

THE RED CORD

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FUELING THE UNQUENCHABLE FLAME

LIES YOU MAY TELL YOURSELF ABOUT PORNOGRAPHY

- “THIS IS HARMLESS. I CAN LOOK AND IT’S NOT HURTING ANYONE.”
- “NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW.”
- “I CAN STOP WHENEVER I WANT.”
- “I THINK CONNECTING THIS NORMAL HABIT TO SEX TRAFFICKING IS EXTREME. DON’T YOU THINK?”

WHY DABBING IN PORNOGRAPHY IS DANGEROUS

FIRST, A DEFINITION OR TWO.

- PORNOGRAPHY IS SEXUALLY EXPLOITING SOMEONE FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT.
- SEX TRAFFICKING IS THE ACT OF USING FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION TO SEXUALLY EXPLOIT SOMEONE FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT. [HTTPS://WWW.GREENLIGHTOPERATION.ORG/BLOG/2019-10-2-HOW-PORNOGRAPHY-IMPACTS-SEX-TRAFFICKING/](https://www.greenlightoperation.org/blog/2019-10-2-how-pornography-impacts-sex-trafficking/)
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Exploitation is the common factor in both. It is mistreatment, abuse and manipulation, of humans to benefit yourself.

“Pornography creates demand for prostitution and also, trafficking, through its consumption. Assuming pornography is fundamentally an experience of bought sex, it stimulates demand for buying woman and children in the flesh.”

This is a huge, complicated topic. Find out more and learn for yourself. More facts, stories and information concerning this volatile link between pornography and sex trafficking, please read <https://fightthenewdrug.org/how-porn-can-fuel-sex-trafficking/>

Truth by the numbers

In our nation:

- More than 40 million Americans are regular visitors to porn sites. The average visit lasts 6 minutes and 29 seconds.

In the home:

- 47% of families in the United States reported that pornography is a problem in their homes.

In the church:

- 70% of Christian youth pastors report that they have had at least one teen come to them for help in dealing with pornography in the past 12 months.

- 68% of churchgoing men and more than 50% of pastors view porn regularly. Of young Christian adults 18-24 years old, 76% actively search for porn.

- 59% of pastors said married men seek their help for porn use.

- 87% of Christian women have watched porn.

- 57% of pastors say porn addiction is the most damaging issue in their congregation. And 69% say porn has adversely impacted the church.

- Only 7% of pastors say their church has a program to help people struggling with pornography.

<https://baptistnews.com/article/the-ongoing-epidemic-of-pornography-in-the-church/#.Y1gfJnbMLb0> (cont.)

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What do you do if this is you or a family member?

Get some help. Now. The Red Cord recommends:

Websites:

Fight the New Drug <https://fightthenewdrug.org/>

·Fortify – Fight the New Drugs online program

[https://www.joinfortify.com/?](https://www.joinfortify.com/?utm_campaign=ftnd&utm_medium=affiliate_link&utm_source=affiliate_id_4)

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“Conversation Blue Print” to help parents learn how to talk to their kids pre and post porn exposure:

<https://fightthenewdrug.org/lets-talk-about-porn/>

We know porn can be difficult to talk about. Here, you’ll be able to find all of the tips you need to successfully navigate a conversation about porn with your partner, child, sibling, parent, or friend.

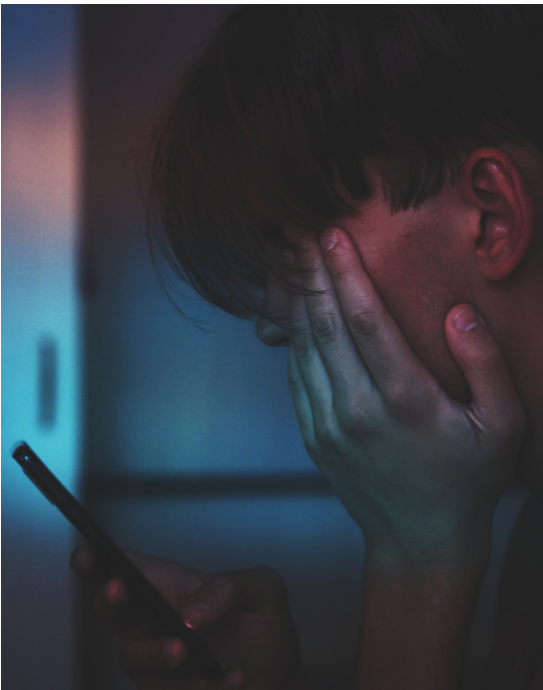
Exodus Cry <https://exoduscry.com/oursolution/Book>

·(For young children) “Good Pictures, Bad Pictures.”

