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## **ABSTRACT**

The study, pornography and children's uprightness in Mbarara municipality-Uganda " was carried out to establish relationship between pornography and moral uprightness in children in Mbarara municipality, Mbarara district.

The study was guided by the following objectives.

To determine whether children in Mbarara municipality have got access to pornography; determine relationship between pornography and moral uprightness of children in Mbarara municipality, to determine how pornography affects moral uprightness of children in Mbarara municipality and to determine the relationship between pornography and children's social life in Mbarara municipality.

The study used a casual comparative research design that looked at the course and effects of the variables and also because it was a survey study involving a large sample.

The study concluded that there was significant relationship between pornography and children's uprightness in ;Mbarara municipality.

The study recommended that parents must double their efforts to provide for sound moral formation for children a youth which include inculcation of healthy attitudes towards the human sexuality based on respect for the dignity of every person as a child of God, on the basis of chastity and on the practice of self discipline.

The study also recommended that communications companies must join in formulating or applying ethical codes for communications media and for advertising which respect the common good and promote sound human development.

The study further recommended that schools and other educators should support and inculcate the social and ethical values that promote the unity and health of families and of society itself.

The study lastly recommended that sound laws should be made where they are lacking as a response by legislators, administrators, law enforcement officials and jurists to the problem.

## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION.**

This chapter contains background of the study, statement of the problem, objectives of the study, scope of the study and significance of the study.

### **1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY.**

Pornography can be defined as books, films magazines etc with no artistic value which describe or show sexual acts or naked people in a way that is intended to be sexually exciting but would be considered unpleasant or offensive by many people.(Cambridge International Dictionary of English: Low Price Edition, 1995). Pornography is not only sexually explicit romps but also something that distort reality. It occurs in two forms which are "hard core" and "soft core" porn (Nate, 2008). Hard core pornography is sexually explicit in the extreme, whereas soft core are mild forms pornography.

According to Porny Anderson (Pornography ,2003) Pornography can be broken into at least five types. The first type of pornography is adult magazines .These magazines are primarily directed to adult male audience. Video cassettes are the second type of pornography which are rented or sold in most adult book stores and have become a growth industry for pornography. People who could not go into on adult bookstore or theatre to watch a pornographic movie will obtain these videos. A third type of porn is a motion picture which is like the fourth type the televisions. As in motion pictures, standard in commercial TV has been continuously lowered. A fifth



type of pornography is audio porn. This include 'Dial-a-porn' telephone calls, which are the second fastest growth market of pornography.

Pornography as seen above can be in different categories. Sexual pornography which is intended to arouse the viewer sexually and draw a compulsive audience is important as it has shadows of truth in it though we are not supposed to market, sell or watch. Another category is violence pornography. Violence in films can have its use and serve a purpose. Though the current trend in films is rather disturbing, we have taken the reality of violence and distorted it into reality the audience seeks for pleasure. This is disturbing from this film maker's perspectives because this constant distortion of violence changes the audience's perspectives of violence in standard films. Another category is propaganda pornography (New porn). The media has been in this form of pornography for a long time. Emotional pornography designed to represent a world which does not exist. This type of media is purely created to infect you with constructed realities designed to withdraw the highest possible physiological responses from the viewers as possible. Another type of pornography is Christian pornography. (Nate 2008).

There has been a world wide revolution in the perception of moral values in the recent years involving the profound change in the way people think and act. The communications media have played and continue to play a major role in this process of individual and social change as they introduce and reflect new attitude and life styles. Some of these changes have been for the better. Today, as Pope John Paul II once noted, "the first positive note is the

full awareness among large numbers of men and women of their own dignity and of that of every human being..... At the same time, in a world divided and beset by every type of conflict, the conviction is growing of a radical interdependence and consequently of the need for a solidarity which will take up interdependence and transfer it into the moral plane." The communications media have contributed much to those changes.

Many changes have however been for the worse. Along with the abuses, new violations of human dignity and rights and of Christian values and ideals have occurred. Here too, the communications media are involved because, as the Second Vatican Council stated, if it is true that "they bring valuable assistance to the human race," it is equally a concern "that individuals can use those means (of communication) in a manner contrary to the commandments of God and convert them into instruments of evils."

