
Analysis of the Cause of Rape Incidents and Pornographic Material

The society we as people live in today is defined by rights and wrongs. Society's standards and the standards of those who live in that society although sometime differ in the way that I believe is where more social problems come into play. Can a society achieve a goal so high as to say that they can eliminate one bad behavior? What about all the other roots, strings, branches, cause and effect? If you chop off the dead head of one snake, don't you just get a different version of the same thing? Can the world really have a rape free society and complete elimination of one kind of evil in the world?

These are the kind of questions that I will try to answer in this paper, I will try to look at the root cause of rape and sexual assault against women. In order to complete eliminate one thing or change it, what problem has to be addressed first in order to move on to freeing rape from our society.

Upon researching the topic of rape, I realized one thing. What is something that is society acceptable in this country that is fueling our consistent sex drive as seen in movies, magazines, advertisements, and the constantly bombardment of the internet. Pornography is one socially accepted problem that allows men to go online, type in pornography and instantly be plugged into someone else's idea of loving of woman through sex. The porn industry has so many categories, videos, and chatrooms that all men have to do is watch anything they want that will feed their inner viciousness, they loss of the idea of what sex is supposed to be about and most importantly, it feeds they need to possess. Pornography in itself is the driving force in the increase of rape in just the United States alone. The use of pornography only became socially acceptable because of the accessibility of sexual content on the internet.

From my research it was stated in the article by Rape as a Social Problem, there is surprisingly little research done to prove that pornography is linked with rape and sexual assault behavior. This book states, "The on- going debate over pornography regulation illustrates this well, reflecting a major attempt on the part of anti-pornography forces to re-frame pornography from a problem of morality to a problem of violence against women," (Rose 502). This quote states that in order to eliminate or reframe the war against pornography from being morally wrong but to take the fight against violence against women. With violence against women being the force that drives the regulation of pornography, this will help take this to link the two together and say that violence against women in those videos will allow men to take that example and do it themselves. This might be an angle that will help women to feel empowered to stay up against

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the rising problem of pornography and to be able to acknowledge the connection. The first step to linking rape to pornography is to acknowledge it for what it is, a way for men to get ideas about violence against women and to think that it's okay to do. In order to make it a common knowledge, you have to present the problem first.

Another rising problem is the fact that college is where most rapes happen. You enter a university and they show clips, skits and raise awareness for girls to not be out late at night because that common phrase is used, "Don't get raped." There is a sweatshirt I saw on Feminist Apparel that states, "Don't get raped" but instead the word 'get' was crossed off and so was 'ed'. The final saying is "Don't rape." The woman shouldn't have to worry about getting raped because it isn't her fault that a man decides to violate her in that way. Rape is a gender difference approach to the way that the man sees the woman and how gender roles are viewed. In gender roles and the difference between them state that women are weaker than therefore women are often times viewed as victims. Women in the household is viewed as being weaker than the man and therefore seen as someone who is submissive to the husband and placed below him. These ideologies combined with the objectification of women's bodies as sex objects are what creates the man to think woman can be used for sex and thrown away. From book Individual and Contextual Effects on Attributes about Pornography articles listed below, the follow quote states it all, "Research indicates that in our current milieu 25 to 30% of the male college students studied at universities in the United States and Canada report that there is some likelihood that they would rape a woman if they could get away with it," (Sharp Joslyn 43). By that one simple statistic, society should pay attention to the fact that rape and sexual assault is an epidemic in this country. This needs to be noticed more in the media and the media needs to represent this topic well.

From the above descriptions of the evidence that pornography in this country is out of control. Because the saying, "Boys will be boys," should be no longer be an excuse for men to do whatever they want whenever they want. Boy should be counted as men who don't deserve the respect that they demand if they watch pornography only to this that violence against women is okay. Women deserve to be loved, respected and honored every minute of every day. Women should never have to be afraid to go outside and fear that they will be raped.

I believe that pornography in our society will be eliminated one day and I believe that men will be held accountable to that. There is no way to eliminate rape because of the fallen state of man but at least feminist, and decent human beings can be able to make a dent in this problem. Aren't we all here to make a better future for the next generation? I picture a generation where rape is less common and pornography is viewed as shameful.

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