



# EFFECTS OF PORNOGRAPHY ON TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

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## INTRODUCTION

Directive 2011/36 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 5 April 2011, on the prevention and fight against trafficking in human beings and the protection of victims, in its article 2 establishes in its section 2 that: There is a situation of vulnerability when the person in question has no other real or acceptable alternative except to submit to abuse

Section 3 defines that exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others, or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, including begging, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude, exploitation to perform criminal activities or organ removal.

Although pornography should be explicitly understood within crimes against sexual exploitation and human trafficking, there are still no studies in Europe that reliably correlate the production and distribution of pornographic content with human trafficking and the abuse of women and minors to force them to make those contents.

The new pornography, distributed over the Internet, has an increasingly relevant impact on the interpersonal relationships of adolescents and young people. The study aims to find a pattern of the impact of the consumption of pornography on young people and adolescents, boys and girls, on their sexuality and interpersonal relationships. Among the most striking discoveries of it highlights, on the one hand, that access to the “new pornography” is advanced to 8 years and, on the other, that they access increasingly macho and misogynist content.

For our Association, the data provided in this study leave room for few doubts, showing increasing trends in both the consumption of online pornography in Spain and the crimes of human trafficking for sexual exploitation. Although 2020 is being a year with a drastic reduction in these crime rates, it is no less true that this reduction has been due to the absence of popular festivals and social confinement, as well as the closure of nightlife businesses, since online crime linked to pornography (such as trafficking in pedophile and / or child pornographic material) has skyrocketed in the first half of this year 2020. (1)

## PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH

The main objective of the project is to promote a social movement to achieve a resolution of the European parliament that urges member states to regulate access to pornography on the Internet, as well as distributed content that guarantees non-submission to sexual slavery of women from human trafficking. The material generated in the project can furthermore be used for the dissemination, information and training of young people and marriages about the dangers of the

consumption of pornography in personal relationships.

Pornography is also the prelude to prostitution and, to this day, the trafficking of women for sexual exploitation continues to grow in Spain and Europe every year, as revealed by the data provided in this report.

This project aims to be a multidisciplinary approach, away from simplistic application of moral or religious principles, in order to provide a vision as complete as possible of this harm caused by the multi-million-dollar pornography business.

It is clear that the recent 2018 audiovisual content regulations approved by the European Parliament are not enough to prevent content that either contains or incites the commission of sexual crimes and sexual slavery from being uploaded to pornography platforms. As this study shows, a specific regulation of pornographic and adult content portals is necessary that, in addition to effectively preventing minors from accessing said content, oblige the multimillion dollar industries that profit from this business to have of concrete and effective measures that prevent the distribution of potentially criminal content or that suggest or encourage the commission of crimes against the freedom of persons.

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(1) <https://www.bbc.com/mundo/noticias-internacional-52385436> According to data to which BBC Mundo has had access, the week from March 17 (three days after the Spanish government declared a state of alarm) to 24, some 17,000 downloads of material with child pornography were registered. The following week, from March 24 to 31, downloads rose to more than 21,000, that is, they increased almost 25%.

# DATA ON THE EVOLUTION OF CRIMES OF TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (2018 - 2019)

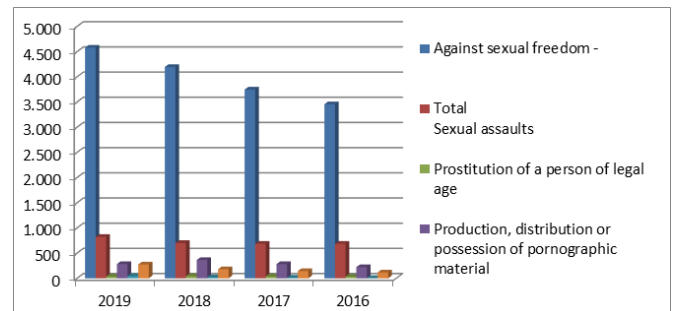
The first element that we would like to highlight in this section is the lack of transparency and uniformity in the public information available on human trafficking and, specifically, on human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Efforts to make this information available have been important, since those published by the National Police and the specific groups that fight against organized crime that carry out this type of crime differ substantially from those obtained from the State Attorney General's Office. The latter are ultimately the ones that end up becoming (or not) a judicially proven crime.

In addition, this is one of the biggest overall problems in this issue, since many of the people released during police inspections do not file complaints or return to their country of origin, thus leaving the possible crime unpunished and its inducers free of charge.

Therefore, in this section we will analyze the information provided by 2 official sources to which our Association has had access during the preparation of the study.

