

XXX Domain Company Pushing .SEX and .PORN

In what is expected to become the largest expansion in the history of the Internet's Domain Name System, Christ-centered groups are vying for extensions like .bible. But more nefarious operations are pushing to expand pornography-oriented domains.

The Internet Corporation for Assign Names and Numbers, or ICANN, announced on Wednesday that ICM Registry is applying to add .sex, .porn and .adult to its list of porn-related suffixes in the expansion of the Internet's generic top-level domains.

Morality in Media on Wednesday made it clear that it will "vigorously oppose" the expansion of pornography domains on the Internet proposed by ICM Registry, which is the porn domain company behind the .XXX domain.

"People remember that the .XXX domain was supposed to solve the Internet's porn problem. The .XXX domain advocates said pornography companies would leave the .COM domain and relocate on .XXX, making the rest of the Internet porn-free," said Patrick Trueman, president of Morality in Media.

"Well the charade is up. companies did not give up their .COM sites and move. Instead, many just opened up additional sites on the .XXX domain, making pornography more available on the Internet."

Morality in Media offers two clear reasons for its opposition. First, more porn domains means more porn on the Internet. Second, non-porn companies, schools, bloggers and individuals will be scammed into buying "protection" on each new porn registry in order to safeguard their good name.

“Many of those that bought protection from ICM Registry paid thousands of dollars to assure that their good name would not be attached to a porn site on .XXX, but they did not know that ICM planned to roll out more and more porn-related domains,” Trueman said. “ICM Registry stands to make untold millions of dollars from additional porn-related domains but one has to wonder what new porn domains ICM will propose next year.”

Trueman urged ICANN to stop this scam now and refuse to approve any new porn domains and argued that there is no evidence that the public wants or needs more porn domains.

“In fact, distribution of hardcore (obscene) pornography on the Internet is a violation of U.S. law,” Trueman said. “The U.S. Department of Justice under U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder should begin enforcing the law. Those involved, including ICM Registry, should be investigated for possible violations of federal obscenity laws.”

Research demonstrates that harms from pornography include: damage of brain function, life-long addictions for both children and adults, isolation and depression, family dysfunction and divorce, increased demand for child pornography and child sexual abuse, increased prostitution and sex trafficking, violence against women, and financial instability.