


Problem of Internet Pornography by John Bentley

**Freed-Hardeman University Lectureships in 2005.
Results of a survey conducted in 2004 with 4,210
completing and used in analysis.**

www.PreciousHeart.net/ti/Guest/Bentley_2005_Problem_Internet_Pornography.pdf



A person wearing a white lab coat is shown from the chest down, focused on shaping a piece of light-colored clay on a pottery wheel. Their hands are positioned to guide the wheel as it rotates, creating a smooth, cylindrical form. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

The Problem of Internet Pornography

Pornography

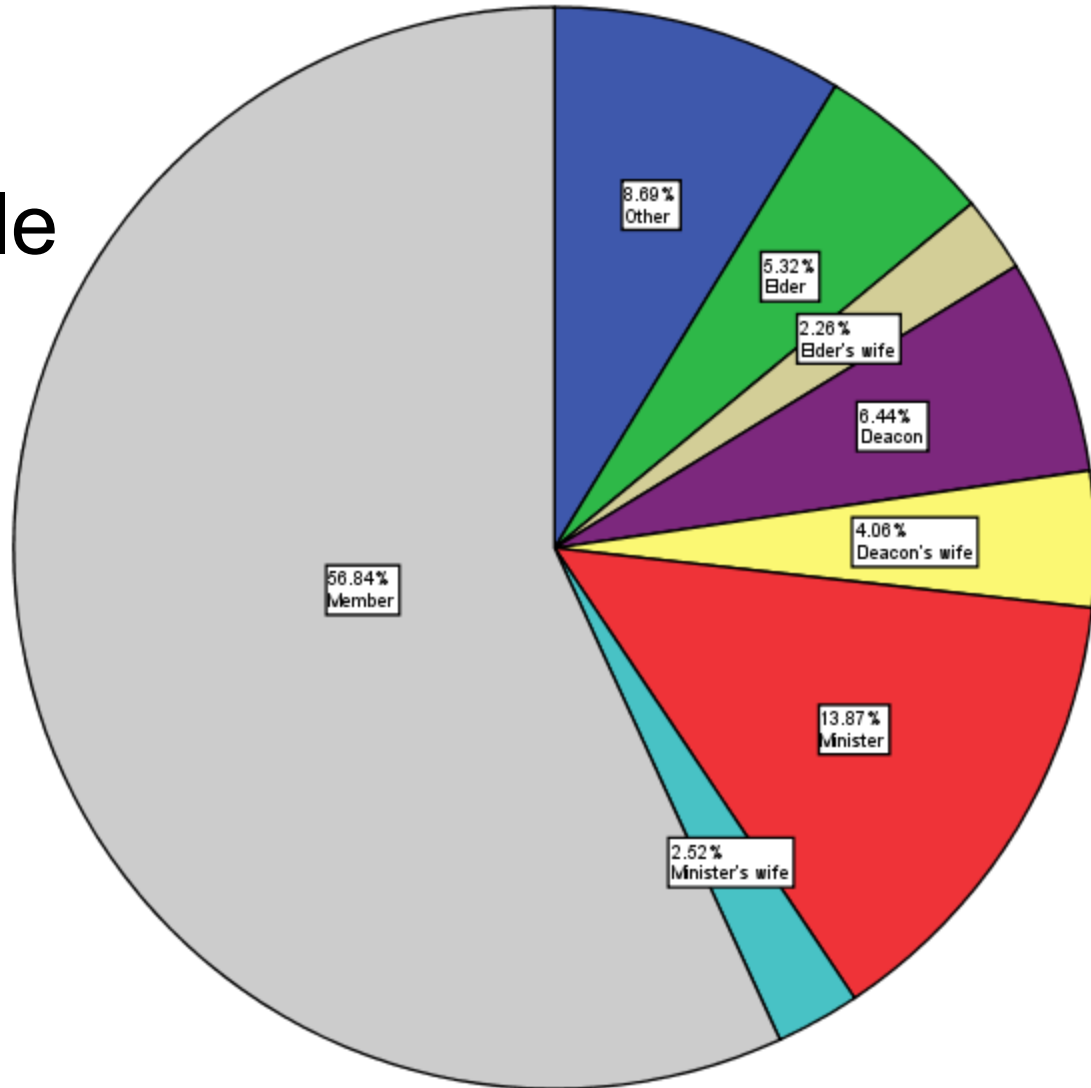
- It is estimated that pornography is a 13 Billion Dollar Industry
- Every day up to 30 million people log on to a pornographic web site
- The combined circulation of Playboy and Penthouse exceeds that of Time and Newsweek
- 60% of all web sites are pornographic
- The average age at which a male first sees a pornographic magazine is 11 years old