Among the alarming developments of these years has been widespread increase in pornography and wanton violence in the media. Books and magazines, recordings, the cinema, the theater, television, video cassettes, advertising displays and even telecommunications frequently offer a representation of violent behavior or of permissiveness in sexual activities that point of being pornographic and morally offensive.

As reflection of the dark side of human nature marred by sin, pornography and the strong feeling of happiness on violence are age old realities of the human condition. In the past quarter century, however, they have taken a



new dimension and have become serious social problems. At a time of widespread and unfortunate confusion about moral norms, the communication media have made pornography and violence available and accessible to a vast audience, including young people and even children, and. A problem which at one time was confined to wealthy countries has now begun via communication media to corrupt values in developing nations.

Thus, the communication media which can be effective instrument for unity and understanding can also be the vehicles of a deformed outlook on life, on the family, on religion and on morality – an outlook that does not respect the true dignity and destiny of the human person. In particular, parents in many areas of the world have expressed understandable concern about the films, video cassettes and televisions programs their children watch, about the records their children can listen to and about the publications their children can read. They rightly do not want to see the moral ideals inculcated in the house undermined by objectionable materials all too easily accessible in all too many places often through communications media.

## **1.2 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM.**

While there are many ways through which pornography harms children and youth, I assure you that every child who views pornography will not necessarily be affected and, at worst, traumatized in the same way, the effects of pornography are progressive and addictive to many people. Just as every person who takes a drink does not automatically become an alcoholic, every child who is exposed to pornography does not automatically become a

sexual deviant or sex addict. (Protecting your children in cyberspace by Donna Rice Hughes) (Revell, 1998). This study is being conducted to examine the relation between pornography and children's moral uprightness in Mbarara Municipality, Mbarara District.

### **1.3 PURPOSE OF THE STUDY.**

The purpose of the study was to find out the effects of pornography on moral uprightness of children in Mbarara Municipality- Uganda and possible solution to solve the problem.

### **1.4 OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

This study was guided by the following objectives:

- i) Determine whether children in Mbarara Municipality have got access to pornography.
- ii) Determine the relationship between pornography and moral uprightness of children in Mbarara Municipality.
- iii) Determine how pornography affects moral uprightness of children in Mbarara Municipality.
- iv) Determine the relationship between pornography and children's social life in Mbarara Municipality.

### **1.5 RESEARCH QUESTIONS:**

- i) Examine whether children in Mbarara Municipality have access to pornography.
- ii) What is the relationship between pornography and moral uprightness of children in Mbarara Municipality?

- iii) What are the relationships between pornography and children's social life in Mbarara Municipality?

## **1.6 SCOPE OF THE STUDY:**

### **GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE:**

This research study was carried within Mbarara Municipality – Mbarara district it was carried out among youth in the divisions of Kamukuzi, Kakoba and Nyamitanga. Mbarara municipality is located in south western Uganda with a geographical location of longitude 37° and latitude 6°. It has got three divisions and a growth rate of 2.7% (project census, 2000). Mbarara district borders with the districts of Kabarole in the North, Masaka and Rakai in the East, Kasese and Bushenyi in the west and Ntungamo in the South west. The district boundary is enclosed by a total area of 10,840 sq km. Lakes, rivers and swamps cover 253 sq km ( Mbarara district economic survey, 2005) the area have annual rainfall of 1200mm; to mid May and August to December where one is separated with a dry season.

Its temperature is moderate ranging from 15°C to 30°C. most of the year, relative humidity ranges from 90% to 80% in the morning and 60% to 48% in the evening. Most of the area has sandy soils, loam soils, clay loam and fertile soils with a vegetation of grassland and savanna grassland (Mbarara district survey 2000)

### **CONTENT SCOPE:**

This research study covered information on pornography and moral uprightness of children in Mbarara municipality. Mbarara district – Uganda. It



focused on pornography as independent variable and children of Mbarara municipality as dependent variable. This research covered information on pornography and its effects on morals since 1982 – 2010 because this period was sufficient for the researcher to analyze the trend at which pornography affected the moral uprightness of children in Mbarara municipality.

### **1.7 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY:**

Mbarara municipality is one of the rapidly up growing urban settings in Uganda. With multiple types of communication media in the municipality, the government should put in place measures to regulate access to pornography especially by children and youth.

The study is meant to identity effects of pornography on moral uprightness of children in Mbarara municipality and suggests possible strategies to address pornography and its associated effects. The report will help improve on research skills in future research. It will also act as reference for future researchers. The research study will help policy maker in urban settings to design the way of regulating pornographic materials accessible to the children.

## **1.8 DEFINATION OF TERMS:**

Pornography: These are sexually explicit materials.

Children: These are people below the age of 18 years.

Morals: These are behaviors of people in a given setting or community.



## **CHAPTER TWO**

### **LITERATURE REVIEW**

#### **2.0 INTRODUCTION:**

This chapter presented a selected literature on pornography and children's moral uprightness. It focused on finding out how exposure to pornographic materials affects moral uprightness in children socially and spiritually. It reviewed the existing literature in order of the research objectives.

#### **2.1. LITERATURE RELATED TO CHILDREN'S ACCESSIBILITY TO PONOGRAPHY**

As the years pass, we have seen advances in technology. For example, there is more accessibility, increased ability to upload and down load images from the internet which has become a routine duty of our youth in Uganda.

Many of our children are being exposed to pornography, violence and other ways of behaviors dangerous to their future lives. As I talk, youth are full in video rooms watching pornography or reading tabloids .(Mr Joe Arwatta, Resident District Commissioner, Mbarara Address to public at Kakyika stadium. Mbarara on worlds Aids'day 31-12-2003).

One of the difficulties in enforcing law, especially regarding abusive sexual images in Mbarara in particular and Uganda at large is that culture differ from region to region. The current law on pornographic materials in rather weak

that is why you find children preferring to read Red Pepper” to other news papers . Much as law enforcement officials have been on the look out for the source of these abusive sexual images now rampant in the town and easily accused by our children, parents should also guide children on which way to follow. (Alison Agaba District Police Commander, Mbarara. Community Policing at Kakoba Division Mbarara Municipality, 2003.

## **2.2. LITERATURE RELATED TO PORNOGRAPHY AND MORAL**

### **UPRIGHTNESS OF CHILDREN**

Exposure to pornography threatens to make children victims of sexual violence. The internet has proven a useful tool for pedophiles and sexual predators as they distribute child pornography engage in sexually explicit conversations with children and seek victims in chat rooms. The more pornography these individuals access the higher the risk of their acting out what they are including sexual assault, rape and child molestation (Rovell, 1998)

According to one study, early exposure (under 14 years of age) pornography is related to greater involvement in deviant sexual practices, particularly rape, slightly more than one third of the child molesters and rapists in this study claimed to have at least occasionally been incited to commit an offence by exposure to pornography. Among the child molesters incited, the study reported that 53% of them deliberately used stimuli of pornography as they prepared to offend. The habitual consumption of pornography can result in a diminished satisfaction with mild forms of pornography and a correspondingly



strong desire for more deviant and violent materials (K.E. DAVIS and BRANTCH: Exposure to pornography, 1990).

Children always imitate what they have seen, read or heard. Studies suggest that exposure to pornography can prompt kids act out sexually against younger, smaller and more vulnerable children. Experts in the field of childhood sexual abuse report that any premature sexual activities in children always suggest two possible stimulate: experience and exposure. This means the sexually deviant child may have been molested or simply exposed to sexuality through pornography. In a study of 600 American males and females of junior high school age and above; researcher Dr. Jerring Bryach found that 91% of the males and 82% of the females admitted having been exposed to x – rated, had core pornography, over 66% of the males and 40% of the females reported wanting to try out some of the sexual behaviors they had witnessed. And among high scholars, 31% of the males and 18% of the females reported wanting to try out some of the sexual behaviors they had witnessed. And among high scholars 31% of the males and 18% of the females admitted actually doing some of the things they had seen in the pornography within a few days after exposure (Victor B. Cline, Pornography: effects on Adults and children . New York, 1990)

### **2.3. LLITERATURE RELATED TO PORNOGRAPHY AND MORAL UPRIGHTNESS OF CHILDREN**

Most of us caring, responsible parents want to instill in our children our own personal values about relationship, sex, intimacy, love and marriage. Unfortunately, the powerful irresponsible message of pornography may be

educating our children on these very important life issues. Just as 30 seconds commercials can influence whether or not we chose one popular soft drink over another, exposure to pornography shapes our attitudes and values and often, our behavior. Pornography, videos, magazines, virtual games and internet pornography that depict rape and the dehumanization of females in sexual scenes constitute powerful but deforming tools of sex education. The dangers to children stem at least partly from the disturbing changes in attitude that are facilitated by pornography. (Tom Minnery, pornography, human tragedy, 1994).

As more and more children are exposed not only to soft core pornography but also to explicit deviant sexual dangerous message from pornography; "sex with out responsibility is acceptable and desirable". Because pornography encourages sexual expression with out responsibility, it endangers children's health and life. One of the grimmer consequences of adult – like sexual activities among children has been steady increase in the extent to which youth are afflicted with venereal diseases. Another obvious result of children in sexual activities is increase in rate of pregnancy among teenagers, (Victor B. Clime, Pornography's effects on adults and children, (New York, morality in media 1990).

Ordinary experience confirmed by studies conducted around the world has recognized the evil effects of pornography and violence in the media, pornography in the media is understood as a violation, through the use of audio – visual techniques, of the right to privacy of the human body in its



male or female nature, a violation which reduces the human person and human body to an anonymous object of misuse for the purpose of gratifying concupiscence; violence in the media may be understood especially in this context as a presentation designed to appeal to base human instincts of actions contrary to the dignity of the person and depicting intense physical force exercised in a deeply offensive manner. Specialists may disagree among themselves about how and to what degree particular individuals and groups are affected by these phenomena, but the broad outlines of the problems are stark, clear and frightening (Congregation for Catholic Education, 1986).

While no one can consider himself or herself immune to the corrupting, effects of pornography and violence or safe from injury at the hands of those acting under their influence, the young and the immature are especially, the young and the immature are especially vulnerable and the most likely to be victimized. Pornography and sadistic violence debase sexuality, corrode human relationships exploit individuals especially women and young people undermine marriage and family life, foster anti-social-behavior and weaken moral fiber of society itself ( Davis,1970).

#### **2.4. LITERATURE RELATED TO PORNOGRAPHY AND CHILDRENS SOCIAL LIFE.**

Frequent exposure to violence in the media can be confusing to children who may not be able to distinguish readily between fantasy and reality. At a later stage, violence in the media can condition impressionable persons, especially



those who are young to regard this as normal and acceptable behavior suitable for imitation (Report of the Attorney General's Commission, 1986).

It has been said that there can be psychological link between pornography and sadistic violence, and some pornography is in itself overtly violence in them and content who view or read such materials are at risk of carrying over such activities and behaviors into their own relationship and can come to lack reverence or respect for others as precious children of God and as brothers and sisters in the same human family. Such a link between pornography and sadistic violence has particular implications for those suffering from certain forms of mental illnesses (Jerry Ph.D19820).

Even the so-called soft-core pornography can have a progressively desensitizing effect, gradually rendering individuals morally numb and personally insensitive to the right and dignity of others. Exposure to pornography can also be like exposure to narcotics habit-forming and can local individuals to seek increasingly "hard core" and perverse materials. The likely hood of antisocial behavior can grow as this process continues (Save the Children Uganda, 2002).

Thus one of the clear-effects of porn is sin .Willing participation in the production or dissemination of those noxious products can only be judged a serious moral evil. Likewise, production and dissemination of these materials could not continue if there were not a market for them, so those who use such materials could not continue if there were not a market for them, so

those who use such materials not only moral harm to themselves, but contribute to the continuation of a nefarious trade (Ministry of Gender Labor & Social Development,

## **CHAPTER THREE**

### **METHODOLOGY**

#### **3.0. INTRODUCTION:**

This chapter presented research design, study population, sampling size, methods of data collection, sampling procedure, data analysis and limitation of the study.

#### **3.1 RESEARCH DESIGN:**

The study used a casual comparative research design that looked at the cause and effects of the variables and also because it is a survey study involving a large sample.

#### **3.2 STUDY POPULATION:**

The researcher used children, parents and community leaders as study participants. The children and parents were purposively selected from the here Divisions of Kamukuzi Kakoba and Nyamitanga while Community leaders were key informants.

#### **3.3 SAMPLING TECHNIQUE:**

The researcher applied simple random sampling to select both parents and children .Simple random sampling was preferred because all the respondents in the population would have equal and independent chances of being included in the sample.

### **3.4 SAMPLE SIZE:**

The researcher would be grateful if the whole population was considered, but due limited time, the researcher ended up interviewing 30 children, 10 parents and 10 community leaders making a total of 50 respondents from the entire population.

#### **3.4.0 DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURE:**

Having obtained a letter of introduction from Kampala International University , the letter was presented to local leaders in Mbarara Municipality to seek permission to conduct the study in the area. The researcher approached the respondents an started interviewing children while jotting down their responses. After the researcher supplied questionnaires to parents and community leaders. The researcher then collected questionnaire, thanked the respondedents and started analyzing the data.

#### **3.4.1. DATA COLLECTION INSRTUMENTS:**

#### **3.4.2 QUESTIONNAIRES:**

The study used a scandalized questionnaire for the parents and community leaders. The method was preferred because of its time saving, its cheapness and being convenient to both the respondents and the researcher.



### **3.5.0 DATA PROCESSING:**

The researcher gathered data, assembled, edited and reduced/eliminated what was not necessary, classified the data according to their relation and source; measured, coded and put it in table form .This ensured correctness and accuracy in the final report.

#### **3.5.1. GATHERING AND ASSEMBLING.**

It involved collecting data from the children, parents and community leader as above. After gathering, it was assembled into one report.

#### **3.5.2. EDITTING:**

This was done both in the field and during report production. It ensured accuracy and correctness of the final data.

#### **3.5.3 CODING:**

A coding frame was designed and the coded data consequently analyzed using quantitative statistical method. Quantitative method was applied through computation in percentage from.

#### **3.5.4 TABULATION:**

Tables were used to summarize data for easy analysis, interpretation assessment and presentation. It involved putting data in to statistically table percentages to condense both qualitative and quantization data that was got from the study. The study showed the number of accuracies from



respondents to particular questions. Use of tables aided the researcher in showing percentages in table as well as acting as a statistical analytical tool for data analysis.

### **3.6. DATA ANALYSIS:**

Data from the preliminary sample was used to fine tune the study instruments .Data from final instruments was analyzed using tables and percentages. The data collected was arranged, analyzed and presented using frequency tables.

### **3.7. LIMITATION OF THE STUDY:**

These are problems encountered during the study and they were as follows:

### **3.8. LIMITED FINANCE:**

Research need money and the researcher met financial problems .However, the researcher borrowed monthly from friends and well wishers to complete the study.

## CHAPTER FOUR.

### PRESENTATION, ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS.

#### 4.0. INTRODUCTION:

This chapter presents, analysis and interprets the findings of the study according to the views of the respondents and study objectives.

#### 4.1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA OF RESPONDENTS:

The researcher wanted to find out about demographic information of the respondents as shown in the table below.

Table 1. Demographic data of respondents

RESPONDENTS AGE RANGE	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
5-10	10	20%
11-18	15	30%
19-29	12	24%
30-49	08	16%
50 AND ABOVE	05	10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100%</b>
RESPONDENTS'MARITAL STATUS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
SINGLE	24	48%
MARRIED	15	30%
DIVORCED	07	14%

WIDOWED	04	8%
TOTAL	50	100%
<b>RESPONDENTS' GENDER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
MALE	28	56%
FEMALE	22	44%
<b>RESPONDENTS' LEVEL OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
NURSERY	08	16%
PRIMARY	12	24%
SECONDARY	20	40%
TERTIARY	06	12%
OTHERS	04	08%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source primary data 2010

Study findings from the table above indicated that most of the respondents that the respondents interviewed were in the age range between 11-18 represented by 15 (30%) followed by those in the range of 19-29 with 12(24% ) while those in the range 5-10 came third with 10(20%). It was only 8 (16%) and 5(10%) of the respondents who were in range of 30-49 and 50 and above respectively.

