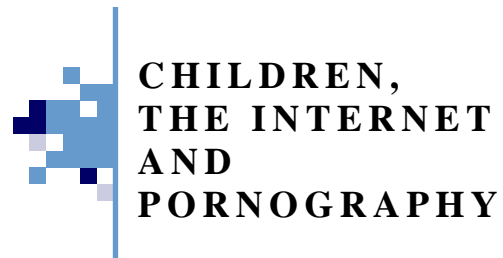
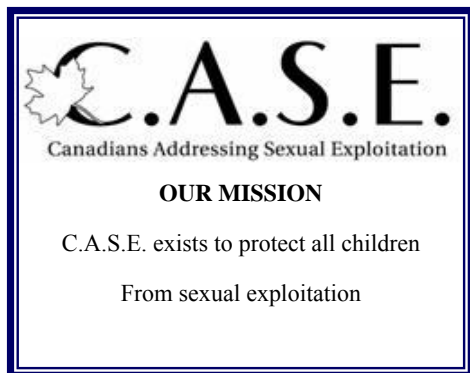




## **LET YOUR VOICE**

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Organize a White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Campaign in your community. Order a Ribbon of Signatures from C.A.S.E. that states: **“Protect Our Children from Sexual Predators”** It’s easy to collect signatures. When the ribbon is full of signatures, deliver the signed ribbon to your Member of Parliament with a letter asking for changes in controlling the pornographic content of the internet.



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## **FACTS ABOUT PORNOGRAPHY**

- ∇ Every second, \$307,564.34 is spent on pornography;
- ∇ Every second, there are 28,258 internet users viewing pornography;
- ∇ Every second, 372 internet users are typing adult terms into search engines;
- ∇ Every 39 minutes, a new pornographic video is being created in the U.S. <sup>1</sup>

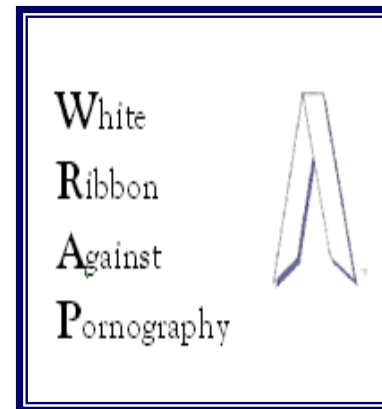
Of the thousands of offenders successfully prosecuted for possession of child pornography:

- ∇ 83% had images of children between ages 6 and 12;
- ∇ 39% had images of children between ages 3 and 5;
- ∇ 19% had images of children younger than 3 <sup>2</sup>

***Child pornography is not pictures of nude children!***

***Child pornography IS pictures of children being graphically sexually assaulted and raped!***

1. Jerry Ropelato, Internet Pornographic Statistics, <http://internet-filter-review.topreviews.com / rinternet.2009>
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Do your part, order your WRAP kit today from C.A.S.E.; collect signatures and lobby your MP to stop Internet Service Providers from



## The Problem: Internet Service Provider Regulations

### CASE ONE

In February, 2009 we were again reminded of the horrific devastation caused by child pornography on the internet. A 4-year old boy and a 12-year old girl were rescued from abusive situations. Thirty-one men were charged. The youngest charged was a boy 14 years old, just two years older than the child the police rescued. The police stated, "Such cases include images of penetrative sexual activity between adults and very young children and infants, sexual bondage of children, bestiality and increasingly, "live" web-cam streaming of real-time abuse of infants and children."<sup>n3</sup>

O.P.P. Commissioner, Julian Fantino added, "The most fundamental responsibility of any society is to protect children. Every child has a right to be nurtured and to be safe. Child pornography is the sexual abuse of children. These are real children. These are real crimes. These are real victims. The exploitation of any children by any means is appalling, unconscionable and a very serious crime."<sup>n4</sup>

*"Pornography is not just a freedom of expression issue. It also involves the constitutional rights of children to life, liberty and security. Children must have the right to live free of pornography and the desensitization caused by pornography."* **Dolina Smith, Past President, Canadians Addressing Sexual Exploitation**

### CASE TWO

In the 1970's, studies stated the largest users of pornography were boys 12 to 17. Magazines and films were the only sources and child pornography was not available in the mainstream culture. Over time, the fact of age has not changed but the availability of materials has. Now a click of the mouse brings both adult and child pornography into the home.

Parents try to protect children by having filters on their computers, but cell phones, iPods and other electronic devices cannot, as yet, be filtered. So children are exposed to depraved sexual activity before they are mature enough to assimilate the messages they are receiving. **This is the sex education for this generation of children.**

Should we be surprised when children are having children? Should we be surprised that in the U.S., 44 births per 1,000 are to teenage mothers ages 15-10? (That does not include aborted babies.)<sup>n5</sup> The cry from the "experts", to solve the problem, is better sex education.

We say, "Look at the sex education our children are receiving via the Internet. Make the providers responsible for its content."

*"The fight against child sexual abuse and the legislative changes needed to back it up will never succeed unless the public wakes up to the nightmare in its own backyard."*

**Detective Sergeant Paul Gillespie, Toronto, Ontario, Police Sex Crime Unit**

### CASE THREE

In 2003, Michael Brier, after watching child pornography in his house, had the strong impulse to act out what he saw. He walked outside into his Toronto neighbourhood just as 10 year old Holly Jones was returning from her friend's house. He grabbed her, took her to his apartment, acted out what he had been watching and after he had sexually assaulted her, he killed her.

In his statement to police about what he saw on the Internet, he stated, "the simplicity of getting material... it's close to mind-boggling. I have never understood how come the whole thing wasn't shut down, just because of the nature of it. You search for the word 'baby' and it will find stuff there ... it's easy ... you don't need a degree."<sup>n6</sup> That was in 2003. So, with no control and more sophisticated technology it is hard to imagine what is now available.

*"Pornography addiction is an epidemic in this country that has affected millions of men, women and children. But the addict is just one of the many victims of pornography."*

**Jan LaRuo, Family Research Council's Senior Director of Legal Studies**

### THE ENABLERS

**Television channels** also play a part in this problem. They are regulated by the **Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)**. The Commission has granted licenses to several channels whose express purpose is to produce and broadcast pornography. The latest of these was a channel called 'Northern Peaks' which was granted a license in August, 2008.

**The Internet Service Providers (ISPs)** are not required to regulate what they provide. The Internet has no boundaries or limitations.

The last decade has shown an explosion of Internet growth which can bring us all sorts of information through our computers and other electronic devices, and yet we have no regulation on the suitability of content.

The CRTC began hearings in February, 2009 to review its policy of allowing broadcasting content to be unregulated on the Internet and cell phones. One can be forgiven for being cynical, when it was learned that the CRTC would review Canadian content on the Internet and cell phones. Given its present mandate would mean that pornography, with the proper amount of Canadian content, would be permitted in any medium.

In response to concerns expressed by C.A.S.E., the CRTC stated through Counsel Bernard Montigny in April 2008, "... the CRTC does not regulate the Internet. This position was adopted in 1999 following a lengthy public consultation process. It was determined that existing Canadian laws, industry self-regulation, content filtering software and increased media awareness were the most appropriate tools to deal with offensive and illegal content on the Internet."

Self-regulation does not work. It is like asking drug dealers to regulate the sale of drugs. They may, but obviously to their own advantage.

#### Notes

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