<https://www.amazon.com/Good-Pictures-Bad-Porn-Proofing-Todays/dp/0997318732>

Training offered by The Red Cord

- Once a year (or on demand) we offer “Brain, Heart, World” trainings. This is an engaging video-based series that is full of engaging content for young people as well as adults.



November Blog

Ashley Chapman, Vice President, The Red Cord

Direct Connection

The average age for first exposure to pornography is age eight for boys and ages 10-12 for girls.

Often, porn viewing will leave young (and older) viewers feeling guilty. A personality drifting away is very common as they engross themselves deeper into a cycle of porn-watching.

In males, their attitudes toward women begin to change. They may become more hostile towards female members of their family. In females, often the girl will begin to behave hyper-sexually, imitating the actresses that she has viewed online. Pornography is one of the most prevalent progenitors of relationship problems, especially in children. Both males and females may also begin to seek out risky sexual encounters within their peer groups. This is because they want to experience this “off-limits adult life” that they’ve been immersed in for years.

Parents need to be aware of these signs in their children of possible exposure to pornography:

- If they have a good relationship with their parents, they may begin to ask a lot of questions about sexual topics.
- Use advanced or slang sexual terms with frequency.
- Withholding their technological devices from their parents
- Placing passwords/codes without sharing them.
- Frequently staying up late, shut away in their bedroom. Also, be aware. Understand that the porn in circulation today is NOT the same as the static images of the past. You don’t have to look for porn anymore – porn is looking for you through algorithms and marketing schemes of big porn/tech companies.

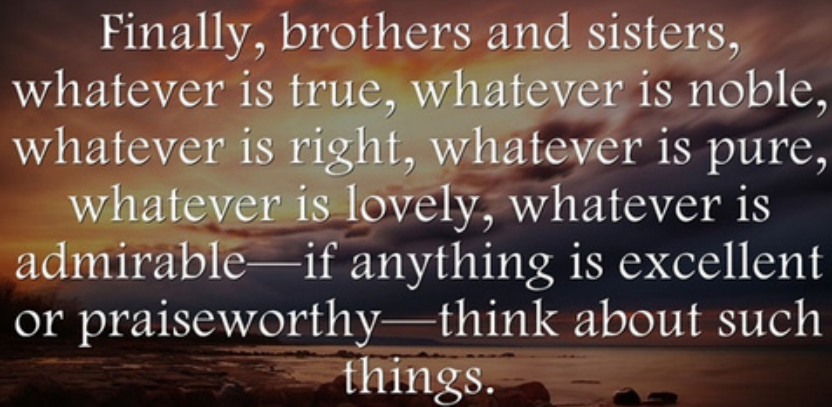
Be accountable. The only way to overcome porn addiction is to talk about it with someone who understands the side effects and emotional baggage that comes along with it. There are multiple apps that you can set up to keep a recovering addict accountable and protect young people’s online browsing time.

Get some help. Resources are listed on the home page this month.

<https://theredcord.org/> **Or contact The Red Cord** for more information. By Email: redcord@theredcord.org ; On Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/theredcord/> By Phone: 405-294-2727



A photograph of a beach at sunset. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, with a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting sun. The ocean is calm, reflecting the light from the sky. In the foreground, the sandy beach is visible, with some rocks and a small pool of water.

Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is
admirable—if anything is excellent
or praiseworthy—think about such
things.

Philippians 4:8

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

Monthly Community Training on Pornography

Nov. 17, 6:30 pm,

Fort Sill Federal Credit Union,

1614 NW 67th St., Lawton

Thank you for joining us recently for our annual events-- The Gala and the Night of Worship. We have heard from many of you that both events have stirred the body of believers locally to start fighting on their knees for their families and our communities.

Pray this month that God will continue to use those events to inspire and challenge all of us to join the battle against trafficking in southwest Oklahoma. Also, this month, join us in prayer throughout No Porn November. Read the information on our website and use the prayer calendar with your family and church groups. <https://theredcord.org/prayer/>