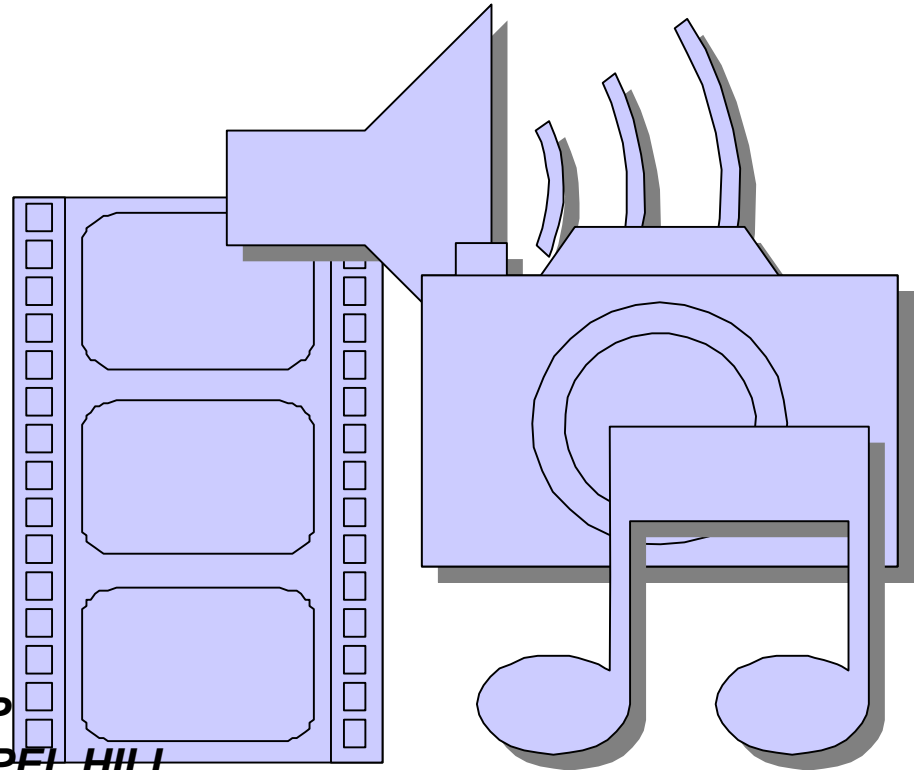


# PREGNANCY PREVENTION IN AN AGE OF THE EMERGING CULTURE OF SEXPLOITATION THE PIMPS & HOS GAME



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# SEXploitation

MYTHS

v

THE FACTS OF LIFE

# THE NORMALIZATION OF SEXUAL HARM

THE PERVASIVE NATURE OF  
THE PIMPS & HOS CULTURE

# CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

- **Child Pornography**
- **Child Sex Tourism**
- **Cyber-enticement**
- **Human Trafficking**
- **Prostitution of Children & Youths**

# INSULT TO INJURY

INJURY: SEXUAL ABUSE

INSULT: MEMORIALIZATION

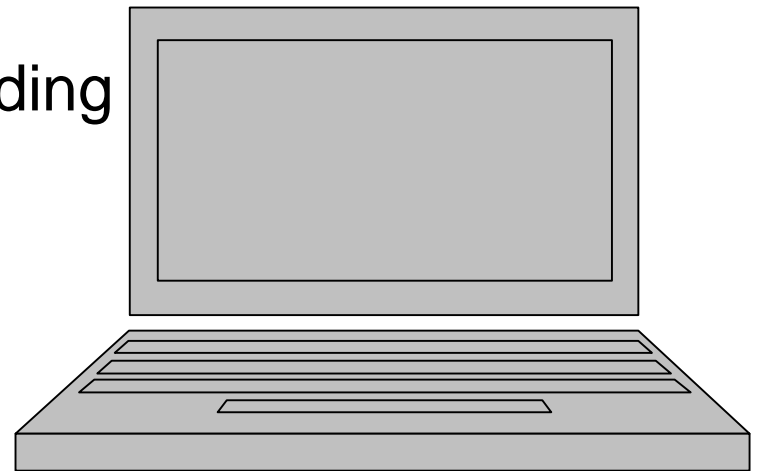
# CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