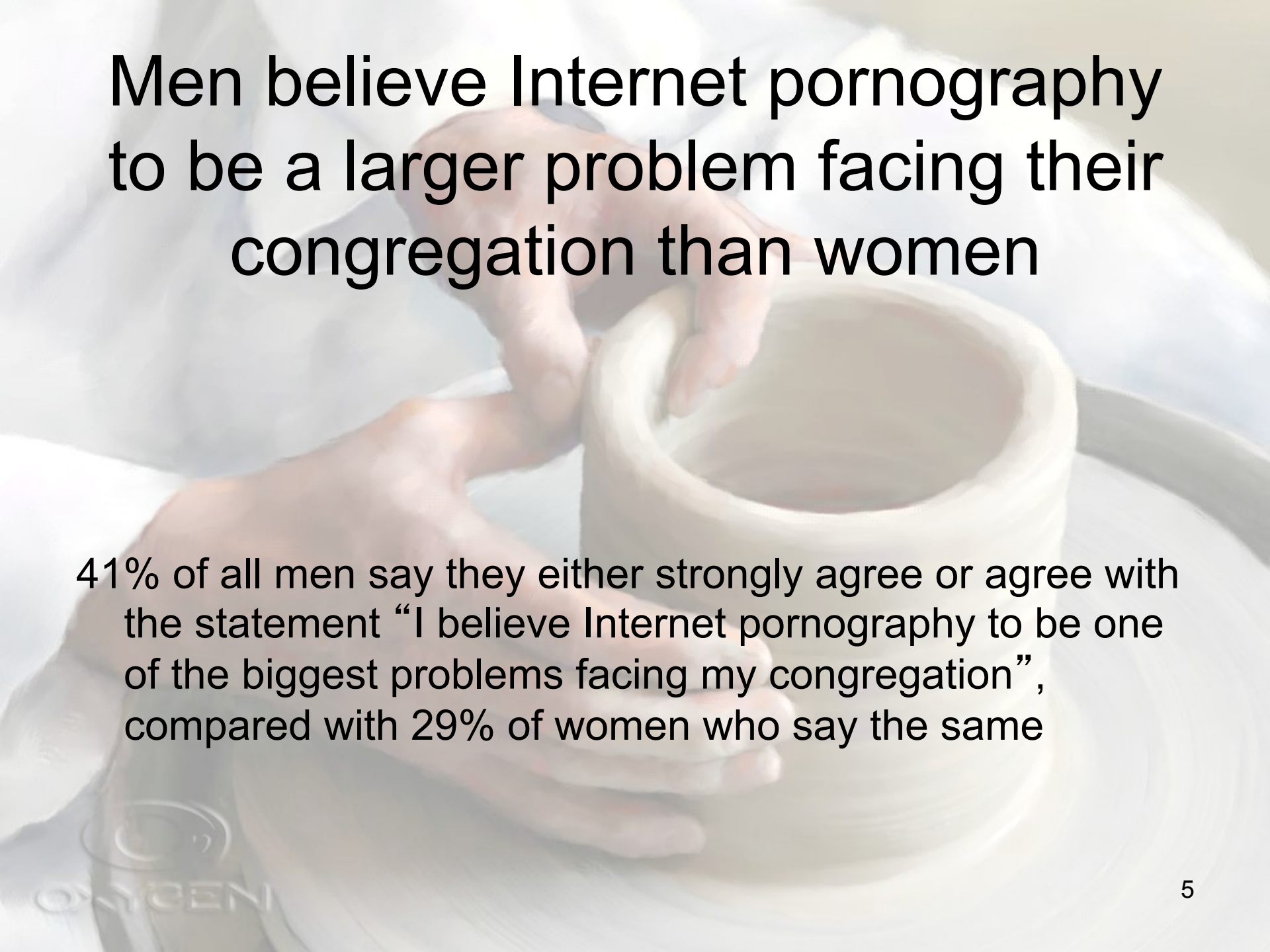
Survey

- Targeted email sent to members of the church of Christ
- Filtering survey (not asked all questions depending on answers)
- 6,444 Visits
- 924 Partials
- 4,365 Completes
- 99 indicated not members of church of Christ (removed)
- 56 indicated < 100% honest (removed)
- 4,210 Completed Surveys used in analysis

Survey

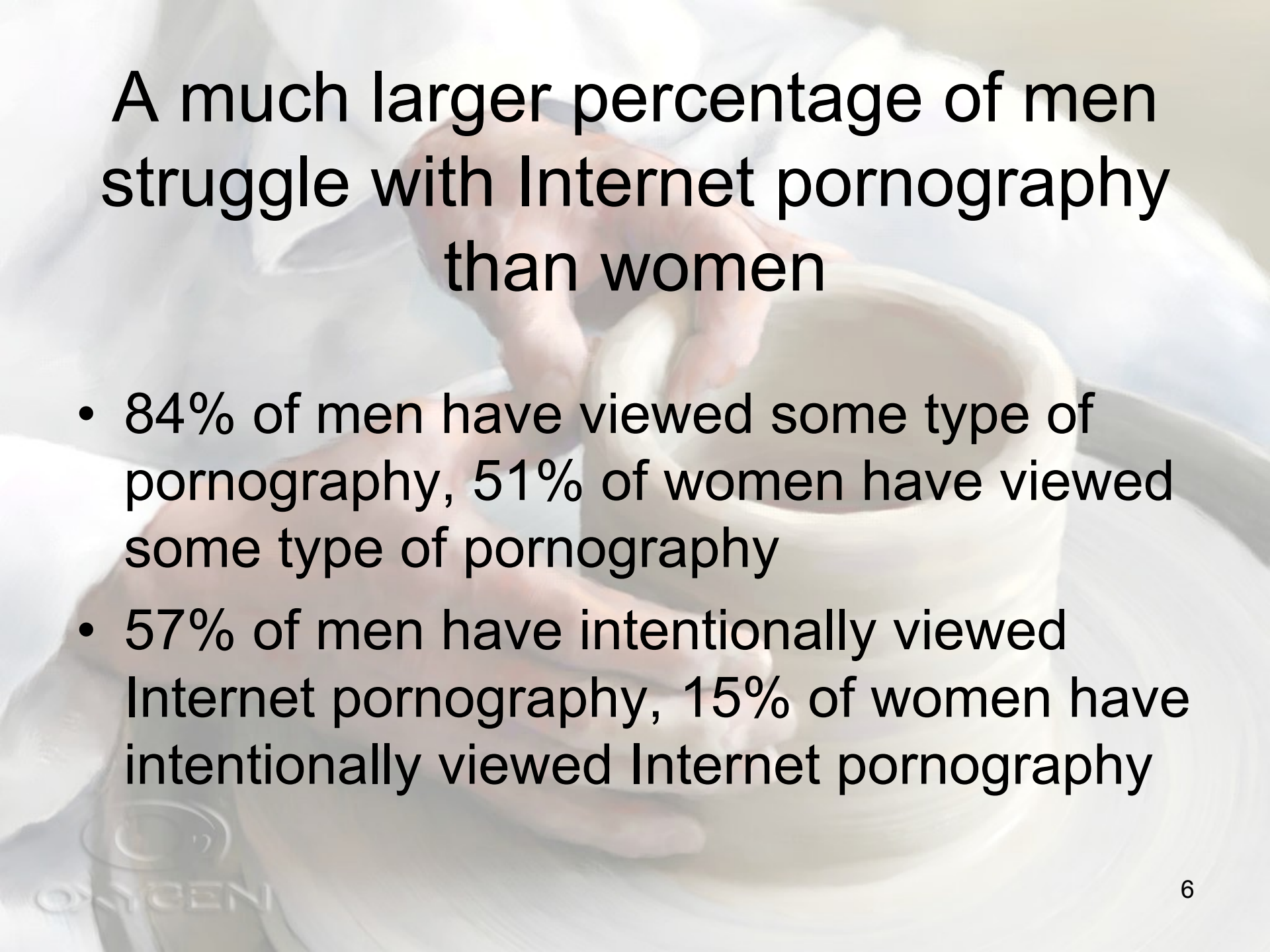
- 54% Male
- 46% Female



A close-up photograph of a person's hands shaping a piece of light-colored clay on a pottery wheel. The hands are positioned to guide the clay as it rotates. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white surface.

