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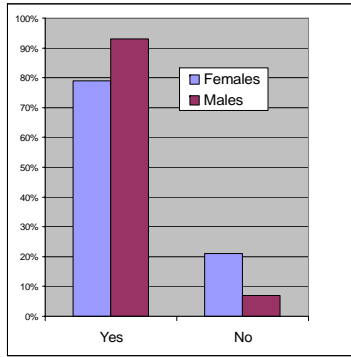
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# The Perceptions and Realities of Pornography on Colby College Campus

A Survey Conducted by Jessica Seymour and Elizabeth Wyckoff

Question 1: Have you ever viewed pornography?



*"Pornography is a societal problem, it has no good function and just distorts views of relationships and sexuality."*

- survey participant

Question 7: Sex Drive

Perceptions

\* Males are more likely to think that males who do not watch porn have low or very low sex drives

\* Females are more likely to think that females who do not watch porn still have average sex drives

Realities

\* Most males (39%) rate themselves with a high sex drive

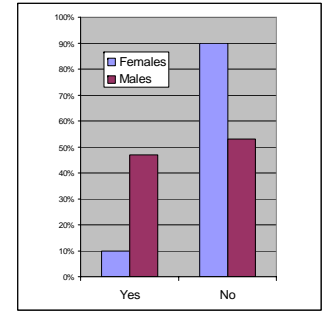
\* Most females (46%) rate themselves with an average sex drive



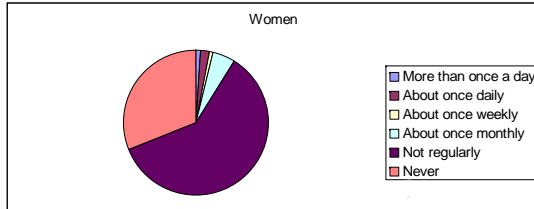
*"Whatever people do behind closed doors is their own business."*

- survey participant

Question 6: Would you prefer a partner who views pornography?



Question 2: How often do you view pornography?



Perceptions

\* Most males (53%) think the average Colby female views porn "not regularly"

\* Most Colby students of both genders (55%) think Colby males view porn "about once weekly"



Question 5: Aggression and Violence

Perceptions

\* Most males (67%) think Colby females prefer porn that is non aggressive and nonviolent

\* Most males (67%) think that other males at Colby prefer porn that is aggressive but nonviolent

\* An overwhelming amount of females (78%) think that males prefer porn that is aggressive but nonviolent

Realities

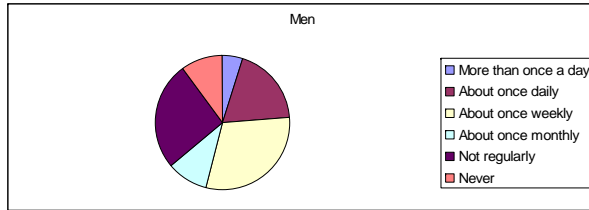
\* Most females (62%) prefer porn that is non aggressive and nonviolent

\* 43% of males prefer porn that is aggressive but nonviolent

\* 50% of males prefer porn that is non aggressive and nonviolent

Very few females (only 5%) think that males prefer nonviolent and non aggressive porn, when in fact that is the porn they prefer.

\* An overwhelming majority of Colby males (70%) think that the average Colby male views "about once daily"



Question 4: How does pornography depict bodies?

Question 3: Viewing Purposes

Perceptions

\* Most males (36%) think females view porn for masturbation

\* Most females (24%) think females view porn for masturbation

Realities

\* Most females who view porn regularly (38%) view it for the purpose of masturbation

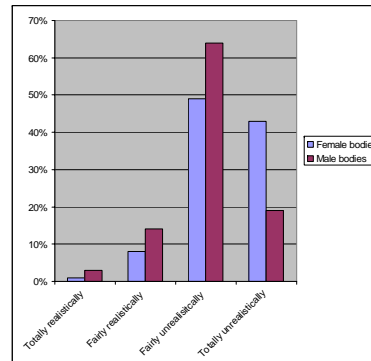
For males, the reality fits the perception that the majority of Colby males view porn for masturbatory purposes.



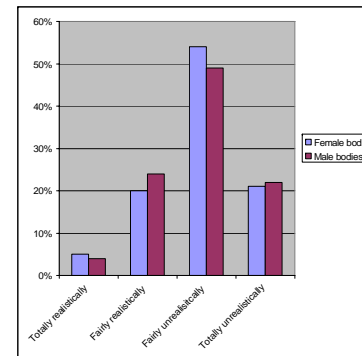
*"There is nothing wrong with pornography. It can be fun and exciting."*

- survey participant

Female Perceptions



Male Perceptions



*"I think it is a topic that is not discussed often enough on this campus. I think many women are unaware of how many men on this campus look at porn. I think many men on this campus are unaware of the dangers of porn and the way it objectifies women and why they should be concerned about that."*

- survey participant