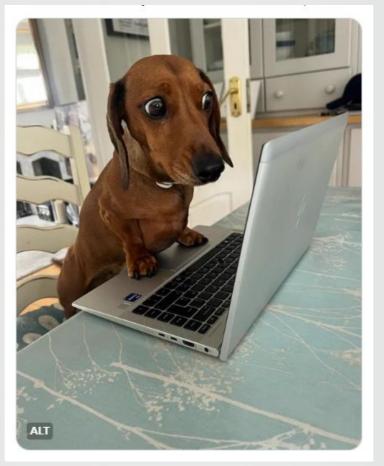
#### Porn Isn't Going Away, So What Do We Do About it?



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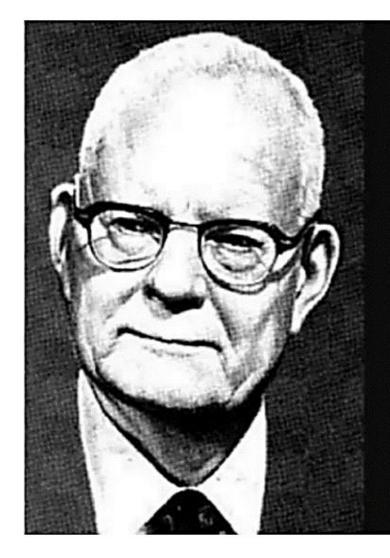


#### Learning Objectives

- Gain an understanding of the prevalence of porn among adolescents
- Be able to explain why youth are choosing to consume porn
- Understand the impact of porn on youth, including the effect on historically oppressed populations
- Employ strategies in school and with parents that work to curb porn use





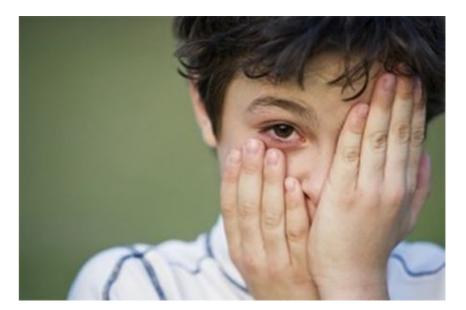


"Without data you're just another person with an opinion."

> - W. Edwards Deming, Data Scientist







#### Age of First Viewing:

| <ul> <li>10 or younger</li> </ul> | 15% |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| • 11 to 13                        | 39% |
| • 14 to 15                        | 17% |
| • 16 to 17                        | 3%  |



88%

Of porn scenes contain violent images

## What is it?





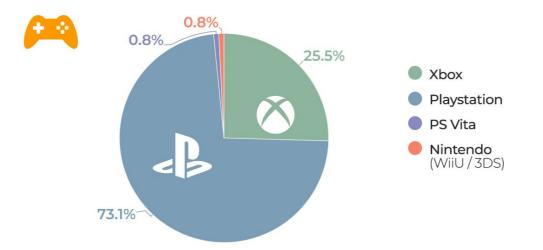
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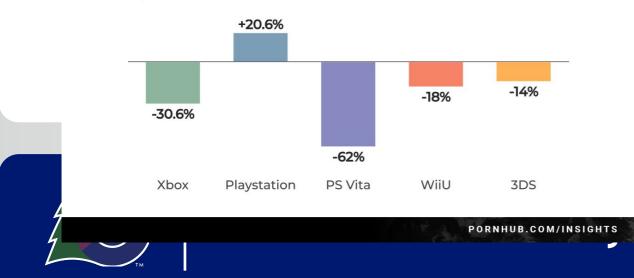
#### **Traffic by Game Console**

