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Abstract:

This research study aims to find how women are used by men in this society in the form of prostitution not through the typical medium of the "Red Light Area" but through the internet, the modern way. The sample for this study will be college and university students who are much more aware of the internet medium. Also, this study tries to find out the possible causes for this menace and suggests remedial measures to curb the growing illness.

Keywords: e-prostitutions, internet age, red light Zone, entertainment, sex, cyber crime

Experimental Results

Respondents interviewed were between the ages of 15 till 23 with a sample size of a total of 76 people from 3 different universities which were Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology, Institute of Business Management (previously known as CBM) and Iqra University. 18 of the respondent were females while 58 were males. Most of them did not disclose their names and residential addresses. The sample provided a near accurate picture of what our young generation does and it supported the belief that internet does aid prostitution. Further statistics and graphs clearly show their attitude and reflect their thinking.

Sample chosen for this research was a purposive sample and the problems in data collection were numerous. This ranged from non-cooperation of the respondents to hostility encountered in certain places. Where nothing worked, (logic and reasoning) I resorted to emotional blackmail.

Does the internet aid/alert prostitution

Majority of the respondents which included both males and females approximately 93% and 78% respectively believed internet is a web which aids prostitution. Most houses have access to the internet or to someone who has access. This makes it easy for users to access internet without having any control over the material being viewed.

Have you ever visited any porn sites

The majority of respondents have answered with a yes to visit such sites. One of the highest factors that influence people to visit such sites seems to be sexual frustration, others include just for fun or pleasure and some stated curiosity to know what porn is all about.

Do these porn sites stimulate people to engage in prostitution

Majority of the male and female respondents (66% and 78% respectively) believed porn sites act as stimulators to incline individuals or groups to enter into prostitution. For some of the respondents the WWW gave arousal and satisfaction and for others, if they are not sexually satisfied then they try to enter into a real time experience of prostitution .

Do you know of such sites which people use for pornography

Since a majority of females (78%) do not visit these sites they also do not know of the sites which people use for this activity which is logical. Yet some said they did know of such sites, which also goes to show that awareness is slowly spreading. Most of the male respondents said they knew such sites and listed some which are www.sexwithme.com, www.pinkworld.com, www.desibaba.com, www.worldsex.com.

Did you meet someone on the net on pornography

Regarding this question majority of the respondents said that they haven't met anyone on the net who was interested in this sort of activity i.e. prostitution. Since a person when sitting on the net (especially in café's) experiences or meets many sorts of different types of people it is not possible that the majority has not met any prostitutes or someone associated to the profession.

Do you know anyone directly or indirectly who has used internet for pornography

Many people replied that they knew people indirectly i.e. through a friend who have used the internet for prostitution. They didn't disclose the names of the people but said that their own friends were involved in this activity.

Is internet a safe and easy way for these people to engage in prostitution

Majority believed it is a safe and easy way since the internet helps in concealing your true identity and it also alerts and aids in engaging prostitution in a relatively safe environment. tother Some think that the computer might be traced by a hacker and your identity revealed and people can actually end up getting caught which is also true to some extent.

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Why do you think people engage in prostitution

Out of the total 76 interviewed both males and females majority of 44% and 46% of them believe that people engage in prostitution due to sexual frustrations, to get pleasure respectively. About 9% of those interviewed believed that it is due to other reasons such as financial needs i.e. to get money. Very few of about 2% believes that it is due to depression.

Most of the frustrations are a cause of lack of communication between families, i.e. parents, children, siblings etc; or having a trusted advisor which in turn leads to unanswered questions, feelings of loss and abandonment when emotions are experienced for which they have no control over and no answers which in turn results in embarrassment and a total loss of self-control.

Conclusion and Future Directions

During my research survey I encountered numerous problems as taking out information about people's perception of the internet and prostitution was not easy due to the sensitivity of the topic in a conservative society that Pakistan has. However I believe I was able to extract sufficient information from them to conclude my research findings. I am able to come to a conclusion that most of the younger generation is aware of internet and its negative aspects; the major one being prostitution. I believe that besides giving education in schools and other institutions children should also be given complete information about internet, prostitution and its evil effects because limited knowledge is dangerous as it encourages the child to experiment which can eventually lead him towards the wrong path.

Recommendation

It is also alarming that many people are sexually frustrated and some also want to engage in prostitution for pleasure, satisfaction and enjoyment. I agree that our nation should have strict laws regarding adultery and prostitution and anyone found guilty should be punished severely. It should be lesson for others. Yet we do need to create a consensus on the fact that besides giving education in schools and other institutions, children should also be given complete information about the internet, and its pros and cons. Besides educating the masses they should be given complete information about sex, prostitution and the darker side of un-safe (unprotected) sex. As a matter of fact information regarding changes taking place, in adolescents should be discussed very diplomatically and frequently worrisome questions and frequently asked questions should be answered in schools and colleges. A trained and trusted counselor is the need of the hour.

The media which today plays a major role in our lives could help in educating youth on all above mentioned recommendations.

