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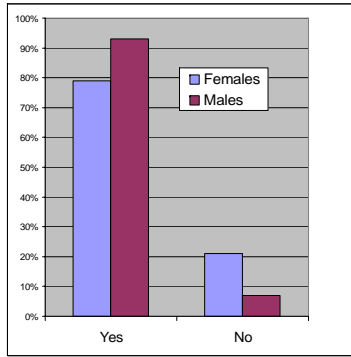
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The Perceptions and Realities of Pornography on Colby College Campus

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

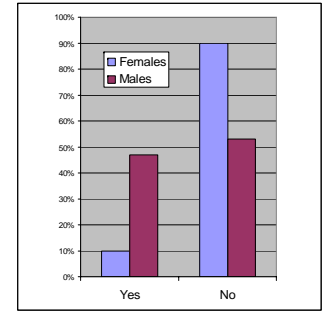
* Most males (39%) rate themselves with a high sex drive

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

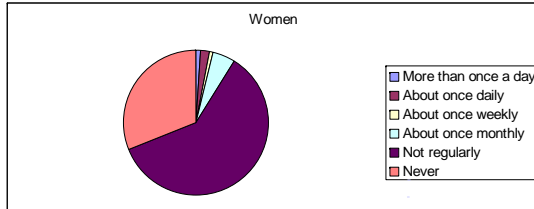


"Whatever people do behind closed doors is their own business."
- survey participant

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

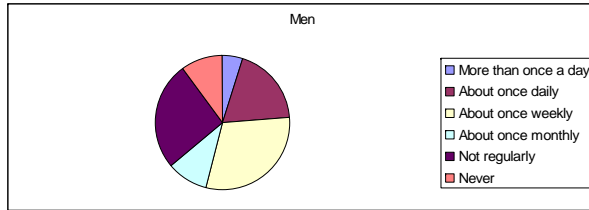
* Most females (62%) prefer porn that is non aggressive and nonviolent

* 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

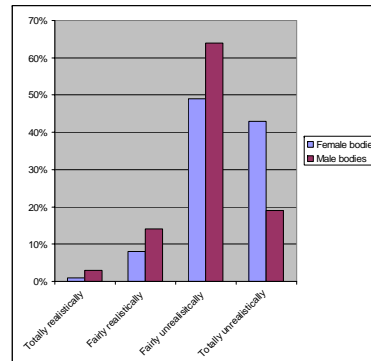
* Most females who view porn regularly (38%) view it for the purpose of masturbation

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

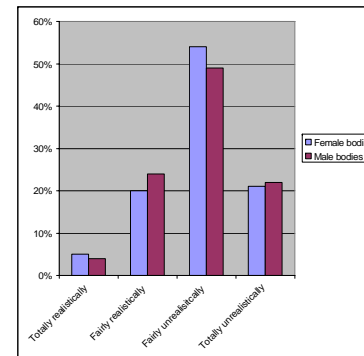


"There is nothing wrong with pornography. It can be fun and exciting."
- survey participant

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

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