YEAR IN

REVIEW



#### Change in Console Traffic Share from 2021 to 2022



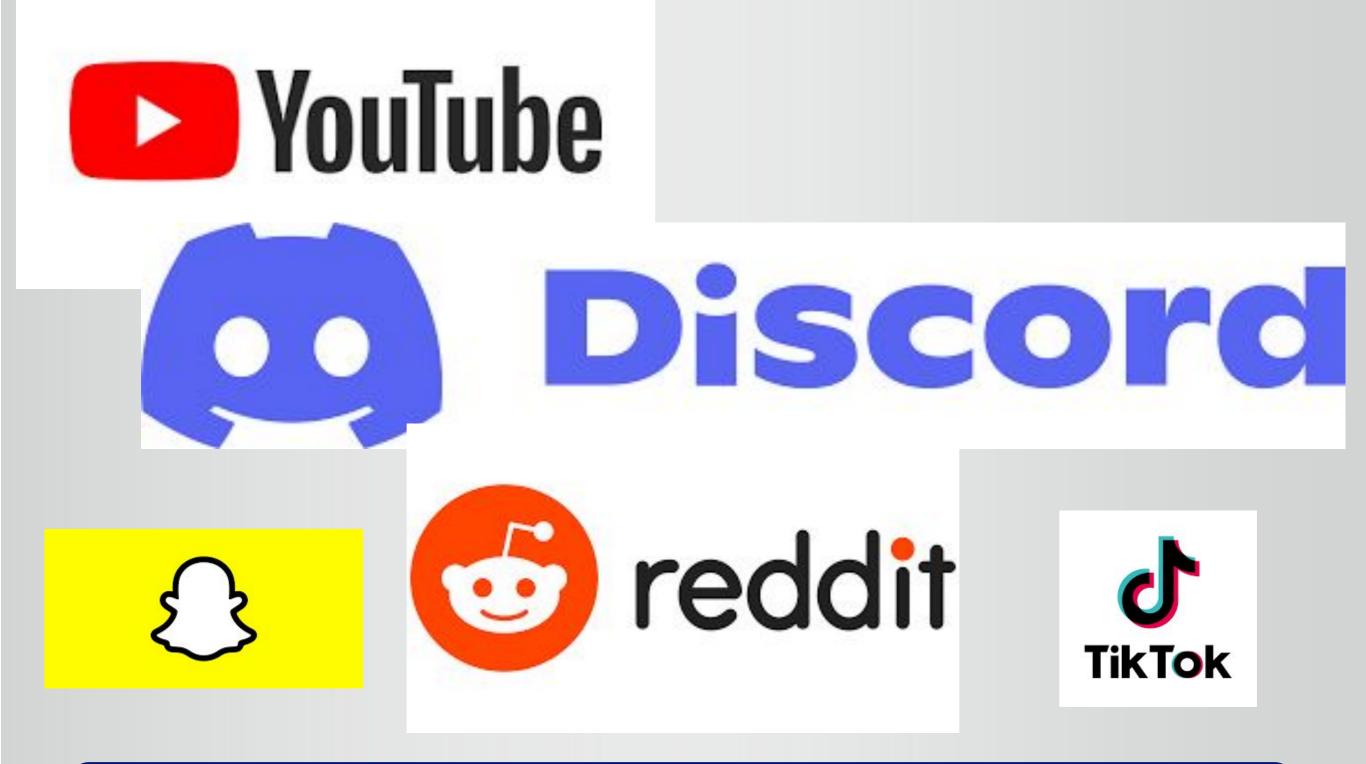


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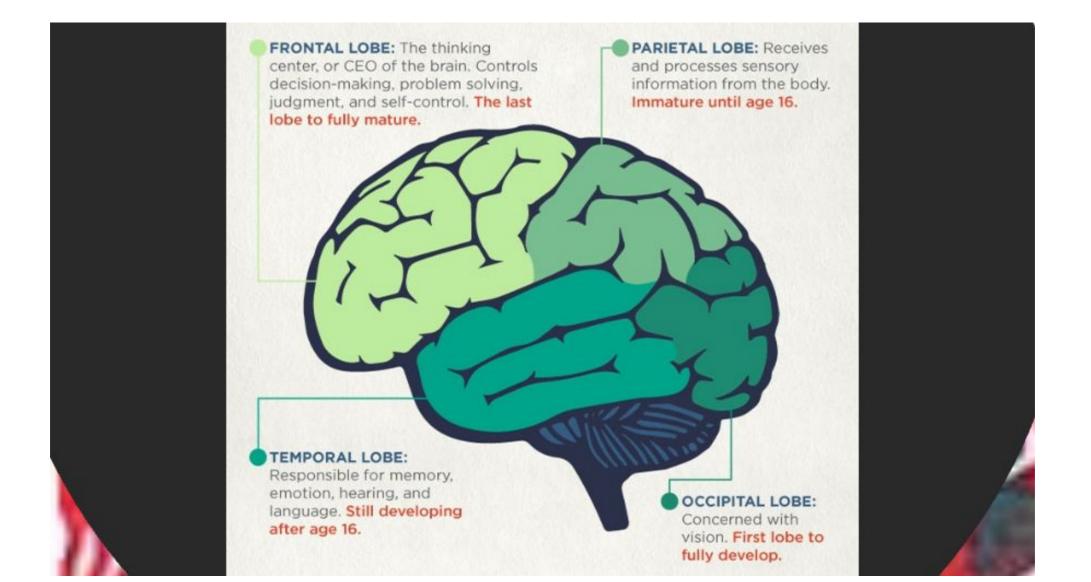