Men believe Internet pornography to be a larger problem facing their congregation than women

41% of all men say they either strongly agree or agree with the statement “I believe Internet pornography to be one of the biggest problems facing my congregation”, compared with 29% of women who say the same

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a white ceramic bowl. The hands are positioned as if they are about to drink or are in the process of drinking. The background is a light, neutral color, possibly a white shirt or a plain wall. The lighting is soft and even.

A much larger percentage of men struggle with Internet pornography than women

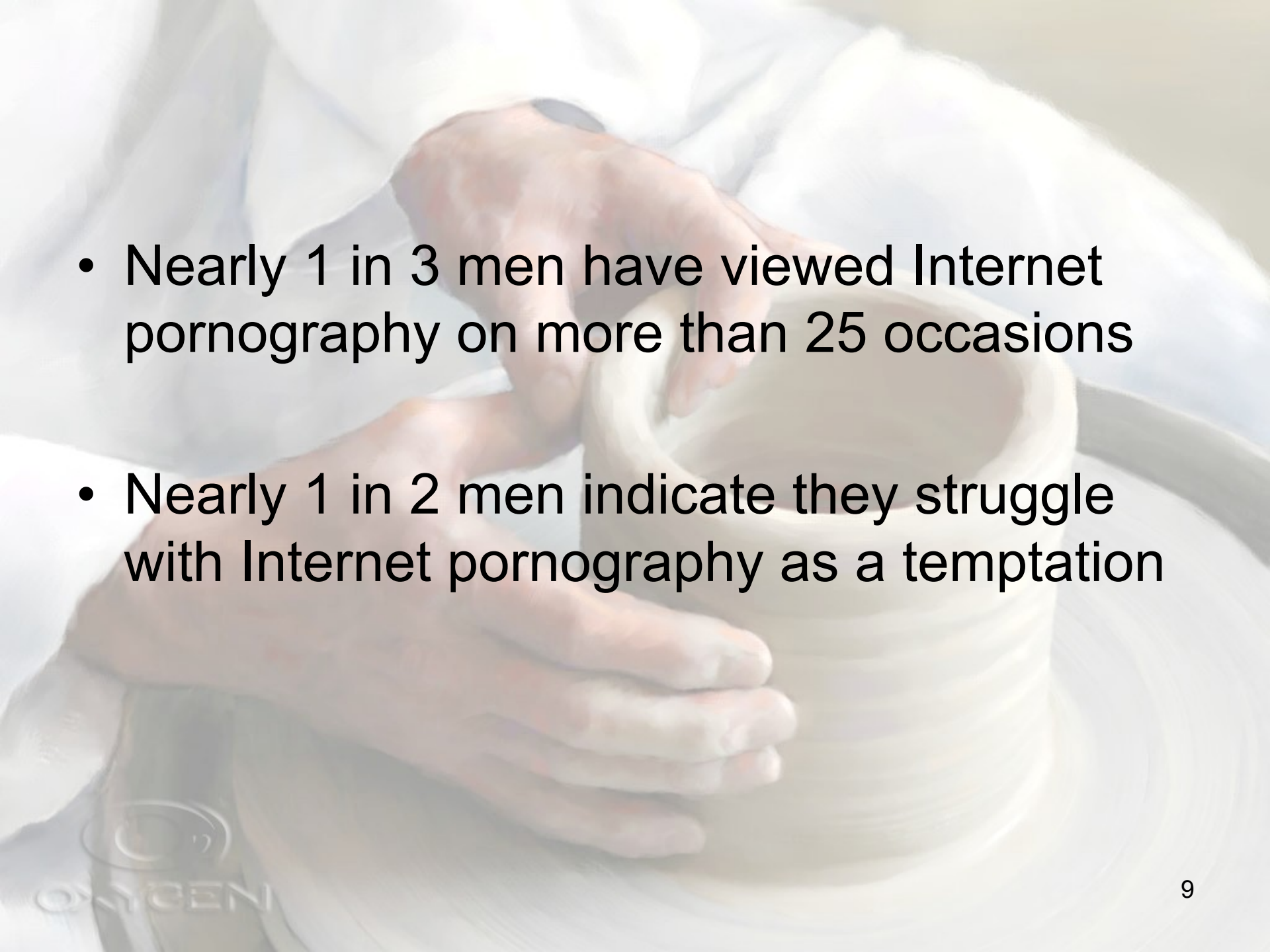
- 84% of men have viewed some type of pornography, 51% of women have viewed some type of pornography
- 57% of men have intentionally viewed Internet pornography, 15% of women have intentionally viewed Internet pornography

