

Research on youth (up to age 18) shows:

- Children and adolescents are widely considered the most vulnerable audiences to sexually explicit material because of their developing brains.
- Just as early cigarette smoking creates lifetime addiction, so early exposure to sexually explicit material can distort a child's mind for a lifetime.
- The more frequently an adolescent is exposed to sexually explicit material, the greater their sexually permissive attitudes.
- Even less-explicit, non-violent pornography promotes unhealthy sexual attitudes and behaviors, by encouraging males to view females simply in terms of sexual potential, not as entire beings worthy of mutual respect and regard.
- Pornography is often sought in the formation of sexual identity, facilitating early sexual activity.
- Higher acceptance of pornography is associated with increased alcohol usage.
- Even non-violent pornography exposure is associated with sexual preoccupation defined as "a strong cognitive engagement in sexual issues, sometimes at the exclusion of other thoughts".
- Childhood exposure to sexually explicit material may contribute "to antagonistic and psychopathic attitudes, likely the depiction of distorted views of human sexuality and glorification of promiscuity."
- Sexual socialization theory suggests frequent exposure to consistent themes about gender and sexual behavior can affect a young person's developing sense of what is expected sexually for men and women and may also affect later behavior.
- Having been exposed to pornography and perceiving pornography as realistic were associated with increased sexual aggression risk.

Studies suggest that youth who consume pornography may develop unrealistic sexual values and beliefs. Among the findings, higher levels of permissive sexual attitudes, sexual preoccupation, and earlier sexual experimentation have been correlated with more frequent consumption of pornography.



Child pornography, a form of sexual expression often involving the depiction of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct is not entitled to First Amendment protection. It is like obscenity in that it represents a category of sexual expression lacking First Amendment protection.

Child pornography generally encompasses two different but related issues: criminal prohibitions on the production, distribution, and possession of depictions of children engaging in sexual activity and the ability of children to view pornography.

Precedent, New York v. Ferber (1982), the Court upheld prohibitions on the production and distribution of child pornography because of direct link to sexual abuse of minors.

Please call your legislators and inform them of what you have learned. This has never been about book banning but protecting the children from those who have harmful agendas.

LET THEM BE LITTLE

Alabama Code Title 13A. Criminal Code § 13A-12-200.5

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly or recklessly distribute to a minor, possess with intent to distribute to a minor, or offer or agree to distribute to a minor any material which is harmful to minors. Any person who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and may also be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than one year.

*(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an adult bookstore, adult movie house, adult video store, or other form of adult-only enterprise within 1,000 feet of a church, place of worship, church bookstore, public park, public housing project, daycare center, public or private school, college, recreation center, skating rink, video arcade, public swimming pool, private residence, or any other place frequented by minors... **How is it ok for it to be in libraries or schools?***



Predators and pedophiles use sexually explicit material to break-down the inhibitions of children who are their targets.

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