	2019	2018	2017	2016	Difference	% Growing
<b>Against sexual freedom -</b>	<b>4,578</b>	<b>4,195</b>	<b>3,747</b>	<b>3,455</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>33%</b>
Production, distribution or possession of pornographic material	283	363	281	221	62	28%
Deceptive sexual abuse of those over 16 and under 18 years of age	44	20	13	6	38	633%
<b>Illegal trafficking / clandestine immigration</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>134%</b>

It is really striking how despite the efforts of public institutions to combat the social scourge of human trafficking, in Spain it has grown by almost 134% in the last 4 years, with a growth of 53% in the last year under analysis, 2019.



The crime of trafficking in human beings is regulated in Spain in article 177 bis of the Penal Code and consists of the recruitment, transport, reception of nationals or foreigners, foster care, in Spanish territory, from Spain or in transit to it, through the use of violence, deception or intimidation, abusing the situation of superiority, need or vulnerability of the victim, or by delivering or receiving payments to obtain the consent of the person who has control over the victim.

One of the following purposes must also meet:

- The imposition of forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or begging.
- Sexual exploitation, including pornography.
- Exploitation to carry out criminal activities.
- The extraction of their bodily organs.
- The celebration of forced marriages.

The data are simply incomprehensible for a society like Hispaniola, which invests millions of euros every year in awareness programs on human trafficking and sexual slavery. The data provided do not

show that this effort are not enough in quantative terms but rather that they are ineffective and do not serve to tackle the causes of the problem.

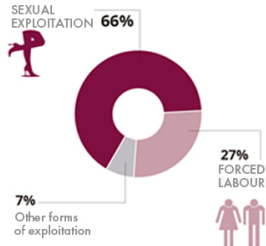
## Data from National Police

NATIONAL POLICE		
	2019	2018
Operations	515	497
Detentions	481	1039
Persons released	921	387
Women	896	382

### VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

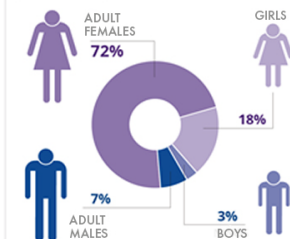
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#### Based on forms of exploitation



Source: UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

#### Victims of sexual exploitation by gender and age

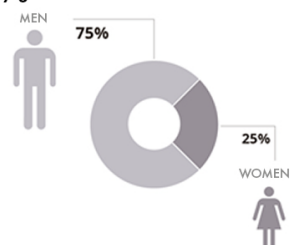


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### WHO ARE THE TRAFFICKERS?

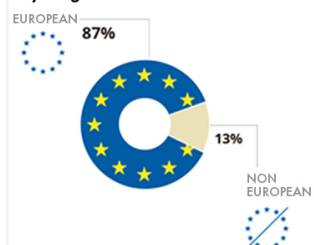
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#### By gender



Source: UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

#### By origin



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# DATA ON THE EVOLUTION OF ON LINE PORN CONSUMPTION IN SPAIN (2018 - 2019)

The study has been carried out independently by the company QuantiKa14 Servicios Integrales S.L with the following objectives:

1. Make a ranking of the 10 most visited pornographic material distribution websites in Spain.
2. Carry out a comparison of consumption (visits) from the years 2018 and 2019, using as one of the two points to compare the study carried out by the same company providing the service in 2018, as well as based on the information available in the ALEXA RANKING (<https://www.alexa.com/>)
3. Monitor for 100 days the trends that are exposed in the three most visited online pornography websites in Spain.
4. Perform a content analysis using the search engine provided by the website with the following words: "abuse", "rape", "sexual slavery", "exploited".

## GLOSSARY

**Organic web page traffic** is the visits that our project receives and that **come from the search results**. Imagine that we search in Google (or any other search engine) for the word "porn" and different results appear.



If we click on the first result we are making an organic visit because it comes from a Google search. Of course, it should not be confused with the **payment results**.

For example, if I google "hair dryer" I get paid results at the top and on the right. In this case, they would not be organic visits, but paid visits. Nor should it be confused with **direct traffic**, which is when the user types the URL directly. In short, it is a metric that will tell us how many visits **come from searches made on Google** (or another search engine).

**Keyword** is the number of keywords that lead a user to a domain through the top 100 search results organized by Google.