A much larger percentage of men struggle with Internet pornography than women

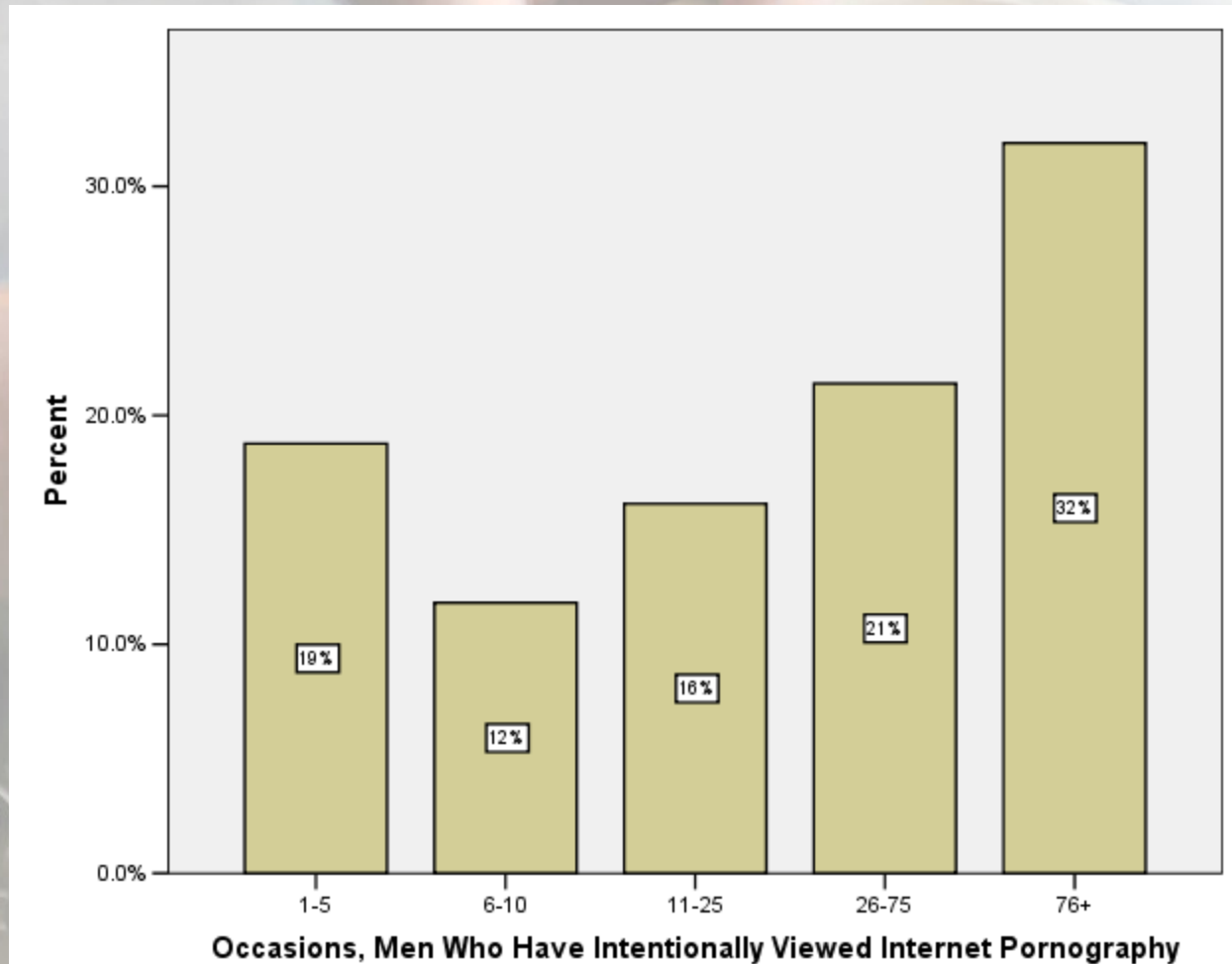
- 45% of all men say they either strongly agree or agree with the statement “I have struggled with Internet pornography as a temptation” while only 6% of all women say this
- 30% of all men have viewed Internet pornography on more than 25 occasions; only 2% of all women have done the same

Among men, elders (older men) struggle the least with Internet pornography as a temptation

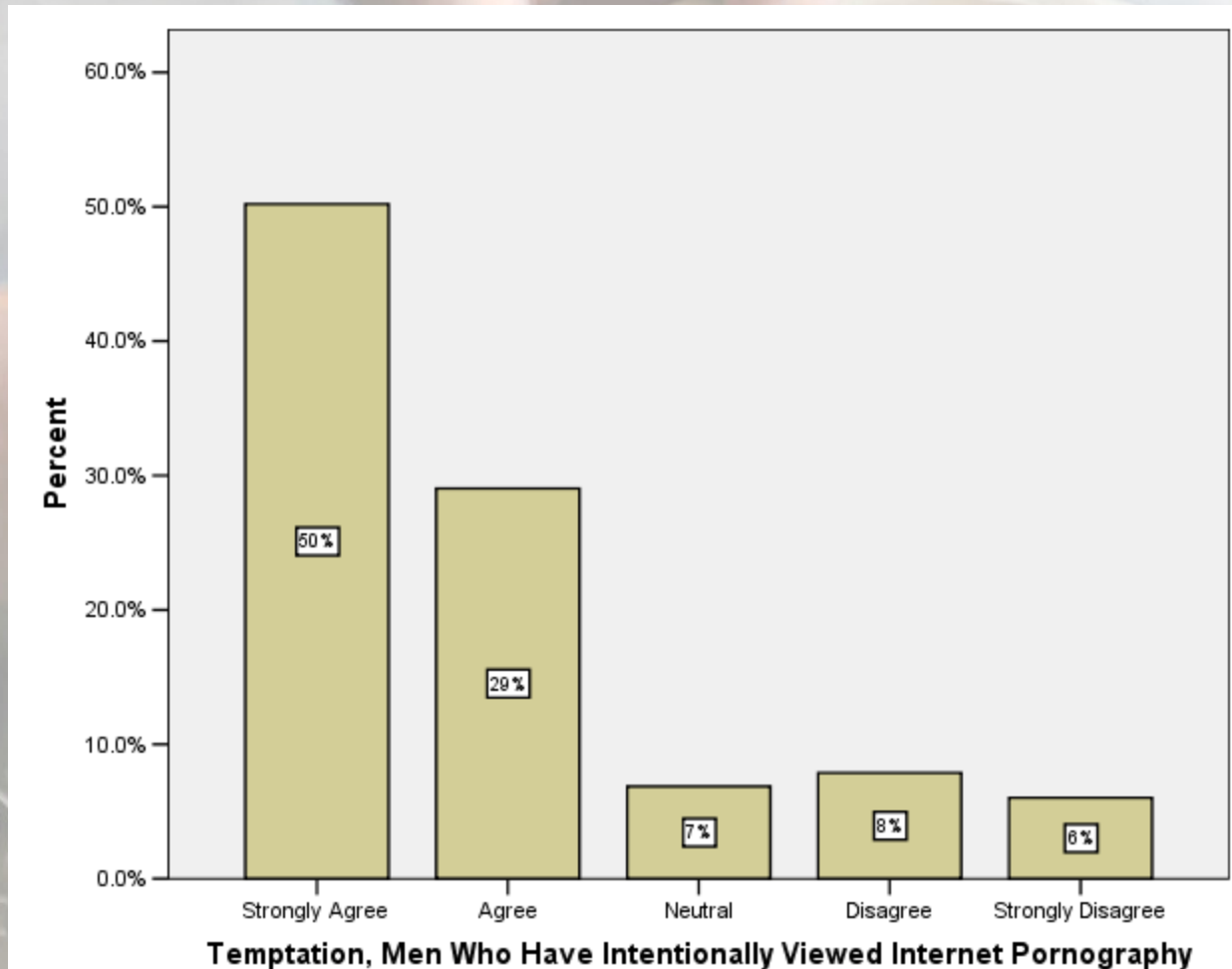
Role	Temptation, strongly agree or agree	25+ Occasions
Deacons' Wives	2%	1%
Elders' Wives	3%	1%
Ministers' Wives	4%	2%
Female, Other (role)	5%	2%
Female Members	7%	2%
Women	6%	2%
Elders	19%	9%
Male, Other (role)	39%	24%
Ministers	43%	26%
Deacons	46%	28%
Male Members	53%	39%
Men	45%	30%

- 
- A close-up photograph of a person's hands shaping a piece of light-colored clay on a pottery wheel. The person is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The text is overlaid on the image.
- Nearly 1 in 3 men have viewed Internet pornography on more than 25 occasions
 - Nearly 1 in 2 men indicate they struggle with Internet pornography as a temptation

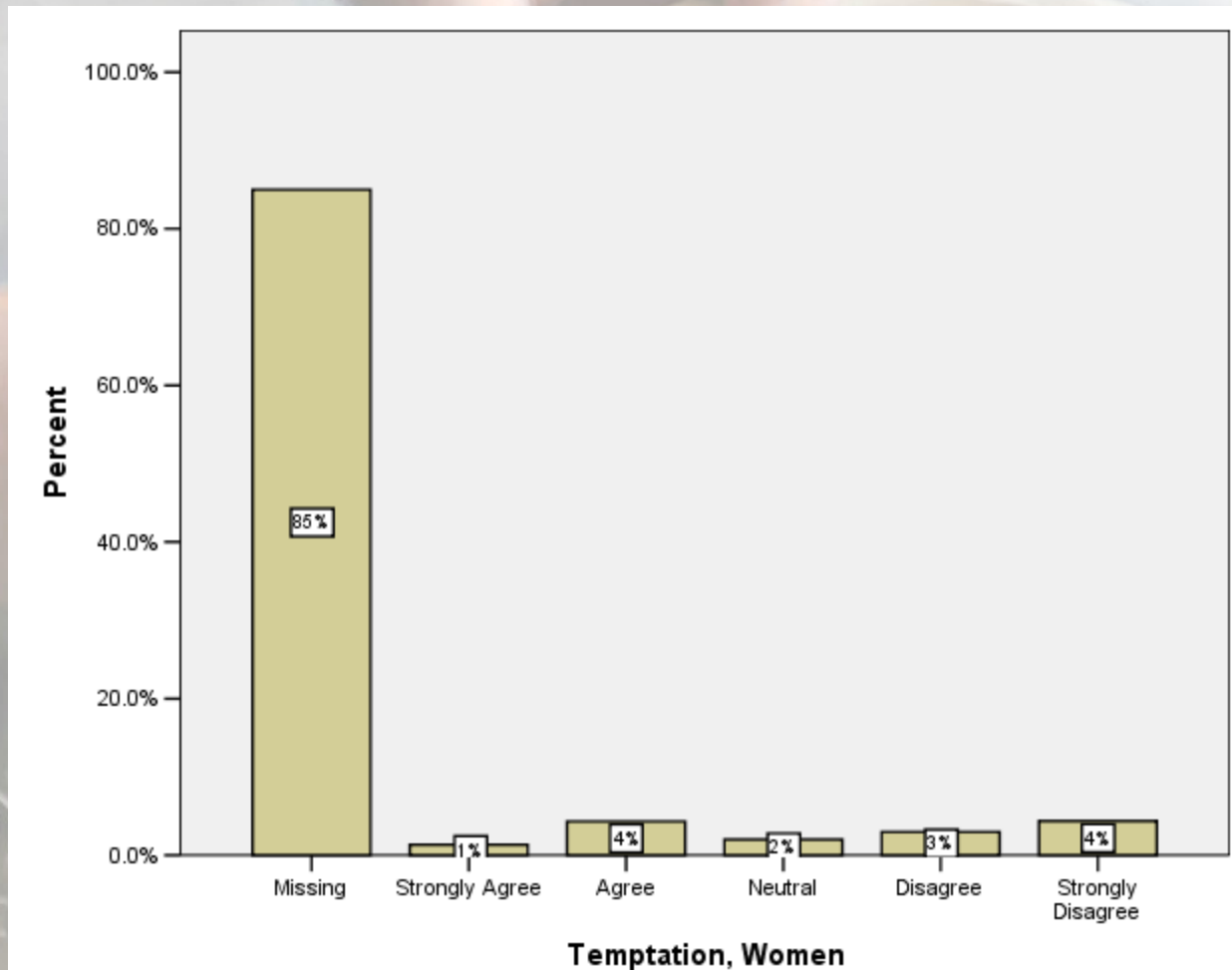
Internet pornography is extremely addictive for men



