

**PORN
HAS LIED
TO YOU
ABOUT
CONSENT**

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WHAT IS CONSENT?

"Sexual consent" generally refers to a communicated, informed, mutual agreement to engage in sexual activity. Real sexual consent can be revoked at any time.

Meaningful sexual consent cannot be given by anyone who is underage, intoxicated, coerced, tricked, forced, or otherwise incapacitated.

PORTRAYALS OF CONSENT IN PORN

Not only does porn rarely depict consent, but it often portrays a **lack of consent** as normal and desirable.

REAL PORN TITLES FROM POPULAR PORN SITES:

"Please no" (5.4M VIEWS)

"EXTREME SCREAMING PAINFUL ANAL
DESTRUCTION AGAINST HER WILL" (2M VIEWS)

"He said no but I shoved it up his a--" (5.2M VIEWS)

"PLEASE DO NOT UPLOAD IT ON FACEBOOK.
YEAH RIGHT." (5.7M VIEWS)

"Unwanted sex" (2.6M VIEWS)

"Trick your GF" (13M VIEWS)

"Cute Step-Sis Surprised by
Brothers C----" (23.8M VIEWS)

"Surprise Anal in Bar" (9.9M VIEWS)

"Nephew Takes What His Aunt Won't
Give Him" (8.4M VIEWS)

PORN CAN FUEL SEXUAL ENTITLEMENT

Research suggests that many people internalize sexual scripts from porn and often feel pressured to imitate porn in their own sex lives.

Given these toxic messages, it's unsurprising that porn consumption is a significant predictor of feeling entitled to sex, which is an incredibly unhealthy way to approach consent.

Rothman, Kaczmarzsky, Burke, Jansen, & Baughman, 2015

Bouffard, 2010

**A "YES" IS ONLY VALID
IF "NO" IS A
LEGITIMATE OPTION.**

In reality, "no" always means "no."

Coercing, tricking, or pressuring someone into sex, "surprising" them with a sex act they didn't consent to, or ignoring them after they've asked to stop is sexual violence.

IMAGE-BASED SEXUAL ABUSE (AKA "REVENGE PORN")

Consent is also important when it comes to sending nudes.

Even if someone shares an image willingly, meaningful consent means that they reserve the right to revoke that consent at any time and that their images should never be nonconsensually shared with anyone else.

CONSENT IN PORN PRODUCTION

In the porn industry, there is virtually no way to guarantee that any piece of pornographic content is truly consensual, ethical, or even legal. Not only is there virtually no standard system in place to confirm age or consent in porn, but there's also virtually no formal system for reporting and addressing industry abuse in a way that holds abusers accountable while keeping performers safe.

CONSENT IS SEXY!

Porn sends the message that a lack of consent is sexy, but that's absolutely not true.

When sexual partners actively consent to be with each other, communication about sexual preferences happens naturally, which can really help both partners have a more enjoyable experience.

Every individual's desires are different, so assuming that they want whatever you've seen in porn can be risky and dangerous.

FIND HELP

If you have been a victim of sexual violence or image-based sexual abuse, please know that it is not your fault and that there is hope for healing.

For help, visit RAINN's website or call their free, confidential hotline at **800.656.HOPE.**

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