



A Sociological Study of Pornography Viewing

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Abstract

In this study, the topic of watching erotic videos or pornographic videos was chosen. According to Austrian psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud; it is a visual mode that addresses the sexual desires of person's subconscious mind. As the research problem, I have sought answers to what the background factors behind watching pornographic/erotic video scenes as a subject of social debate? The primary objective of this study is to emphasize the functional impact of pornographic/erotic videos on society. Here, both primary and secondary data were used and for primary data, six sample units were taken from the elderly group and six sample units were taken from the youth group. Under the two groups of adults and youth, three women and three men are represented and the total sample size is 12. The sample was randomly selected. The study design used is a cross-sectional design, aimed at meeting the respondents while the primary data was collected using the structured interview method. Here, primary and secondary data have been analyzed using discourse analysis method, taking each ideological approach separately. Through some feminist approaches, pornography is treated as deviant acts against women, crimes, while another feminist group explains it as functional act. According to psychological and medical opinions, the self-pleasure of watching these scenes can reduce stress, improve sleep, boost the immune system, and reduce the risk of heart disease in men. When attention is paid to its negative aspects, this approach states that children exposed to pornographic scenes will later develop anxiety-like conditions. Analysis of primary and secondary data revealed that pornography viewing is a challenging topic of debate in today's world. And there is a common similarity that can be seen across both of these data. That is, through the feminist approach, psychological and medical approach and primary data, it was clearly seen that some kind of functional contribution is given to the society through these videos. Based on the diversity of these ideologies of agency, watching pornographic/erotic videos can be seen as a field that has become a subject of debate.

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