

P*RN & TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

**HOW PORN CAN FUEL & NORMALIZE
TEEN DATING VIOLENCE**

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FEBRUARY IS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

Although it's not often discussed, nearly **1 in 12** teens reports experiencing physical dating violence, according to a 2019 survey.

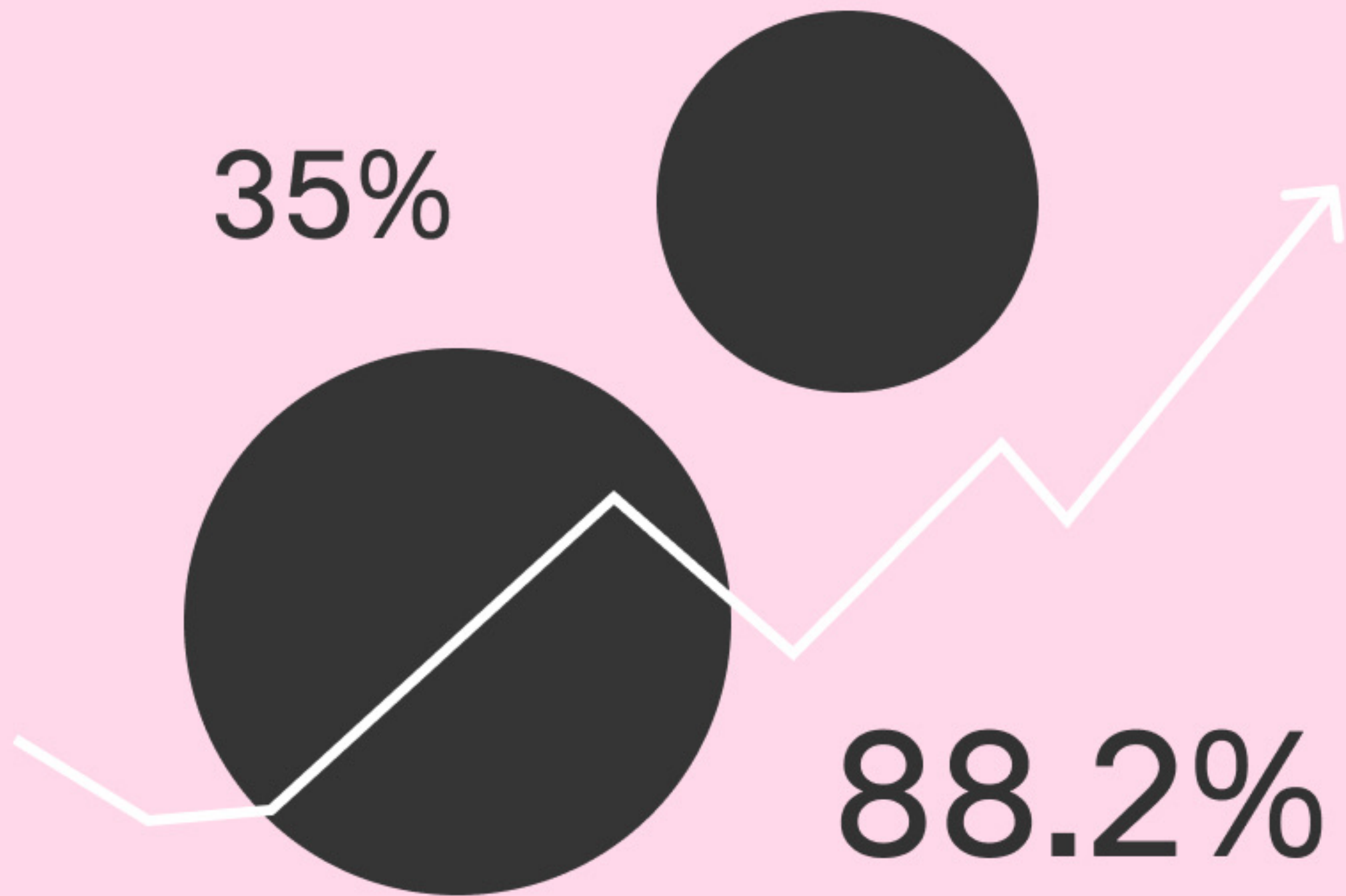


EVEN LESS TALKED ABOUT IS THE FACT THAT PORNOGRAPHY PLAYS A ROLE IN INFORMING TEENS' UNDERSTANDING OF SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS IN UNHEALTHY WAYS.

In fact, even though many teens report learning about sex from porn, **research suggests that porn may be making teens more sexually illiterate.**

(BBFC, 2020)

(WRIGHT, TOKUNAGA, HERBENICK, & PAUL, 2021)



Research also suggests that **as little as 35%** and **as much as 88.2%** of popular porn scenes contain physical violence or aggression, and women are the targets of that violence approximately **97%** of the time. What is this teaching young people about sex?

(FRITZ, MALIC, PAUL, & ZHOU, 2020)

(BRIDGES, WOSNITZER, SCHARRER, SUN, & LIBERMAN, 2010)

**REVIEWS OF THE
RESEARCH ON THIS
TOPIC REVEAL THAT
PORN CAN INFLUENCE
ADOLESCENTS'
SEXUAL ATTITUDES
AND BEHAVIOR, AND
CAN EVEN PLAY A
ROLE IN INCREASED
SEXUAL AGGRESSION.**

(KOLETIĆ, 2017)

(PETER & VALKENBURG, 2016)

**IN FACT, DOZENS AND DOZENS OF
STUDIES SHOW A DIRECT LINK
BETWEEN PORN AND INCREASED
SEXUAL AGGRESSION.**

Showing that porn consumption is a
significant predictor of committing
acts of sexual violence.

**RESEARCH ALSO SUGGESTS
THAT INCREASED PORN
CONSUMPTION IS ASSOCIATED
WITH MEN'S ENJOYMENT OF
DEGRADING AND/OR SEXUALLY
AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIORS.**

(WRIGHT, TOKUNAGA, & KRAUS, 2016
(PETER & VALKENBURG, 2016)
(GOODSON, FRANKLIN, & BOUFFARD, 2020)
(EZZELL, JOHNSON, BRIDGES, & SUN, 2020)

PORN INFLUENCES SEXUAL BEHAVIOR.

As one young person told researchers:

“

MY FRIEND TRIED TO CHOKE HIS
GIRLFRIEND ONCE WHEN THEY
WERE HAVING SEX BECAUSE HE
HAD SEEN IT IN A PORNO... IT
ENDED WITH THE GIRLFRIEND
SLAPPING HIM AND WHEN HE
ASKED WHY SHE SLAPPED HIM SHE
SAID, ‘BECAUSE YOU WERE
CHOKING ME.’

”

Another increasingly common form of dating violence is image-based abuse, sometimes called “revenge porn.”

With this in mind, it’s important to remember that:

ANY EXPLICIT CONTENT OF A MINOR IS LEGALLY
CONSIDERED “CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.”

ACCORDING TO THE INTERNET WATCH 1
FOUNDATION, APPROXIMATELY 1/3 OF CHILD
SEXUAL ABUSE IMAGES ARE ORIGINALLY SHARED
BY THE MINORS DEPICTED THEMSELVES.

ACCORDING TO LONGITUDINAL RESEARCH, PORN USE 2
SIGNIFICANTLY PREDICTS MORE WILLINGNESS TO
FORWARD SEXTS WITHOUT CONSENT.

1 IN 3 TEENS SAY THEY HAVE SEEN 3
NON-CONSENSUALLY SHARED NUDES

1 IN 12 U.S. ADULTS REPORT BEING VICTIMS OF 4
NONCONSENSUAL PORN AND 1 IN 20 HAVE BEEN
PERPETRATORS OF SPREADING IT.

1. (IWF) 2. (VAN OOSTEN & VANDENBOSCH, 2020)
3. (THORN, 2020) 4. (RUVALCABA & EATON, 2020)

TEENS LEARN ABOUT SEX FROM PORN, BUT PORN TEACHES TOXIC LESSONS.

In discussions about teen dating violence, we need to talk about how porn fuels and normalizes sexual violence.

Sexual violence is never a requirement to be a fulfilling, exciting partner. Everyone deserves to make their own decisions about sex, free from what porn dictates as being normal or required. Everyone deserves to be in intimate dating relationships where they feel respected, valued, and safe.


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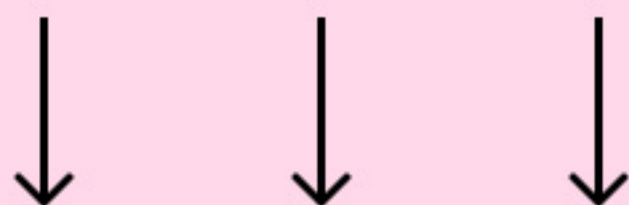
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