

The Effects of Pornography on Heterosexual Relationships



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Objective

- Examine male and female perceptions of pornography
- How pornography influences the strength of a person's relationship

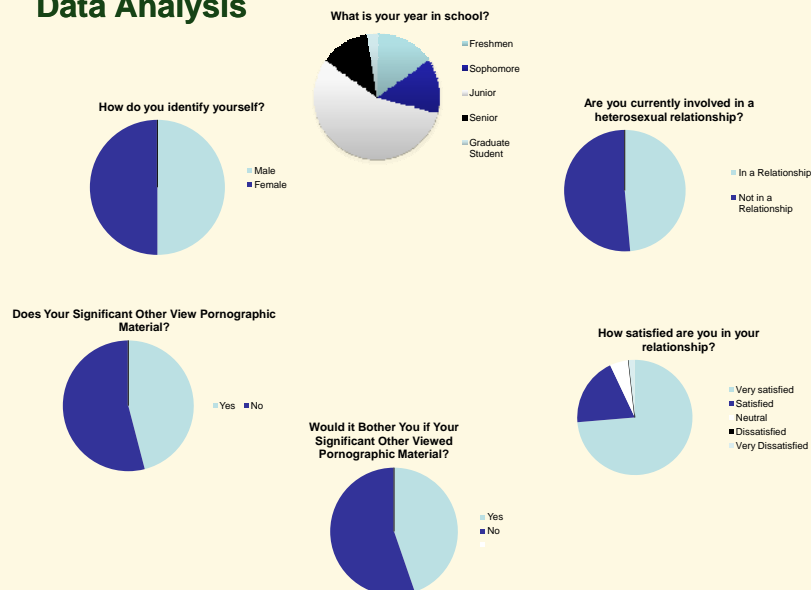
Hypothesis

- The incorporation of pornography into one's intimate relationship in excessive amounts can have a negative effect on the closeness and affection between the two people involved.

Method

- Respondents were college students ranging from freshmen to graduate students.
- Sample size consisted of 100 students.
- The method used for collecting data was an online survey created through the Web Survey System via the UW-Eau Claire website.
- This survey was distributed using snowball sampling via Facebook group, a social networking website.
- Survey consisted of close-ended questions only.

Data Analysis



Epistemological Frameworks

- Postmodern Feminism is the belief that gender is culturally constructed, specifically by individuals actions and appearances.
- Social Construction Feminism is where men and women define roles that have been dictated by deep rooted social structures.

Results

- 50% of both males and females participated in the survey.
- Out of the 100 respondents who participated in the survey, 56% of them were juniors in college.
- 49% of the respondents were currently involved in a heterosexual relationship compared to 51% of those were not.
- 61% of the respondents stated that their significant other does not view pornographic material where as 39% of the respondents significant others stated that they did view pornographic material.
- 45% of the respondents stated that it would bother them if their significant other viewed pornographic material, whereas 55% stated that it would not bother them.
- In general, 94% of the respondents claimed that they were at least satisfied with their current relationship compared to the 6% of those who were not satisfied or were indifferent about their current relationship.

Implications

- The findings indicated that pornography does not have a negative effect on relationship satisfaction.
- Although this study indicates that pornography does not have a major effect on heterosexual relationships, peer-reviewed journals that were looked at, such as Deloy's and Zitzman's studies, show that pornography does have a negative effect on relationships due to certain demographical regions and violence.
- Although an anonymous survey was used future researchers should take into consideration social reliability response bias when writing survey questions.

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