exchange of nude photographs; a culture rife with a virulent new strain of sexism and a sometimes self-undermining notion of feminist empowerment; a culture in which teenagers are spending so much time on technology and social media that they are not developing basic communication skills. From beauty gurus to slut-shaming to a disconcerting trend of exhibitionism, this is a shocking window into the troubling world of today's teenage girls.

Could Anthony Weiner get jail time for underage sexts? An example of how an addiction can cost a prominent person his marriage, livelihood, reputation and now, perhaps jail. <http://tinyurl.com/gujkq9i>

MCAP continues to exhibit educational materials at public events, such as the Prince George's County Back-to-School Fair. We welcome referrals from our readers about such opportunities.



Peggy Cairns, Showplace Arena, Upper Marlboro, 8/6/16



Anna Gaub, Tots-to-Teens Expo, Washington Convention Center, 4/30/16

Watch for our next newsletter, the only one MCAP will now print and send via the U.S. mail, featuring the WRAP campaign. Contact us at mcapinc@juno.com or 301-439-8475. Be on the lookout, mid-October, for our traveling billboard, and thank you to all who donated toward it. The more funding we receive, the more weeks we can keep it on the roads, with special emphasis on routes near college campuses. Let us know if you see it.



This ad will run for 3 weeks in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties.

ACTION BOX

Sign our petition asking for pornography to be declared a public health crisis (see page 1). Know a Maryland senator or delegate who might sponsor legislation on this? Please let MCAP know, 301-439-8475.

Volunteer videographer needed. If you can help record please contact us at mcapinc@juno.com, or 301-439-8475. We also need new Board members.

We **need your email address** if you still wish to receive every issue of our newsletter, as only one is published per year in paper form now

Please consider a donation to help fund our mobile billboard. Our MCAP web page has a Paypal donation button.

Plan to attend MCAP's 30th Anniversary celebration, Nov. 12, 2:00 PM. Come hear a presentation by Dawn Hawkins from the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (formerly Morality in Media). There are lots of victories happening and ongoing campaigns to hear about.

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