Christian Voices for Life

Wednesday Word

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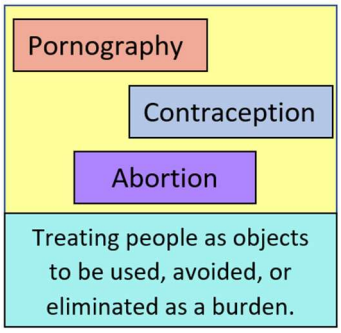
How is Abortion Related to Pornography and Contraception?



Education: *Abortion does not occur in a vacuum.* Pornography has been around a long time, but has now greatly increased in use (thanks in part to the internet). Pornography leads to objectification of the human person. The birth control pill led to greatly increased occurrence and acceptance of sexual activity outside marriage, also objectifying children as burdens to be protected against. Sexual activity is now being seen as recreational, not reserved for procreation and bonding between married partners, hence leading to the increasing "need" for abortion. (1)

God has a beautiful plan for sexuality: giving oneself freely, fully, fruitfully and faithfully to your spouse.(1) Bonding between the spouses contributes to a faithful marriage in which both parents are present to share the large responsibility and task of caring for their children. Pornography involves no giving at all, but rather using others for one's own pleasure. Chemical changes in the brain can lead to addiction difficult to break free of. (2) It has been shown that use of pornography, now being deliberately aimed to young children, leads to acceptance of promiscuity as natural and normal, as well as early sexual activity. (3)

Contraception negates the concept of giving yourself fully to your spouse, holding back your fertility, as part of what God created you to be. It also objectifies children, their value seeming to depend on whether they are wanted, and under the control of a couple according to their wishes, rather than a precious gift from God.

The objectification of children as an unwanted consequence of sexual activity of course leads to the perceived "need" for abortion. Women athletes openly cite the "need" for abortion in order to continue their careers while they can, taking for granted that they will be sexually active and subject to the possibility of an unwanted pregnancy.

1. "What Porn, Birth Control, and Abortion All Have in Common", Bruce and Jennie Hannemann, 4 min video from Human Life International, at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-R_0FXwz3Q&list=PLLj_bYHqrHFnbdwGCCPT8MUJh8ot0wZGB&index=58
2. *Hooked: The Brain Science on how Casual Sex Affects Human Development*, by Joe S. McIhaney and Freda McKissic Bush
3. https://sexualintegrityinitiative.com/resources/fact-sheets/

Prayer: Dear Lord, please give parents wisdom and courage in speaking to their children about healthy sexual activity according to God's plan. Help young children to understand first that God makes babies and they start very tiny inside the mother, and need to stay inside the mother until they are ready to be born. Help children to be protected from the hurtful exposure to pornography, as well as the presentation of extramarital sexual activity as normal behavior in movies and on television. Help people of all ages understand the harmful physical and psychological effects of contraception as well as abortion, and give doctors the courage to refuse to prescribe drugs that present dangers to their patients as well as promoting or consisting of immoral activity.

Action: Talk to your spouse and other parents about talking to your children about pornography and contraception as well as abortion. Convey the importance of teaching children a healthy attitude toward sex as reserved for marriage, and the dangers as well as immorality of pornography and contraception. See www.DefendYoungMinds.com for a free guide on "How to Talk to Kids About Pornography", their book, *Good Pictures, Bad Pictures*, to read to children, and a wealth of other information including "How to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse".