

Dirty Dozen List Uncovers Immorality in Media

Despite existing federal laws which make it illegal to distribute hardcore pornography through many mediums, and the extensive research about the harms of pornography, these individuals and companies are actively engaged in shaping public acceptance of pornography and the exploitation of women. Over the next few months, Morality In Media will develop projects to reach many of those on this list:

1. Attorney General Eric Holder – Eric Holder refuses to enforce existing federal obscenity laws against hardcore adult pornography, despite the fact that these laws have been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court and effectively enforced by previous attorneys general. Holder has initiated zero new obscenity cases aimed at commercial distributors of hardcore adult pornography, and has shut down the prosecution section in charge of such cases. As a result, pornographers have been given the green light to produce and distribute illegal, obscene pornography to children and adults.

2. Comcast – Major cable and satellite TV companies such as Comcast, Time Warner, Verizon, DIRECTV and DISH provide hardcore pornographic premium channels and pay-per-view movies to tens of millions of American homes. Comcast is the largest of these. With the growth of the Internet, pay TV pornography does not sell like it once did, but it still sells and pollutes countless minds.

3. Facebook – The world's most popular social networking site has become a top place to trade pornography, which we have reported on numerous occasions. According to reports, even child pornography is regularly shared on Facebook, and women and children are trafficked on the site. While Facebook policy prohibits "pornographic content," they do not devote

sufficient resources to effectively police their site. Rather, Facebook seems to rely on users to do this work, and then they often take days to remove the content. Facebook has the resources to develop better detection tools, yet they have not made this a priority. We hope to change their corporate mind. Sign this petition to Facebook executives urging them to use their resources to address these problems.

4. Google Play (App store for Android phones) – Google has essentially no restrictions on the types of apps allowed in their app store, Google Play. Pornographic apps are in every category and in many of the categories there are countless porn apps available. Whether you are looking for these apps are not, you'll be forced to see them and search among them; if you are a parent, your children will have to as well. This is in stark contrast to Apple's policy. Apple's app store has strict restrictions and does not allow pornographic applications. We applaud Apple for its strong sense of corporate and civic responsibility.

5. LodgeNet Interactive Corporation – This is the company that provides most of the in-room TV pornography to major hotels and motels. Despite the federal and many state laws, which prohibit obscene materials on cable and satellite TV, LodgetNet has made untold millions by providing hardcore pornography to its customers. Children have also been exposed to this material.

6. Hilton – This hotel chain, like Hyatt, Starwood and many other top hotel chains, provides hardcore pornography movie choices, and its "adult" channels are often the first thing advertised when you turn on the TV. Other hotels, such as Omni, Drury and Ritz-Carlton, do not offer TV pornography. Marriott is currently getting out of the porn business after many years of pressure from pro-family and anti-pornography groups.

7. Twitter – Twitter's policy reads: "We do not regulate

Tweets that link to content on external websites, including pornography.” For this reason, Twitter has become the new ‘micro-porn’ service with tens of thousands of porn tweets an hour. Of course, there is no way to keep this from children.

8. American Library Association – For years, this self-styled champion of First Amendment freedoms has worked to encourage public libraries to keep their computer unfiltered. The ALA’s misguided campaign has resulted in countless patrons of all ages being able to access or being inadvertently exposed to hardcore adult pornography and even child pornography on library computers. The ALA has also filed lawsuits (and lost) against legislative enactments requiring use of filters, and continues to disseminate questionable information to libraries about their responsibility to filter pornography.

9. Wikipedia – The popular encyclopedia-type website houses thousands of pornographic images within its articles. According to news reports, even child pornography has been found on Wikipedia. Despite this problem, Wikipedia leadership refuses to monitor the site or to code the pages as having “adult content” so that filters can block the pages. Wikipedia claims it is solely the responsibility of the parents to watch what their children are accessing on its site. The founder of Wikipedia has spoken against this, yet the current leadership refuses to remove any pornography.

10. Cosmopolitan magazine – This staple of the supermarket checkout line may be as pornographic as *Playboy* magazine, but without the pictures. This publication has steadily declined from a somewhat inspirational women’s magazine to a verbally pornographic “how-to” sex guide, further desensitizing young women and girls to the pornified culture around them. Recently, *Cosmo* has started to blatantly target young girls to expand their audience and increase profits. Join us in the fight to get supermarkets and other family-oriented stores to put wrappers on *Cosmo* magazine and to stop selling it to children.

11. Barnes & Noble – This Fortune 500 company, operator of 689 retail bookstores and a very active website, is a major supplier of adult pornography and child erotica. Nearly two dozen porn magazines are currently for sale at one store we randomly checked. In addition, the company sells a variety of sexually explicit photography books, such as those by Jock Sturges and David Hamilton, that are often found in the collections of pedophiles because they contain sexually arousing photographs of children.

12. Department of Defense – The Pentagon has a serious pornography problem, and it is doing next to nothing to combat it. In fact, it seems to be embracing pornography. Morality In Media receives a steady stream of comments from servicemen and women and their spouses regarding the widespread availability of pornography in the U.S. military. In addition, The Military Honor and Decency Act requires the U.S. Department of Defense to remove all sexually explicit materials sold or rented by the exchange services, commissaries and the U.S. Navy ships' stores. However, the DOD allows pornographic magazines to be sold.

NOTE: *Of course this list does not contain ALL of those responsible for our pornified society. We omitted pornography companies directly because they are a given. We appreciate your feedback. Email grassroots@.*