



# Effectively Protecting Children from Online Pornography

By: Sharita Dancy

# The Researchers Thesis

- Thesis: filtering computers alone will not protect children from viewing pornographic information

# The Researchers Hypothesis

- Hypothesis: By parents monitoring the computers history, discussing online activity with the child, filtering computers, and limiting online access will protect a child best.

# Research Terms

- Computer Access- refers to the availability an adolescent has to a computer with internet access either at home, a friends, or a local library.
- Explicit- will refer to pictures containing nudity, or partial nudity, which are not medically related. Explicit will also cover images where sexual acts are performed.
- Pornographic Pictures- refer to images that contain explicit content and
- Pornographic sites- are websites that contain explicit images and or invitations for viewing or participating in sexually related acts online (i.e. click here for hardcore sex.)

# Research Questions

- RQ1: Do educating children of the dangers on the internet and how to avoid pornography protect them better than filters?
- RQ2: Does parents/guardians involvement in children's internet activity protect them better than filters alone?
- RQ3: Would educating both the parents/guardians and children be the more effective than filtering?
- RQ4: Does viewing explicit material affect the attitudes of adolescents towards sexual content therefore, encouraging them to view such material?

# Background

- Parents and the internet
  - Used for educational purposes has Increased over the years
  - See it as merely educational
- Wanted and Unwanted exposure
  - Amount
  - Cause
- Effects of Exposure
  - Influence their ideas of norms in society
  - People can be viewed as sex objects

# Background Continued

- Protecting children
  - Monitoring online activity
  - Limiting online activity
- Filtering
  - Positive
  - Negative

# Methodology

- Research
  - quantitative research
- Participants
  - 1000 adolescents
- Type of Sample
  - proportionate stratified sample

# Work Cited

- “Education, Not Filters Protects Kids Online.” Teacher Librarian Mar. 2006: 58. ProQuest Research Library. ProQuest. Briar Cliff U Lib., Sioux City, IA. 29 Mar. 2007 <<http://proquest.umi.com/login>>.
- Jerome, Richard, et al. “The Cyberporn Generation.” People 26 Apr. 2004: 72+. ProQuest Research Library. ProQuest. Briar Cliff U Lib., Sioux City, IA. 29 Mar. 2007 <<http://proquest.umi.com/login>>.
- Jones, Monica. “Your Child and the Internet: Tips to Keep Them Safe on the Information Superhighway.” Ebony Mar. 2006: 132+. ProQuest Research Library. ProQuest. Briar Cliff U Lib., Sioux City, IA. 29 Mar. 2007 <<http://proquest.umi.com/login>>.

# Work Cited Continued

- Thompson, Sonya. “Mental Health: 1 in 3 Boys Heavy Porn Users, Study Shows.” Mental Health Business Week 17 Mar. 2007: 110. ProQuest Research Library. ProQuest. Briar Cliff U Lib., Sioux City, IA. 29 Mar. 2007 <<http://proquest.umi.com/login>>.
- Whitehead, Barbara Dafoe. “Online Porn.” Commonweal 21 Oct. 2005: 6. Academic Search Elite. EBSCO. Briar Cliff Lib., Sioux City, IA. 8 Mar. 2007 <<http://search.ebscohost.com/>>.
- Wolak, Janis, Kimberly Mitchell, and David Finkelhor. “Unwanted and Wanted Exposure to Online Pornography in a National Sample of Youth Internet Users.” Pediatrics 119.2 (Feb. 2007): 247-57. ProQuest Research Library. ProQuest Information and Learning. Briar Cliff U Lib., Sioux City, IA. 3 Apr. 2007.

# Work Cited Continued

- Martland, Nancy, and Fred Rothbaum. "Thinking Critically About the Internet: Suggestions for Practitioners." Child Welfare 85.5 (Sept.-Oct. 2006): 837-52. ProQuest Research Library. ProQuest. Briar Cliff Lib., Sioux City, IA. 19 Apr. 2007 <<http://proquest.umi.com/login>>.
- Miltner, Katherine A. "Discriminatory Filtering: CIPA's Effect on Our Nation's Youth and Why the Supreme Court Erred in Upholding the Constitutionality of the Children's Internet Protection Act." Federal Communications Law Journal 57.3 (May 2005): 555-78. ProQuest Research Library. ProQuest. Briar Cliff Lib., Sioux City, IA. 12 Apr. 2007 <<http://proquest.umi.com/login>>.
- Soeters, Karen E, and Kantinka Van Schaik. "Children's Experiences on the Internet." New Library World 107.1/2 (Sept.-Oct. 2006): 31-6. ProQuest Research Library. ProQuest. Briar Cliff Lib., Sioux City, IA. 12 Apr. 2007 <<http://proquest.umi.com/login>>.