- There is a blurring of the concept of a “child”, and many images on the Internet are of youths 12-18 years of age
- Often called child sexual abuse images, exploitation facilitated in this manner has significant social ramifications on youths
- This begins the normalization of a sexualized value system

# CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

The teen online is inundated with sexualized images which promote their self image and consequently, their value systems and beliefs

Youth offenders are at risk for serious consequences of downloading or acting out what they see



# CHILD SEX TOURISM

- Prostitution of children in foreign countries leads to the business of American registered sex offenders
- Third tier countries are sites of exploitation both from prostitution but also as a source of child pornography often as a “keepsake” of sex offenders



# CYBER-ENTICEMENT

- Youths who are contacted online by a sex offender discover a smooth “friend” who spends whatever time it takes to encourage them to leave their homes for a sexual encounter
- Most girls willingly leave, knowing that the offender is an adult and will have had sex more than once before he is caught

(Mitchell, Wolak, Finkelhor 2005)

# RECENT REVELATION

- Probably hundreds of youths who have become lured via use of their web cams as producers and distributors of self made child pornography
- According to Justin Berry, there is never a paucity of prurient consumers
- Transmissions now from cellphone cameras and other sources are a concern

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Although this form of sexual exploitation may result in prostitution, one has an even greater concern for sexual slavery
- Rescue is very difficult, and victims feel that their lives are quite expendable
- Organized criminal activity increases the threat to the lives of girls and women who are internationally trafficked

# PROSTITUTION OF CHILDREN & YOUTHS

- May be intrafamilial in nature and this type of abuse has life changing impact
- Substance abuse is often part of the entry into prostitution
- Gang membership is closely linked with exploitation through prostitution for girls
- Runaway & thrown away teens (300,000 in the US) at great risk

# THE REALITY

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION THROUGH  
PROSTITUTION

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CONSIDER THE SCHOOL RECRUITER

# MAJOR PROBLEMS

- **INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE**
- **SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES**
- **SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT**
- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE & CRIMINALITY**
- **TEEN PREGNANCY**

# UNWANTED PREGNANCY

- Normalization of sexuality leads to a belief that sexual activity will result in glamour, money, and romance – not pregnancy
- Responsible sexuality is not the message promoted in the various media examples now being marketed to our teens ~both males and females

# THE CASE OF LOGAN

“IT WAS JUST TO MAKE SOME MONEY”



# WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH SHOW?

- In the US alone, more than 300,000 minors who are runaways and throw aways and at high risk for commercial sexual exploitation (*Estes et al, 2001*)
- Child sexual abuse is an exceedingly important life experience which makes a person at increased risk to run away

# WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH SHOW?

- Persons who have been victims of child sexual abuse are, in their lifetime, 28 times more likely to be arrested for prostitution than a person who has never been a victim of child sexual abuse (*National Institute of Justice, 1994*)

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- Drugs and alcohol increase the risk for poor sexual health
- STDs are more likely to occur
- Methamphetamine in particular is promoted in the circumstance of sexual exploitation through prostitution
- Drugs are used to encourage dependence, compliance and eventually as self-medication

# SELF-INJURIOUS BEHAVIORS

- Risk taking behaviors are included in self-injurious behaviors
- Binge drinking, overdoses of medications and illicit drugs
- Suicide attempts
- Self-mutilation

# INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

- Defined as physical beatings, sexual assault, stalking, isolation, denigration and psychological intimidation
- IPV has been shown to be life changing when the victim is a teen
- There is a high incidence in eating disorders, depression, suicide, and chronic mental health problems

# DELINQUENCY

- Sexual exploitation is often associated with other criminal behaviors (robbery, drug dealing, assault, etc.)
- Such criminal activity will bring a youth into the juvenile criminal justice system which may have lifelong impact upon employment and education
- In addition, criminal behavior is recidivistic

# JUST A ½ HOUR MORE...

- Research involving >500 16 y/o teens who watched rap hip hop music videos more than 3 hours per day (baseline) were:
  - More likely to be arrested for assaulting a teacher
  - More likely to use drugs & alcohol
  - Had more STDs
  - Had multiple sexual partners

# PREGNANCY PREVENTION

