



*There is little disagreement about what is right and what is wrong.  
Where you find wide divergence is the number of wrongs that we will tolerate.*

G.K. Chesterton

**PROBLEM** – Pornography is available, accessible and affordable and it is hurting families, destroying marriages and damaging children.

**SOLUTION** – Reduce or eliminate the availability, accessibility and affordability of pornography by enforcing existing legislation (Internet Child Protection Act) and generating new legislation that will address pornography offline/outside of the home.

**Pornography in the Marketplace:** Everywhere you go, pornography is invading our lifestyle. Whether it is on the street through impure images on billboards, in your local grocery store or blockbuster video, pornography is all around us. **The King's Men** apostolate proposes the following measures to address this problem:

1. The images on the covers of magazines at the check-out counters in food stores or on magazine racks in any convenient store can be restricted by mandating through law that these images must be concealed or covered up in some way. For instance, all impure images (partial nudity) should be blocked from the view of all customers, especially children. This can be done by putting a barrier over the image while displaying the title of the magazine so those who desire to purchase can have their access. This is not something new as many conscientious grocery stores (e.g. Genuardi's) already have this feature in place.
2. Develop legislation that will apply stricter standards by which billboard advertisements must adhere if their ad is to be displayed in public. The provocative signs that can be seen on I 95 in Philadelphia for example are not only distracting to drivers, but it is against the consent of the drivers. These impure images that are put out on display by organizations such as Hollywood Tans, Victoria's Secret or the network with the latest reality TV program are presenting images that will be burned into the memory of most men and violate the innocence of the young children who will view them.
3. The availability of so-called soft pornographic material is an ever present reality at one's local video store. These R and NR rated videos are available for all to see and read about when seeking to rent a video. Children and teenagers can look at these impure images without the discretion of parents and rent if they so desire without consequence. These particular videos need to be censored at our video stores. We propose that warning signs be used to alert parents of sexual content or require that these videos be segregated where only adults can view prior to renting.

4. We propose that the state of Pennsylvania adopt like the state of Maryland, a “no navel rule”. In the state of Maryland, it is forbidden to have any staff, in particular women, at restaurant establishments (e.g. Hooters) expose their naval. **The King’s Men** organization believes that this could be the first step in restricting one day these so-called “gentlemen’s clubs” from allowing women to expose themselves in a public setting.
5. Finally, **The King’s Men** propose that the state of PA define “obscenity”. We ask that the citizens of PA have an opportunity to set the community standards for what is considered obscene. The Supreme Court stated in *Miller v. California*, 413 U.S. 15 (1973), that the issues of whether material has offensive representations of sexual conduct and whether material appeals to lewd interest should be judged by the community standards. As a legal concept, a community may be the state, the county or the city. We believe that the best way to establish community standards is through consistent enforcement of obscenity laws. Again, we ask for the opportunity to define what we, “the community” believe to be obscene.

These five proposals represent the beginning steps in the goal of putting an end to the trafficking of pornography in our great state. Much like the pro-life movement has worked hard in lobbying public officials to put restrictions on abortion, (e.g. partial birth abortion ban and legislation that will require women contemplating an abortion to be shown an ultrasound prior to their decision to have an abortion) the anti-pornography movement desires similar restrictions.

Please consider the five proposals that **The King’s Men** have outlined for you today. We are thankful for the opportunity to present these options and we trust that you will assume a leadership role in this fight against the harms of pornography.

It is clear to **The King’s Men** that you desire to build a “culture of life”. We ask that you consider the issue of pornography as a root cause of abortion. If millions of people are training themselves through pornography to treat people as objects and body parts then it should come as no surprise that millions see life in the womb as just an object to be easily discarded when it does not suit their present needs. Sexual license is what pornography promotes. Sexual license outside of marriage has caused a demand for legalized abortion as indicated by the fact that 84% of women who seek an abortion are unmarried (Clowes, Brian, Ph.D., The Facts of Life, 2001). Promoting sexual self control and fighting pornography in our society is fundamental to changing the attitudes of a culture that has killed over 47 million women and children since 1973.

It was once said, “All it takes for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing.” Too often government officials respond to the most clearly expressed priorities of their constituents. However, community inaction with regard to pornography should not be mistaken as community approval. Based on studies conducted by Morality in Media, most citizens find pornography to be morally unacceptable. **The King’s Men** desire to take up this fight against pornography and we are asking for your help.

Thank you again for considering the above proposed modes of action. Please do not hesitate to call on me for assistance in the future.

Statistics & Relevant Information on Pornography

- The Hill-Link Minority Report of the 1970 Presidential Commission on Obscenity and Pornography demonstrated linkages between exposure to obscene material and sexual deviancy, promiscuity, affiliation with criminal groups and more.
- Since 1984, over 150 sex-oriented businesses (peep shows, massage parlors, adult bookstores, adult theaters, etc.) have been closed in Oklahoma City. During that period, the rape rate in the county decreased 26%. During that same period, rape increased 20% throughout the rest of the state.
- Dr. Mary Anne Layden, director of education, University of Pennsylvania Health System, pointed out. “I have been treating sexual violence victims and perpetrators for 13 years. I have not treated a single case of sexual violence that did not involve pornography.”
- The legal term for prosecutable pornography is “obscenity,” which is defined by the three-part “*Miller test*” as follows:
  1. The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would that the work, taken as a whole, appeals to prurient interest; and
  2. The work depicts or describes, in patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by the applicable state (or federal) law; and
  3. The work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.
- The Supreme Court has always held that obscenity is not protected by the First Amendment (*Miller v. California*, 1973).
- The legal terms “indecent” and “harmful to minors” correspond to this category of material which has First Amendment protection for adults but not for minors because of the surpassing value of protecting the young.
- Los Angeles compared crime statistics in areas where sexually oriented businesses (SOBs) were located to areas of the city without SOBs. The areas with SOBs experienced increase in crime with:
  - Pandering up 340%
  - Murder 42.3%
  - Aggravated assault 45.2%
  - Robbery 52.6%
  - Purse snatching 17%
- 77% of the population surveyed support enforcement of federal obscenity laws. (*Morality in Media*)
- In the 18-34 age bracket, 51% of males and 73% of females said pornography is not morally acceptable. (*Morality in Media*)