Pornography Victimizes Women and Children.

American Family Association

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Broadcasters.

The three agencies declined invitations, citing what they called an "imbalance" on the panel as their reason for not attending. They also suggested that the workshop should be cancelled.

One-half of all fatalities in automobile accidents are alcohol-related.

Study shows connection between porn and crime

Exposure to so-called "soft" pornography has greater effects than most people realize. That is the conclusion of Dr. Jennings Bryant, head of the radio-television school of communication at the University of Houston. Dr. Bryant said: "We're talking about more than sexually violent material. We're finding proof that this less violent stuff is doing harm, and something has to be done about it."

Dr. Bryant's study finds that men and women who are exposed to nonviolent pornography have altered views about the roles of family, marriage, and morals in society.

Divorce hurts studies

Researchers at the University of Illinois recently completed a study of school performance. After the study, Professors Sheila Krein and Andrea Beller concluded that "in general, the longer the time spent in a single-parent family, the greater the reduction in educational attainment."

The team found that living in a single-parent home depresses the academic performance of boys more than that of girls and that the effect is most pronounced for children who lived in a single-parent home as preschoolers. Apparently, the absence of a father has a significant negative effect on the educational attainment of boys.

Doctors Krein and Beller conclude their study by noting the "important implications" of their findings "for the growing number of female-headed families, for the perpetuation of poverty from generation to generation, and ultimately, for society as a whole...Female-headed families make up a disproportionate and increasing share of the poverty population.

"Educational advancement is one route out of poverty, but the children in these families get increasingly less of it."

NCC studies future

The National Council of Churches has appointed a special "Committee of 15" charged with making recommendations on directions the ecumenical body should take at a time of diminishing support and influence.

Formation of the committee was authorized by the Council's Governing Board in November after the board concluded, with alarm, that a four-year effort at restructuring the council had failed.

The charge of the newly-named panel, headed by United Methodist Bishop Melvin Talbert of San Francisco, is to suggest ways of coping with what has been increasingly referred to in National Council circles as a "crisis" situation. A report issued at the Tarrytown, New York, meeting indicated that solutions are likely to require "radical changes in the current structures, styles and means of financing the NCC."

The most visible manifestation of the council's difficulties is financial, where the real value of contributions from the NCC's 32-member denominations has dropped by 53% since 1975. The council projects a $670,000 budget shortfall this year and has set in motion a series of staff layoffs and office closings to offset the erosion of its financial base.

Homosexual magazine plugs soap opera

A recent publication of *Twit,* a homosexual magazine, said Cheers to CBS television's AS THE WORLD TURNS for being the first soap opera to introduce daytime's first male homosexual character—Brian Starcher, who plays Eliot, a fashion designer.

According to the magazine, "the good-looking hunk" said, "It's about time, gays are human beings who have the same emotions as any other people."

Head writer Doug Marland, who pushed the concept, said CBS backed the idea immediately and so did the sponsor, Procter & Gamble.

Children of divorced families attempt suicide more often

For all the attention being paid to teen suicide, too few observers are willing to acknowledge a major cause: the divorce revolution. The latest evidence is found in a new study by psychiatrists at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. Upon surveying 752 families at random, the researchers divided the children into those who had never attempted suicide and those who had done so at least once. The two groups differed little in age, family income, race and religion. But those who attempted suicide were "more likely to live in nonintact family settings than those who were the non-attempters. More than half of the attempters lived in households with no more than one biological parent, whereas only about a third of the nonattempters lived in such a setting."

"The suicide attempt...and the depression within which it occurs represent a very real threat to the successful completion of the developmental tasks of adolescence," the researchers said.

Fewer marriages 'very happy'

According to a recent study at the University of Texas at Austin, not only are an increasing number of marriages ending in divorce, but fewer and fewer couples are reporting themselves as "very happy" even if they do stay together.

Professor Norval Glenn suggests that one of the reasons for declining satisfaction in marriage is the "permanent availability" of spouses, born of "social acceptability of

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Convicted child molester says porn was key factor

By A Prisoner
Special to *AFA Journal*

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was received last month, prior to the highly publicized execution of Ted Bundy. The author is an inmate in prison in Florida, serving a sentence of 30 years for child sexual molestation.

First and foremost I would like to thank Chaplain Doris L. Miller from Glades Correctional Institution for providing me with copies of the AFA *Journal.* I would also like to thank Chaplain Miller for the love, support and counseling that she provided me.