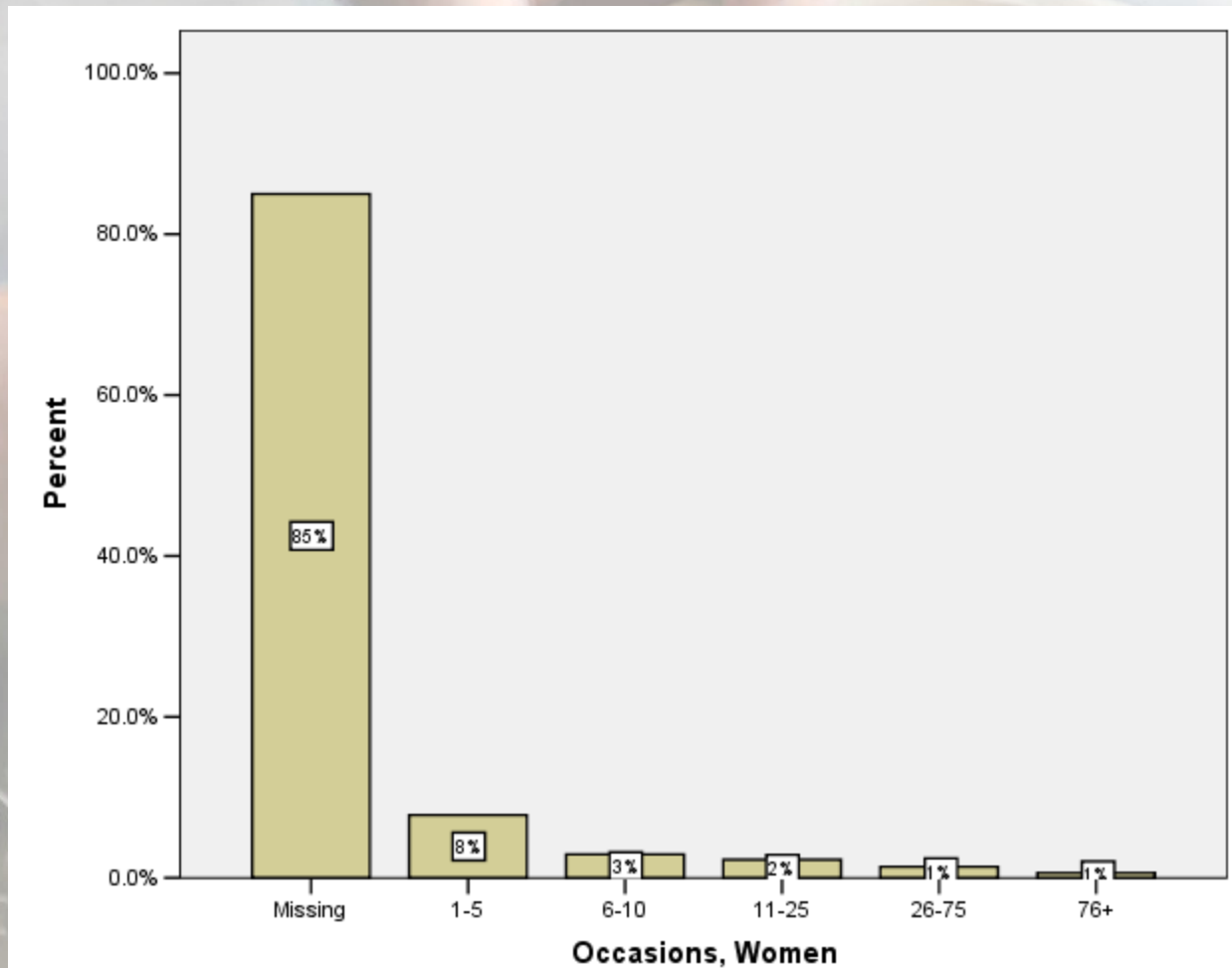
Internet pornography is extremely addictive for men



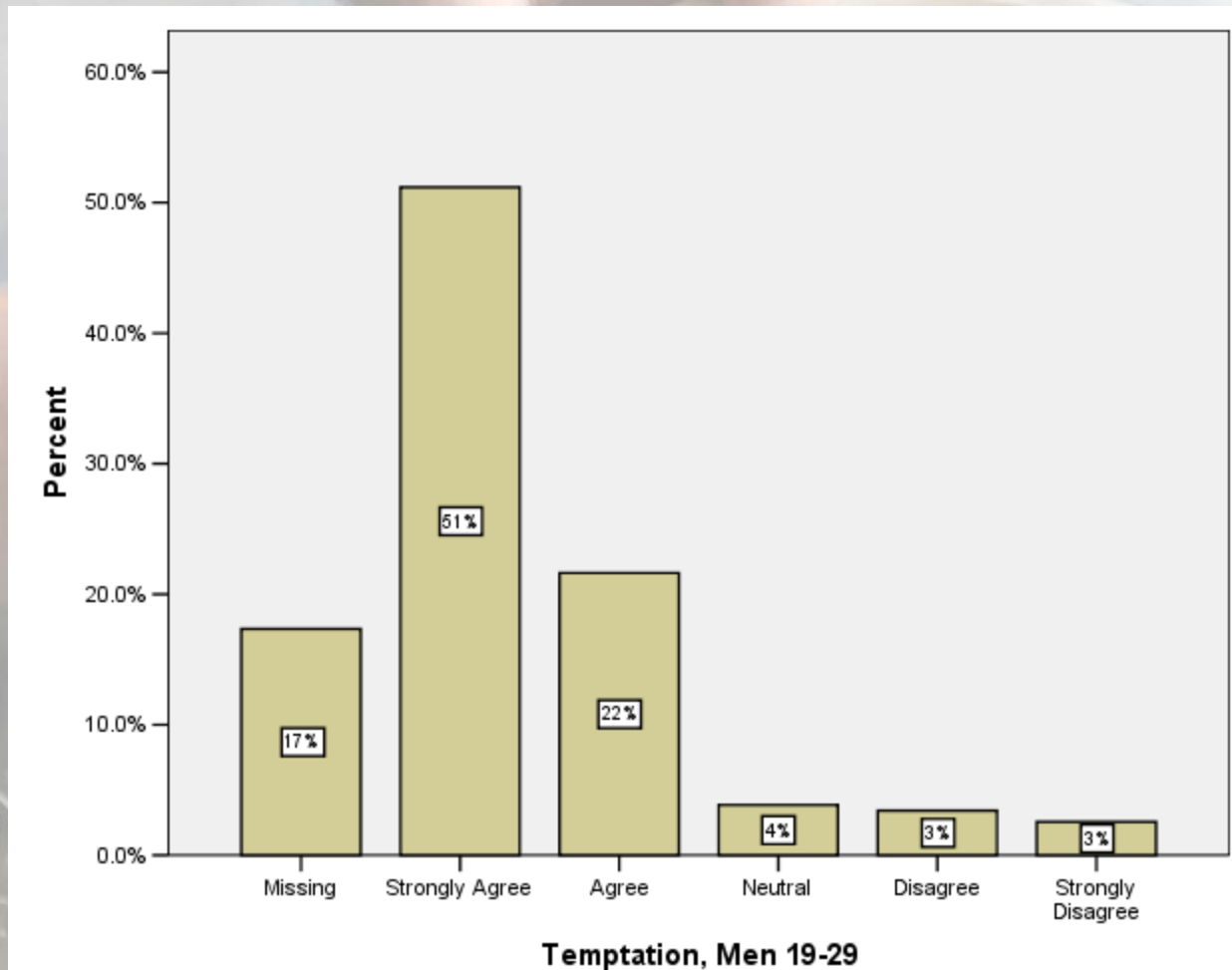
Internet pornography is NOT addictive (as a rule) for women