**Traffic cost** is the estimated average monthly cost to rank for organic keywords in Google Adwords y Google.

## RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH

Analyzing the data from January 2020



for the organic traffic of visits in the ten most visited online pornography websites in Spain, we arrive at the following approximate data according to the positioned keywords that each page has. The graph would look like this:

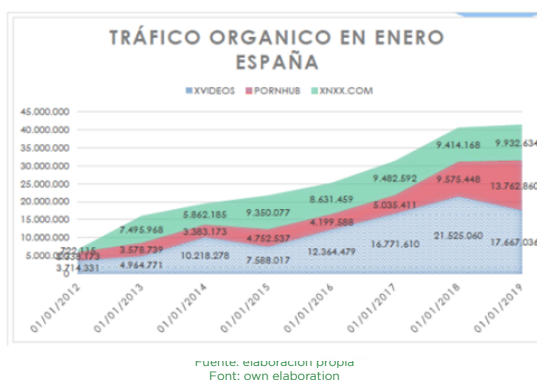


Ranking: The 10 most visited pornographic material distribution pages in January 2020 in Spain.

1. **Xvideos.com** have 24.500.000 organic traffic visits
2. **Pornhub.com** have 17.792.018 organic traffic visits
3. **Xnxx.com** have 10.266.014 organic traffic visits
4. **pornografisdiario.com** have 1.992.576 organic traffic visits
5. **imdb.com** have 4.695.469 organic traffic visits
6. **muycerdas.xxx** have 4.474.047 organic traffic visits
7. **xhamster.com** have 4.084.471 organic traffic visits

# ANALYSIS OF THE EVOLUTION OF VISITS TO PORN SITES IN SPAIN

The growth in the consumption of pornographic websites is very remarkable. In January 2020, the organic traffic consumption in Spain of the 10 portals with the most visits is 77,896,402 visits. It is a very striking fact because the population in Spain on January 1, 2020 is 47,329,981 people. In other words, monthly visits to pornographic sites in Spain are almost double its current population.



About XVIDEOS.COM, focusing in January as a reference, we obtain the following data on organic traffic in Spain from 2012 to 2019 (according to Alexa Ranking data).

- **In January 2012** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 3.714.331 visits
- **In January 2013** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 4.964.771 visits
- **In January 2014** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 10.218.278 visits
- **In January 2015** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 7.588.017 visits
- **In January 2016** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 12.364.479 visits
- **In January 2017** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 16.771.610 visits
- **In January 2018** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 21.525.060 visits

- **In January 2019** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 17.667.036 visits

In the case of PORNHUB.COM, using the month of January as reference, the following data from 2012 up to 2019 are obtained (according to Ranking Alexa):

- **In January 2012** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 2.338.173 visits
- **In January 2013** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 3.578.739 visits
- **In January 2014** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 3.383.173 visits
- **In January 2015** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 4.752.537 visits
- **In January 2016** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 4.199.588 visits
- **In January 2017** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 5.035.411 visits
- **In January 2018** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 9.575.448 visits
- **In January 2019** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 13.762.860 visits

As for the website XNXX.COM, again using the month of January as reference, the following data from 2012 up to 2019 are obtained (according to Ranking Alexa):

- **In January 2012** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 722.115 visits
- **In January 2013** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 7.495.968 visits
- **In January 2014** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 5.862.185 visits
- **In January 2015** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 9.350.077 visits

- **In January 2016** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 8.631.459 visits
- **In January 2017** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 9.482.592 visits
- **In January 2018** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 9.414.168 visits
- **In January 2019** the amount of organic traffick consisted of 9.932.634 visits

## PORNOGRAPHY USE IN THE COVID-19 CRISIS

This report has been edited during the state of alarm and confinement established due to the health emergency of COVID-19. According to the website Pornhub, one of the most popular in the world, the global traffic of pornography consumption experienced a massive increase of 18.5% on March 24, 2020. In addition, there was a large increase in the number of visits to this website by women (17.4%). In the case of Spain, the great peak occurred on March 17, the third day of confinement and also the day on which the website announced that its Premium category was free. This increase was 61.3% compared to normal daily traffic.

## WHAT KIND OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL WITHOUT ANY CONTROL ON THE NET?

This is, without a doubt, the most complex and grotesque part of the data collected by the specialized forensic expert hired by our Association for the analysis of the information.

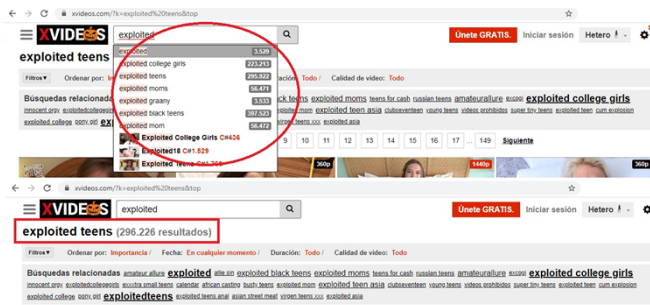
In order to understand how the incidence of pornography consumption may affect the behavior of society, it is not enough, in our opinion, to analyze the trends of greater or lesser consumption. It is also vital to analyze what types of content begin to generate more views and searches.