### The Developing Brain





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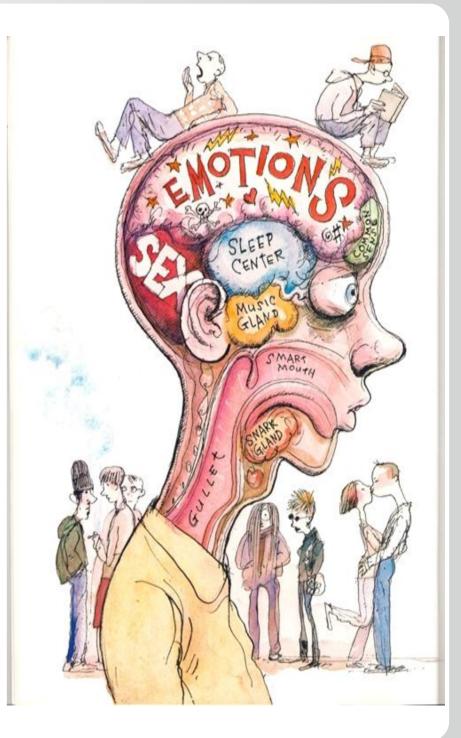
### Architecture

- Brain is a dynamic structure
- Connections can build and change throughout life
- Connections that form early provide either a strong or weak foundation for later connections
- Social competence and cognitive abilities are the brick and mortar
- Trauma and toxic stress weaken the architecture of the developing brain



# Adolescence

- Period of transition between childhood and adulthood.
- Full of CHANGE!
  - Physical
  - Emotional
  - Intellectual
  - Personality
  - Socially
- Begins at puberty- Now occurring earlier and earlier.