Internet pornography is NOT addictive (as a rule) for women



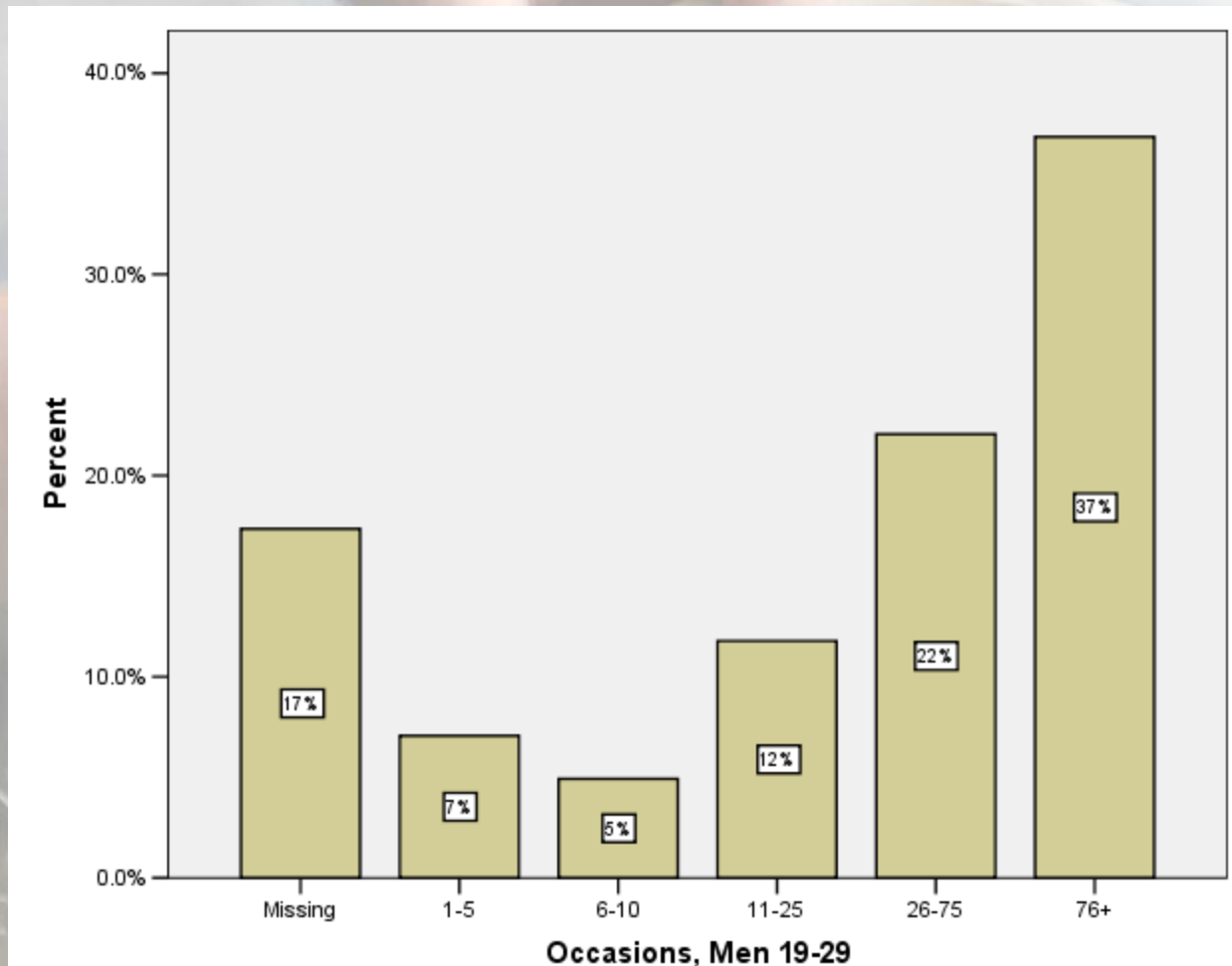
Younger men are much more addicted to Internet pornography than older men