The findings further indicated that majority of the respondents the researcher interviewed were males represented by 28(56%). At further indicated that most of the respondents were single represented by 24(48%) followed by



those married with 15(30%) while those who were divorced and widowed were only 7(14%) and 4(8%) respectively. Meanwhile most of the respondents had acquired secondary level of education represented by 20 (40)% followed by those of primary with 12 (24%). Nursery and Tertiary followed with 8(16%) and 6(12%) respectively. There were only 4 (8%) for other types of Education

It can be interpreted that since most of the respondents the researcher interviewed were children and educated the views presented in this report were reliable

#### **4.2. ACCESS OF RESPONDENTS TO PORNGRAPHY.**

The researcher set to find whether pornography was being accessed by the respondents as shown in the table below.

**TABLE 2: FINDINGS ON ACCESSIBILITY OF PORNOGRAPHY BY RESPONDENTS**

<b>TYPES</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
NEWS PAPERS	15	30%
TELEVISION	10	20%
INTERNET	5	10%
MOVIES	10	20%
RADIO	10	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Primary data 2010

Study findings from the above table revealed that most of the respondents who were interviewed had read news papers represented by 15 (30%)

followed by viewers of Televisions, Movies and radio listeners each represented by 10(20%).It was only 5 (10%) of the respondents who had used internet. Since all respondents had access to the respective media, the data got from these respondents were relevant for compiling the research report.

#### 4.3. FINDINGS ON PORNOGRAPHY AND MORAL UPRIGHTNESS.

The researcher wanted to find out the relationship between pornography and moral uprightness of respondents as shown in the table below;

**TABLE 3: SHOWING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PORNOGRAPHY AND MORAL UPRIGHTNESS.**

GENDER	AGE RANGE	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
MALE	5-10	02	5%
	11-18	15	37.5%
	19-29	08	20%
	30-40	05	12.5%
	50 & above	00	00%
FEMALE	5-10	00	0%
	11-18	05	12.5%
	19-29	03	7.5%
	30-40	02	5%
	50 & above	00	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b>40</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Primary data, 2010.

Study findings indicated that the researcher received 40 respondents who reported to have experienced relationship between pornography and moral uprightness 30 of whom were male and 10 female constituting percentage of 75% and 25% respectively.

The age group which experienced the relationship most were 11-18 age bracket in both males and females represented by 15 (37.5%) and 5 (12.5%) respectively . It is followed by age group 19-29 in both gender represented by 8 (20%) in males and 3 (7.5%) in females .Ages groups 30-40 followed with 5 (12.5%) in males and 2 (5%) in females, meanwhile, age group 5-10 were the last represented by 2 (5%) in males. None in the female age group 5-10 reported experiencing any relationship just as in the age groups 50 & above represented by 0 (0%) .Since most of the respondents who experienced relationship between pornography and morals were children, the data provided by them was sufficient for the accomplishment of this study.

#### **4.4 FINDINGS ON THE EFFECT OF PORNOGRAPHY ON CHILDRENS UPRIGHTNESS.**

The researcher wanted to find out how pornography affects moral uprightness in the represents as shown in the following table;



**TABLE4: SHOWING HOW PORNOGRAPHY AFFECTS MORAL UPRIGHTNESS IN RESPONDENTS.**

<b>EFFECTS</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
PSYCHOLOGICAL TORTURE	12	24%
CONFUSING CHILDREN	11	22%
CHANGE IN A HITUDE	10	20%
INCITING AGENT	8	16%
VIOLATON OF HUMAN NATURE (PRIVACY)	9	18%
TOTAL	50	100%

Source: Primary data, 2010.

Study findings revealed that the major effect of pornography on moral uprightness is psychological torture represented by 12 (24%) followed by confusing children represented by 11 (22%), change in attitude with 10 (2%). Violation of human nature privacy had 9 (18%) and inciting agent was represented by 8 (16%).

#### **4.5. FINDINGS ON PORNOGRAPHY AND RESPONDENTS SOCIAL LIFE**

The researcher set out to find the relationship between pornography and social life of respondents as represented in the table below:

**TABLE 5 SHOWING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PORNOGRAPHY & SOCAIL LIFE OF RESPONDENTS.**

<b>EFFECTS</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
Influence Minds Of Children.	10	20%
Lack of respect for other	10	20%
violence	15	30%
Unhealthy preoccupations	4	8%
Moral degeneration	11	22%
Total.	50	100%

Source: Primary data, 2010

Study findings revealed that the mayor effect of pornography on social life of respondents was violence represented by 15 (30%) followed by moral degeneration with 11 (22%) meanwhile influence of children's minds and lack of respect for others scored 10 (20%) each unhealthy preoccupation was represented by 4 (8%) as the last.

