



# Pornographies... and sex crimes

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## A brief historical reminder

In Canada in the mid-1980s, the Special Committee on Pornography and Prostitution identified two main evils in pornography:

The harmful influence of pornography on minors who are involuntarily subjected to it since if adults could choose to be performers in porn films or videos and to view them, "children do not have the ability to give their informed consent“

Infringement of women's right to equality as set out in section 15 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* (Badgley Report)

# A portrait of sex crimes in Canada from 1998 to 2018

- There is an increase in reports of sexual assault from 25,553 to 28,741 cases (+ 12.5%)
- And sexual offenses against children from 1 to 8,660 cases (+ 15,645.5%)
- While the overall crime was down from 2,688,540 to 2,226,036 cases (-18.5%) in the country (Statistics Canada, DUC)



# The portrait of sex crimes in Quebec from 1998 to 2018

- There has been a significant increase in reports of sexual assault by 3,511 to 5,308 cases (+ 51.2%)
- And sexual offenses against children from 4 to 2,732 cases (+ 68,200%)
- While the overall crime was down from 505,388 to 349,826 cases (- 44.5%) in the province (Statistics Canada)
- The persons presumed responsible for these sexual offenses are distributed between 78.8% men and 21.2% women. This proportion is the same since 2012 (MSPQ)

# The portrait of sexual crimes related to child pornography in Quebec from 2014 to 2018

- Access to or possession of child pornography decreased by - 150.6 %
- Production and distribution of child pornography increased + 2,807.1 %
- Making sexually explicit material available to a child increased + 1,133.3

*Adolescents victimized 31 (93.5% female) + Adults victimized 91 (70.3% female)*

Non-consensual posting of intimate images also increased + 558.5 %

*Adolescents victimized 192 (91.7% female) + Adults victimized 199 (96.5% female)*

Child luring using a computer also increased + 47,0 %

*Adolescents had 356 victims (88.2% female) + Adults had 719 victims (85.5% female)* (MSPQ)

# The profile of adolescent child and female sexual abusers

## **Their numbers:**

Adolescents between the ages of 12 and 17 accounted for 2,168 female victims (83%) of which 93.1% were minors and 445 male victims (17%)

## **Change over the five-year period:**

Sexual assaults perpetrated by adolescents ages 12-17 increased by +44.7% among female victims and decreased by -7% among male victims (MSPQ)

# The profile of adolescent child and female sexual abusers (continued)

Pornography use is the second of four factors predicting the development of sexual deviance in child and female sexual abusers (E. Beauregard et al.)

Adolescent child sexual abusers are on average 15 years old

They consume mainstream pornography (44%) and child pornography (35%) (M. Jacob et al.)

They perform fellatio (83%) with their young victims as well as touching, masturbation, coitus or sodomy mainly on children aged 12 and under (A. Beauchemin)

# The profile of adolescent child and female sexual abusers (continued)

The average age of teenage female sexual abusers is 16 years old

They consume heterosexual pornography (64%)

They use coitus against them (M. Jacob et al.)

They are adolescents who were exposed to pornography before the age of 10, lived in a dysfunctional sexual family environment and were generally abused

They have not acquired skills related to consent and reciprocity in their sexual relationships with others (J.-A. Spearson Goulet and M. Tardif)



# Profiles of adult perpetrators of sexual assault of minors

## **1st adult profile: with the presence of coercion**

Ingestion of psychoactive substances: alcohol, drugs or medication

Their female victims are known and perceived as not vulnerable

Coitus is perpetrated with verbal and physical coercion for approximately 15 minutes

Loneliness, low self-esteem and poor body image are predictive factors (J. Proulx et al.)

# Profiles of adult perpetrators of sexual assault of minors (continued)

## **2nd adult profile: non-coercive:**

They consume child pornography to fuel their sexual fantasies prior to their planned offenses against unknown and perceived psychologically vulnerable male victims. (É. Beauregard et al.)

Coitus is not used as a sexual act for more than 15 minutes

Before the assault, they experience a great deal of excitement and sexual pleasure, whereas afterwards they feel guilty (J. Proulx et al.)

# Child sex offenders go through four episodes

## **Episode 1:**

They consume mainstream pornography and then child pornography

## **Episode 2:**

They collect and distribute child pornography

## **Episode 3:**

They lure children into the Internet for offline sexual contact or not

## **Episode 4:**

They sexually assault children offline whose sexual acts are used in the production of child pornography (Fortin, Paquette & Dupont)

# Conclusions

Since 1998, the more pornography is produced and consumed through virtual technologies, the more sexual crimes are committed by teenagers and adult men

The female sex is still the most aggressed one

We live in a society where the culture of aggression is promoted by mainstream pornography, gay pornography and child pornography, which has led to the development of a toxic masculinity

When will we see a sexual education where the effects of pornography will be better addressed?



Thank you for  
listening!

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*Pornographies...online at the BouquinBec Store*

<https://boutique.bouquinbec.ca/pornographies.html>

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