Thus, one of the pillars of our study is to analyze the content, searches and information available on pornographic material that may lead to the commission of a crime against sexual freedom. It is really amazing to see how hardly any effort is required to reach this type of material and, above all, to see how pornographic portals have no scruples in allowing the uploading of videos whose titles explicitly include this type of crimes, out of a pure desire to monetize and generate money with said possible crimes

Below we show 3 examples of pornographic material accessible by anyone, without the need for registration and / or verification of information on the user's age, available on portals based and broadcast in the European Union.

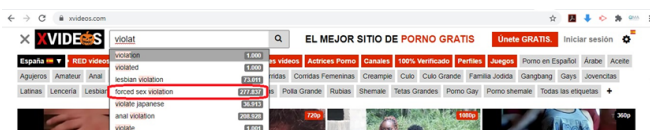
## EXPLOITED

If we carry out a search that simply contains the word "exploited", more than 800,000 available videos appear, where black girls, exploited schoolgirls, and young college girls are the ones with the largest number of videos available.



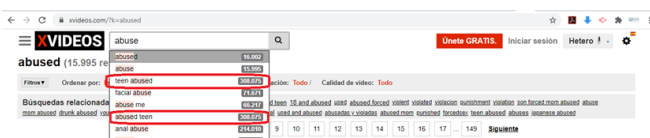
## VIOLATION

As in the previous case, a simple search allows access to more than 500,000 results with the keyword “violated”. It goes without saying that rape is a crime classified in the penal code of most countries of the European Union.



## ABUSE

As in the previous case, sexual abuse is a criminal offense in most EU member countries. Human trafficking for sexual exploitation implies that victims are enslaved, raped and / or abused by third parties who pay to be able to commit these acts. In the case of abuse, the figure exceeds one million videos available.



## Faced with this evidence, the following questions need to be asked

- How to combat the crime of human trafficking for sexual exploitation while allowing the unlimited dissemination and consumption of videos that incite or encourage the rape, abuse or sexual enslavement of people?
- Can the crime of human trafficking be fought without fighting “the markets” to which the victims are destined, such as prostitution or pornography?
- What measures have the European Parliament and the member states adopted to prevent the dissemination of pornographic content in which content constituting crimes and / or persons enslaved for the generation of pornographic content may be included?

## PORNOGRAPHY JUSTIFIES AND PERPETUATES VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

There are several studies that have analyzed violence against women as the “engine” of pornography, as can be seen in Aggression and Sexual Behavior in Best-Selling Pornography Videos: A Content Analysis Update Show less, conducted by the authors Ana J. Bridges , Robert Wosnitzer, Erica Scharrer, Chyng Sun, Rachael Liberman.

This current study analyzes the content of popular pornographic videos, with the aim of updating the representations of aggression, degradation and sexual practices and comparing the results of the study with previous content analysis stu-

dies. The findings indicate high levels of aggression in pornography, both verbally and physically. Of the 304 scenes analyzed, 88.2% contained physical aggression, mainly spanking, gagging, and slapping, while 48.7% of the scenes contained verbal aggression, mainly insults. The perpetrators of the attack were generally men, while the targets of the attack were mostly women. Targets often showed pleasure or responded neutrally to aggression.

## CONCLUSIONS

The main conclusions of the study are the following:

- In recent years, there has been an increase in the consumption of pornography, an increasingly violent pornography, without restrictions on web search engines and portals that allow access to content that, in the best of cases, simulates sexual crimes.
- Likewise, and despite the efforts and investments of the member states to stop the trafficking of persons for sexual exploitation, it has continued to grow in recent years.
- There are more and more studies that, from a medical and social point of view, establish a direct relationship between the growth of the consumption of pornography, addiction and the perpetration of violence against women and, increasingly at younger ages.

For this reason, we recommend to the European authorities that regulate in the first place the access of minors to pornographic content, forcing the pornographic industry to establish measures that prevent minors from accessing pornographic content, with similar warnings to any

other product that generates addiction (Alcohol, tobacco, drugs). Likewise, mechanisms must be established that guarantee that in the EU servers cannot be used for the distribution of pornographic material whose content does not guarantee that people have not been used against their will for the recording of the images and, as in cases pedophilia, sexual abuses or terrorism, provide effective means so that recordings that do not meet minimum control requirements can be withdrawn by the national authorities of the member states.

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