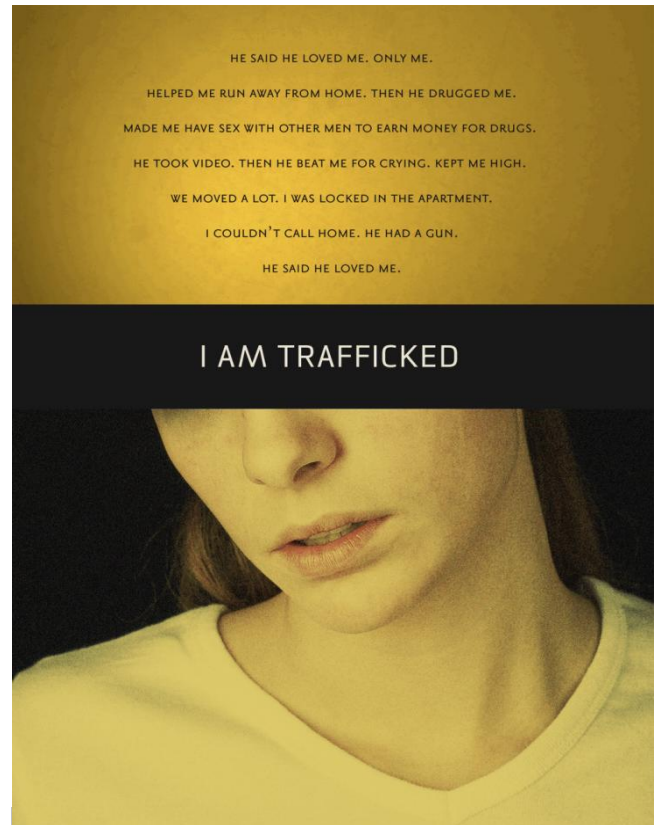




Links to Trafficking

- Studies show pornography users often seek to act out what they have viewed in porn. Often their partners will not engage in such acts, so they seek it elsewhere—increasing the demand for trafficked women and children to be prostituted.
- Pimps are ever more operating online as it is easier to connect with buyers and to remain anonymous. Websites like Craigslist and Facebook have become “virtual brothels” where one can quickly find prostituted women and children to engage in sex acts.
- As addiction to pornography increases, users seek increasingly harder material. The availability of “live” porn has risen as trafficked children and women are forced to perform “on-demand” sex acts in front of web cameras as porn users watch.
- Porn users do not and cannot distinguish between trafficked women, prostitutes, and porn stars.
- Pornography fuels the global sex trade by driving demand into the mainstream of society.
- The use of pornography serves as a marketing tool for forms of sexual exploitation such as sex trafficking, slavery, and sex tourism.
- Of 854 women in prostitution, 49% said pornography was made of them while they were in prostitution. 47% were upset by customers’ attempts to make them do what they had seen in pornography.



“Porn is this growing, unhealthy, extremely addictive, Internet environment [and] a limited number of women are willing to enter into that lifestyle. It’s slavery, it’s abuse, it’s rape for money.”

Mark Driscoll, Mars Hill Church, Seattle

“Pornography is documented to create demand for specific acts, including dangerous and demeaning ones ... as well as for bought sex in general.”

Dr. Catherine A. MacKinnon

“Pornography fuels prostitution, and prostitution fuels the sex trade.”

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