It was through [Chaplain Miller's] love, support, and counseling, along with the AFA *Journals* that Chaplain Miller brought to me, that not only made this article possible, but also helped me see the seriousness and severity of the heinous and evil crime that I had committed. I now realize that what I did was the worst possible thing that I could have possibly done, even equal to or above murder, and I should not have done it under any conditions.

My purpose in writing this article is to make more people aware of the ever growing epidemic of sexual child abuse that is spreading rapidly throughout America, and to demonstrate the devastating effects of pornography on the human mind and how it (even in its mildest form) can, and quite often does, lead to unnatural sexual perversions and sexual child abuse.

The problem of sexual child abuse is so severe that you can now find sexual child abusers in just about every neighborhood in America. Theoretically, no child is safe anymore!

Sexual child abusers, commonly known as "child molesters", are found in virtually every profession known to man: doctors, lawyers, teachers, clergymen, politicians, laymen, child care workers and the list goes on and on and on. They are however most commonly found volunteering or working with or around children in such places as schools, day care centers, boys clubs—girls clubs etc. Basically anywhere that you find children you may find a potential child molester.

Even the home is no longer a safe place for many children. Incest among family members is becoming more common every day.

And last but not least, your best friend or relative could be your child's worst enemy! Statistics show that many convicted child molesters were friends or relatives of the victim's family.

What is behind all this molestation of innocent little children and young boys and girls? Why are so many adults taking advantage of these kids today?

I wish that I could answer both these questions with one simple answer. But unfortunately the problem is so complex that there are many reasons why mature adult individuals molest and take advantage of God's little ones.

As a convicted child molester myself, wanting to get to the bottom of my serious psychological problems so that I would never again repeat the heinous crime that I committed, I have compiled numerous research materials and read several books written by leading psychologists on the psychological profile of a pedophile (child molester). To my astonishment I found numerous reasons why adults molest little children. In fact, I found so many reasons listed that I would not dare attempt to list them all in this article. But for some unknown reason I could not seem to find the one reason that I felt played a major part in my becoming a pedophile, and that was pornography.

Without a doubt pornography played a major part in my case. In fact, when I was arrested the first time in 1979 the police department confiscated well over a thousand nude and semi-nude photographs that I had taken of girls ranging in age from four years old up. I had so many photographs of girls in the nude that I kept in an aluminum trunk, that it took two people to pick it up.

I will have to admit though that pornography was not the sole reason that I became a child molester. As a young child I had very serious sexual problems and found myself sexually attracted to and involved with four different little girls by the time I reached eight. But after I reached eight I became best friends with the preacher's son of the local Assembly of God church, got involved in church, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and for the next four years I lived a good clean moral life. At the age of 12 I learned to masturbate. Then shortly thereafter my older brother, who was much older than I, thought he would make a man out of me by giving me *Playboy* magazines and taking me to adult movies.

I will never forget the first adult movie that he took me to see or the effect that the *Playboy* magazines had on me right from the beginning. The movie was titled, **Teen Stripper,** and I can still remember the strange and unusual feelings that I had as I watched a very pretty

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16-year-old strip off her clothing in front of her friends at a wild party that she was having. Then that night after the movie was over and I was alone in my bedroom, I became extremely turned on to the naked ladies in the *Playboy* magazines that my brother had given me.

Well, it wasn't long until I learned to masturbate to the pictures of naked ladies in the *Playboy* magazines. Then before I realized it I became hooked on masturbation and pornography. In fact I became so hooked on it that it became necessary for me to masturbate two or three times in a twenty-four hour period. I was so hooked that I couldn't stop if I wanted to.

Now let me put it to you this way, God no longer was a part of my life, perversion took over and by the time I reached 13, I was sexually involved with five different girls ranging in ages from eight through 12. Soon after that I began photographing some of these girls in the nude or semi-nude and in essence created my own *Playboy* pictures. From that point on, other than a short period of time in 1969, pornography became the governing factor in my life.

In the book that I am writing entitled, *You Want It, You Got It!,* chapter four, "Reaching Puberty," will describe in non-graphic detail how pornography came into my life and the extremely damaging psychological affects that it had on me.

The marriage that should have never been will continue to describe the devastating effects of pornography and how it played a vital part in destroying my life, not to mention how pornography played a vital part in destroying the lives of the many innocent young girls and little