# Porn's Effects

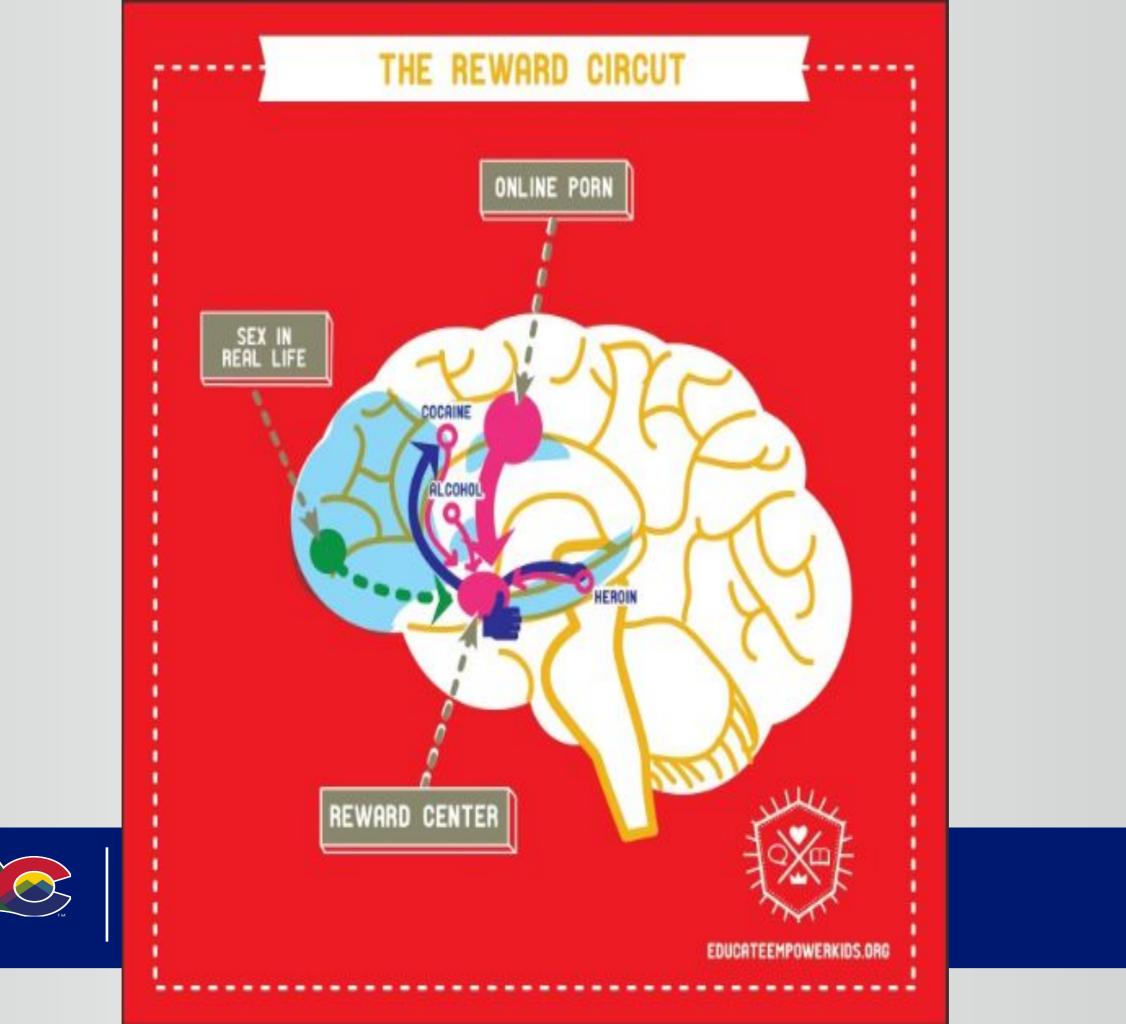
• Brain responds to sexual stimulation with surges of dopamine

-Reward anticipation

-Program memories and information into the brain

- When the body requires food or sex, the brain remembers where to return to experience the same pleasure
- Creates habituation in the brain
- Desensitization of our reward circuitry leads to sexual dysfunctions, anxiety and depression
- Erosion of the prefrontal cortex