## **CHAPTER FIVE.**

### **DISCUSSION, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

#### **5.0. INTRODUCTION:**

In this chapter, discussions, conclusions & recommendations are drawn based on the findings of the study from the previous chapter. The study set out to investigate the relationship between pornography and moral uprightness of children in urban settings. Here divisions within Mbarara Municipality were selected and a total of fifty (50) respondents were interviewed. The data collected through questions were scored, summarized, analyzed and interpreted.

#### **5.1. DISCUSSION:**

On the basis of data collected the researcher found that sources of pornography were News papers, Television, Movies and Radios. The study revealed majority of respondents who reported to have experienced relationship between porn and morality were male children 17.5% closely followed by female children with 12.5% score. The study further revealed that the major effect of pornography on moral uprightness is psychological effect followed by confusion of children. It also revealed the major social effect of porn on respondents was violence followed by moral degeneration in society. The study found that most of the respondents interviewed were children and youth which sounds very realistic and peculiar as the study was about effect of porn on children. It also concluded that most of the respondents



interviewed were single with the children and youth forming a large percentage while married people relatively followed suit.

Study further found that most of the respondents the researcher interviewed were males and that most of the respondents had finished secondary level of education according to study findings.

The study also found that the major source of pornography were News papers closely followed by Television. Movies and Radios .It further concluded that male children and youth experienced most the relationship between pornography and moral uprightness closely followed by their female counterparts.

The study also found that the major effect of pornography on respondents' morals was psychological torture closely followed by confusion of children. Study further revealed that major effect of pornography on social life of respondents was violence and closely followed by moral degeneration.

## **5.2 CONCLUSION:**

The results of the study were based on the interpretation of data analysis and computations of results showed that there was significant relationship between pornography and moral uprightness in children. Therefore, the assumption that there is significant relationship between pornography and moral uprightness of children is true and upheld by this study.

### **5.3 RECOMMANDATIONS:**

It is hereby recommended that parents must double their efforts to provide for sound moral formation for children and youth. This included inculcation of healthy attitudes towards human sexuality based on respect for the dignity of every person as a child of God, on the basis of chastity and on the practice of self discipline.

Communication companies must join in formulating of applying ethical codes for communications media and for advertising which respect the common good and promote sound human development.

Schools and other educators should support and inculcate the social and ethical values that promote the unity and health of families and of society itself.

Sound laws must be enacted where they are lacking as a response by legislators, administrators, law enforcement officials and jurists to the problem.

### **5.4 AREAS OF FUTHER RESEARCH:**

Causes of pornography.

Influence of pornography on education.

Ways of regulating pornography.

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## **APPENDIX 1.**

### **QUESTIONNAIRE:**

Dear respondent,

I am a student carrying out research on pornography and moral uprightness of children in Mbarara Municipality Mbarara- Uganda as part of the requirements for the award of a diploma on Guidance and counseling of Kampala Intentional University. I kindly request you to respond to this questionnaire by filling the required information to the best of your knowledge. The information will purely be for academic purpose therefore it will be treated confidentially.

Thank you co-operation.

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## SECTION A

### BIO-DATA.

Tick the correct answer in the following boxes.

1(a) Age:

5-10 ☐ 11-18 ☐ 19-29 ☐ 30-49 ☐ 50 & above ☐

(b) Sex:

Male ☐ Female ☐

( c ) Marital Status:

Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐

( d ) Level of education:

Nursery ☐ Primary ☐ Secondary ☐ Tertiary ☐

## SECTION 'B'

### ACCESS TO PORNOGRAPHY.

( a ) Do you have a TV at home?

Yes

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No.

☐

If yes, what programs do you enjoy watching?

(b) Do you know how to use a computer?

Yes

☐

No.

☐

What computer programs do you enjoy most?

( c ) Do you read News papers

Yes

☐

No

☐

If yes, what news papers do you enjoy most?

(d) Do you watch movies?

Yes

☐

No.

☐

Which movies do you enjoy watching?

Violence

☐

Unhealthy preoccupations

☐

Moral degenerations

☐