The extent is not known to which men's experiences and behaviors are affected by using internet technologies. Early research in this area indicates that the impact is high and contributes to an escalation of exploitation and abuse of women and children. Using the internet to access prostitution empowers men to sexually exploit women and children. The combined experience of using high tech computer hardware and software, finding a supportive community on the internet, and having a sexual experience (masturbating to pornography, live sex shows, and writings about prostitution) is reinforcing and empowering.

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Appendix A

Questionnaire

 Name (all names will be strictly held back, can give first names also)

 Age:

 Sex:

 Education:

 Residential address (optional, can give area living e.g. Clifton, Defence)

Does the internet aid/alert prostitution?

By default have you ever visited any porn sites? If yes why do you visit such sites?

Do you think these porn sites stimulate people to engage in prostitution?

Do you know of such sites which people use for this activity?

(If yes kindly list those sites)

Have you ever met some one on the net whom you think was interested in this activity?

i.e. During a chat etc. If yes please list down the details briefly.

Do you know anyone directly or indirectly who has used internet for this activity?

In your opinion is internet a safe and easy way for these people to engage in

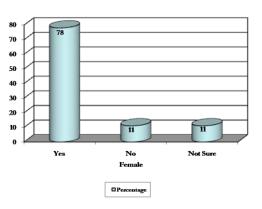
a) Prostitution b, Searching for prostitutes

Why do you think people engage in prostitution?

A, DepressionB, Sexual frustrationC, Pleasure enjoymentD, Others (please specify)

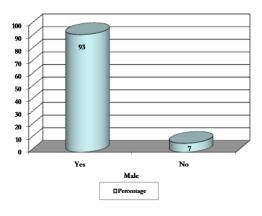
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Appendix B Graphs, Pie Charts

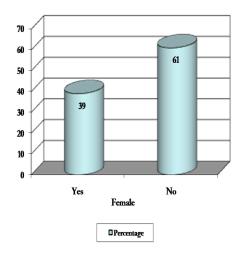


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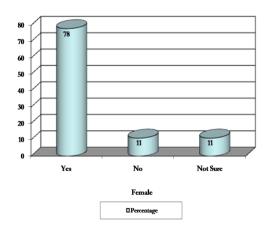
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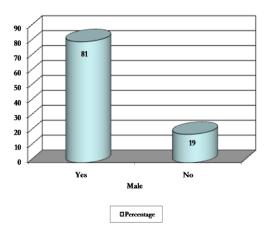
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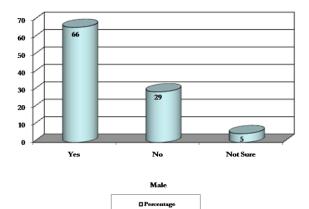
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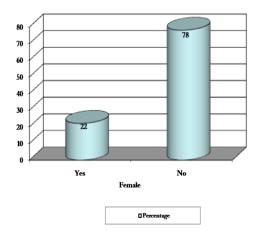
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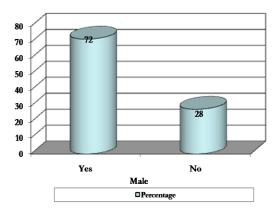
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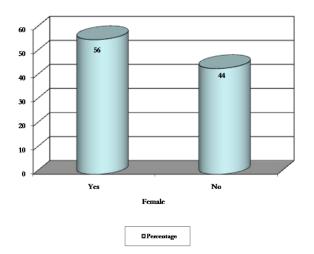
Do you know of such sites which people use for Pornography



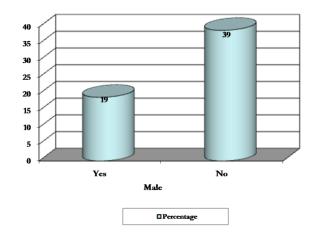
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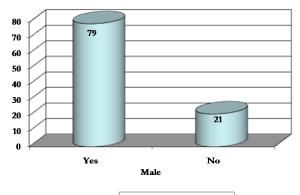
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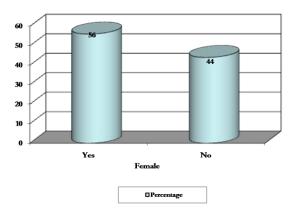


Do you know anyone directly or indirectly who has used internet for Pornography



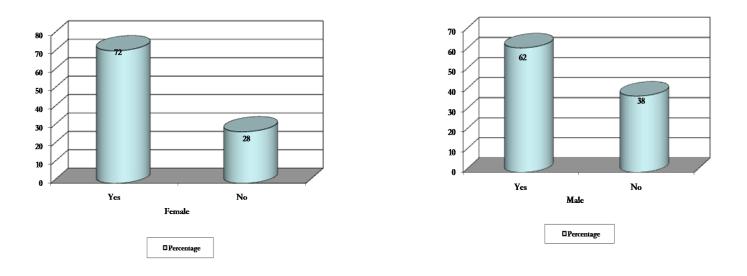
Percentage

Do you know anyone directly or indirectly who has used internet for Pornography



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