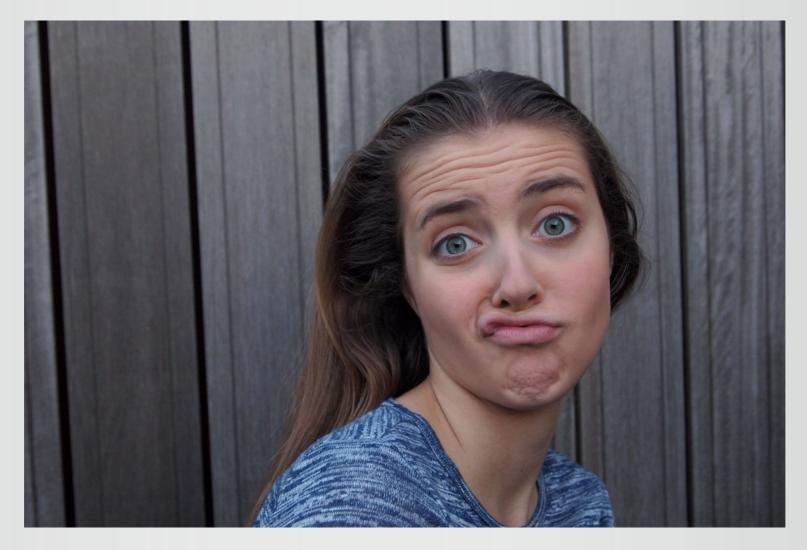


#### Strategies, Resources, and Solutions for Schools and Families





#### Families: Talk, even if they don't





#### If they do talk, listen



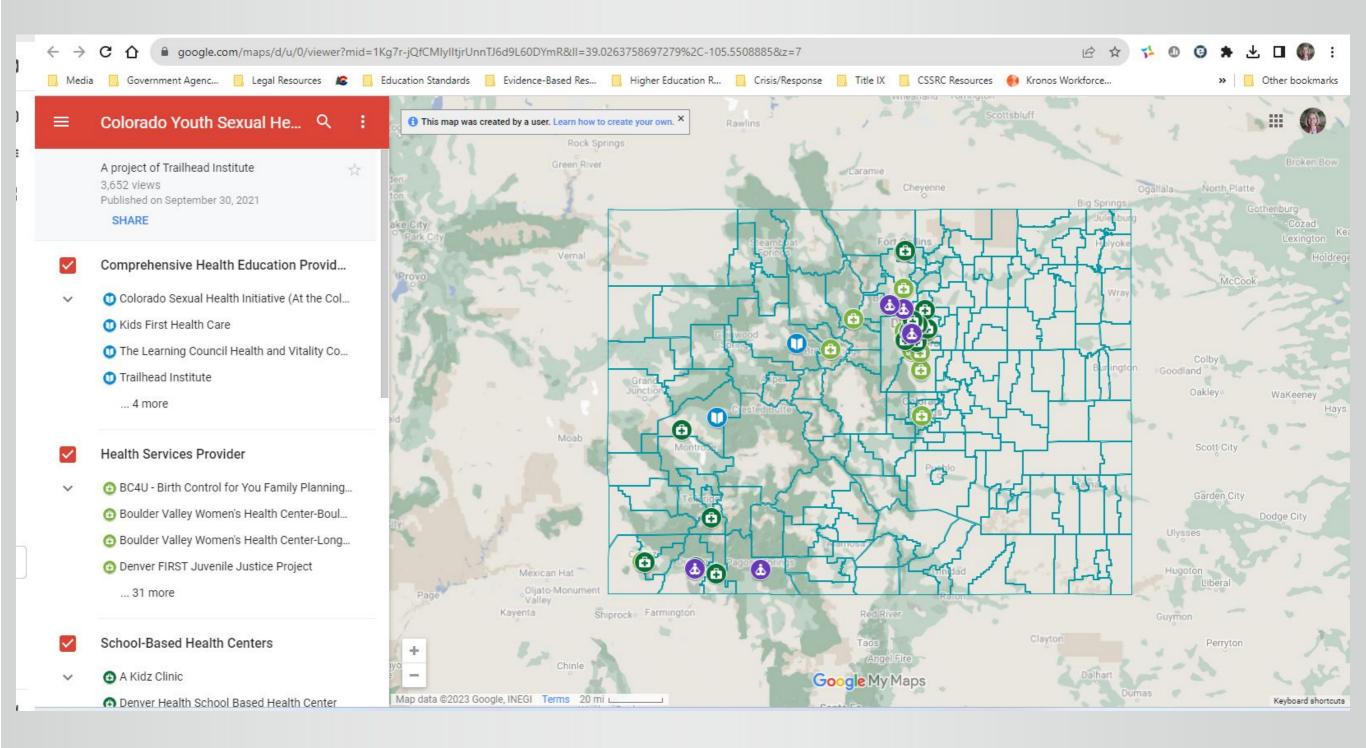


#### **Schools**



House Bill 19-1032 (C.R.S. 22-1-128)





#### Healthy Kids Colorado Survey and Smart Source Survey



#### COLORADO

Department of Public Health & Environment



"When consent is not fully understood or respected, this may contribute to sexual violence behaviors like those described here."

#### Victimization reported by youth

**12%** Had a sexual experience where they were unsure if they gave their consent to the other person.

6%

Were physically forced to have sex when they did not want to

#### Perpetration reported by youth

Had a sexual experience
 where they were unsure if
 they received consent
 from the other person

Forced someone to have sex when it was unwanted

#### **Technology Solutions**

- Know the technology
- Filters and supervision
  - Google SafeSearch
  - Each operating system has settings
  - Circle, Circle Home Plus
  - Family pairing
- Limit access to the computer and devices
- Policy for online conduct
- Safe internet use contract



#### What to Do

- Talk to kids in age appropriate ways- Talk early and often
  - People make mistakes online
  - $\circ~$  It's okay to be curious
  - Go to trusted resources
  - $\circ~$  Curiosity is ok
- Remain approachable
- Prepare them for when they do encounter pornography
- Be open and honest
- Share resources with kids



#### Any Questions?





#### THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR STUDENTS!

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