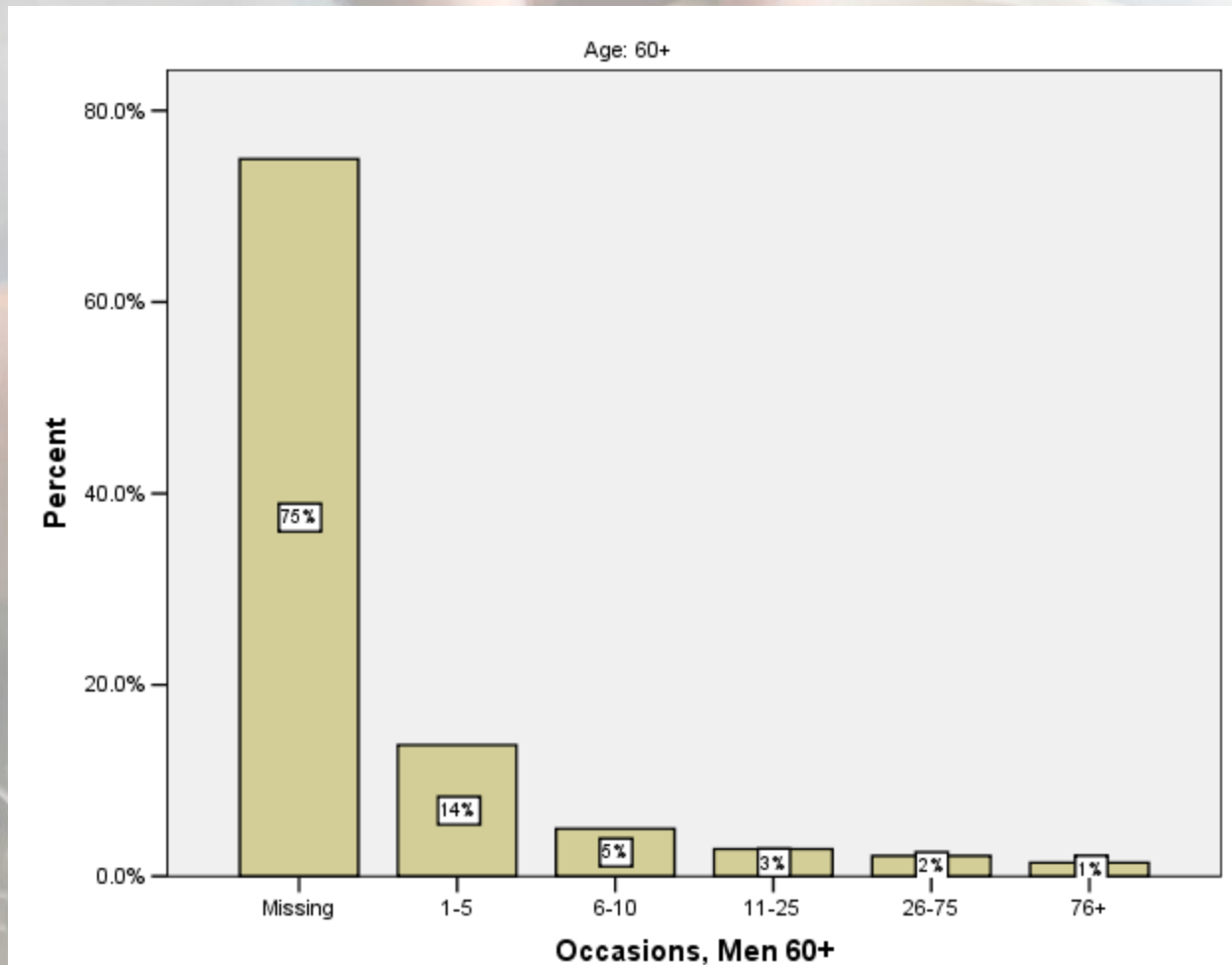
Younger men are much more addicted to Internet pornography than older men



Younger men are much more addicted to Internet pornography than older men



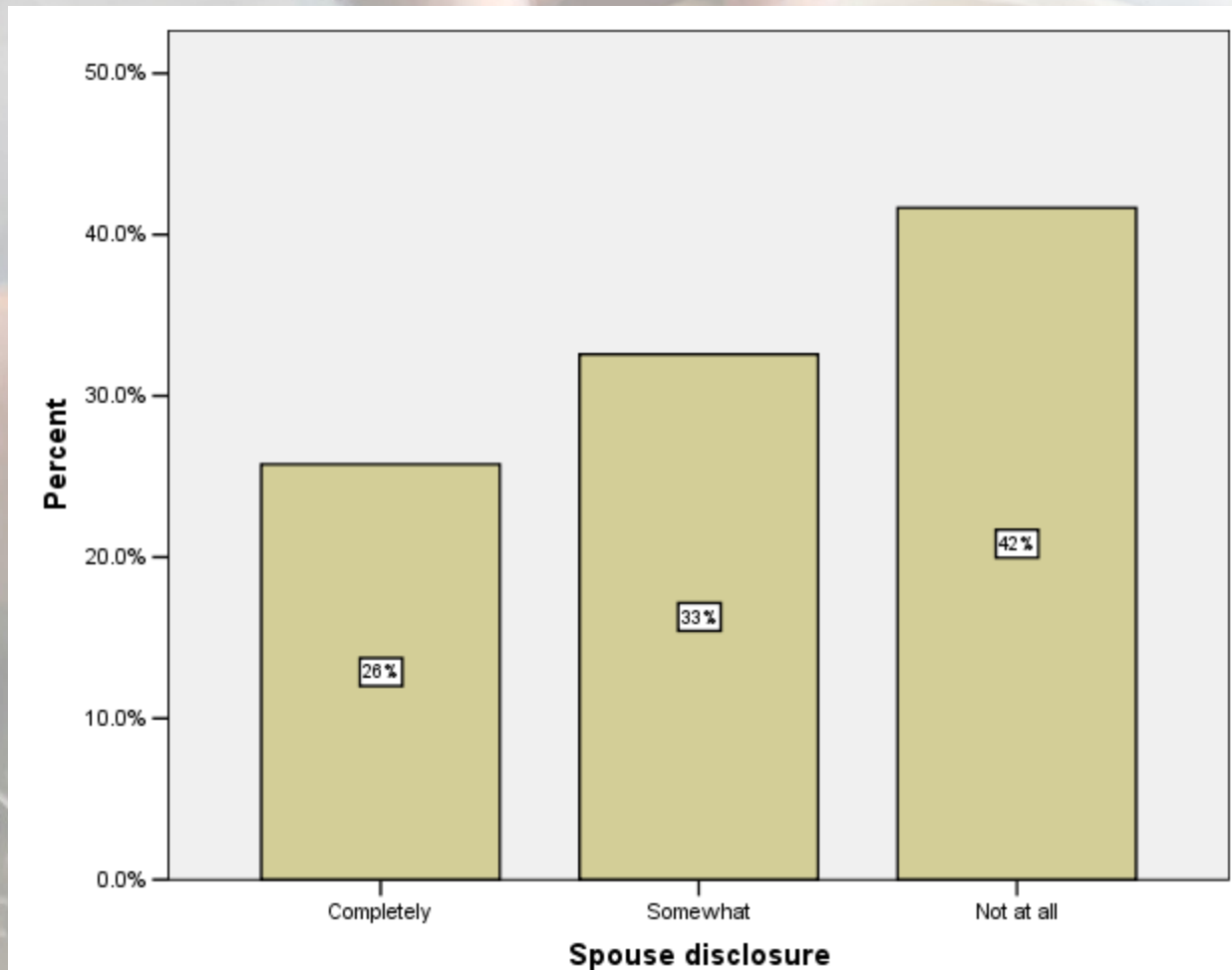
Younger men are much more addicted to Internet pornography than older men



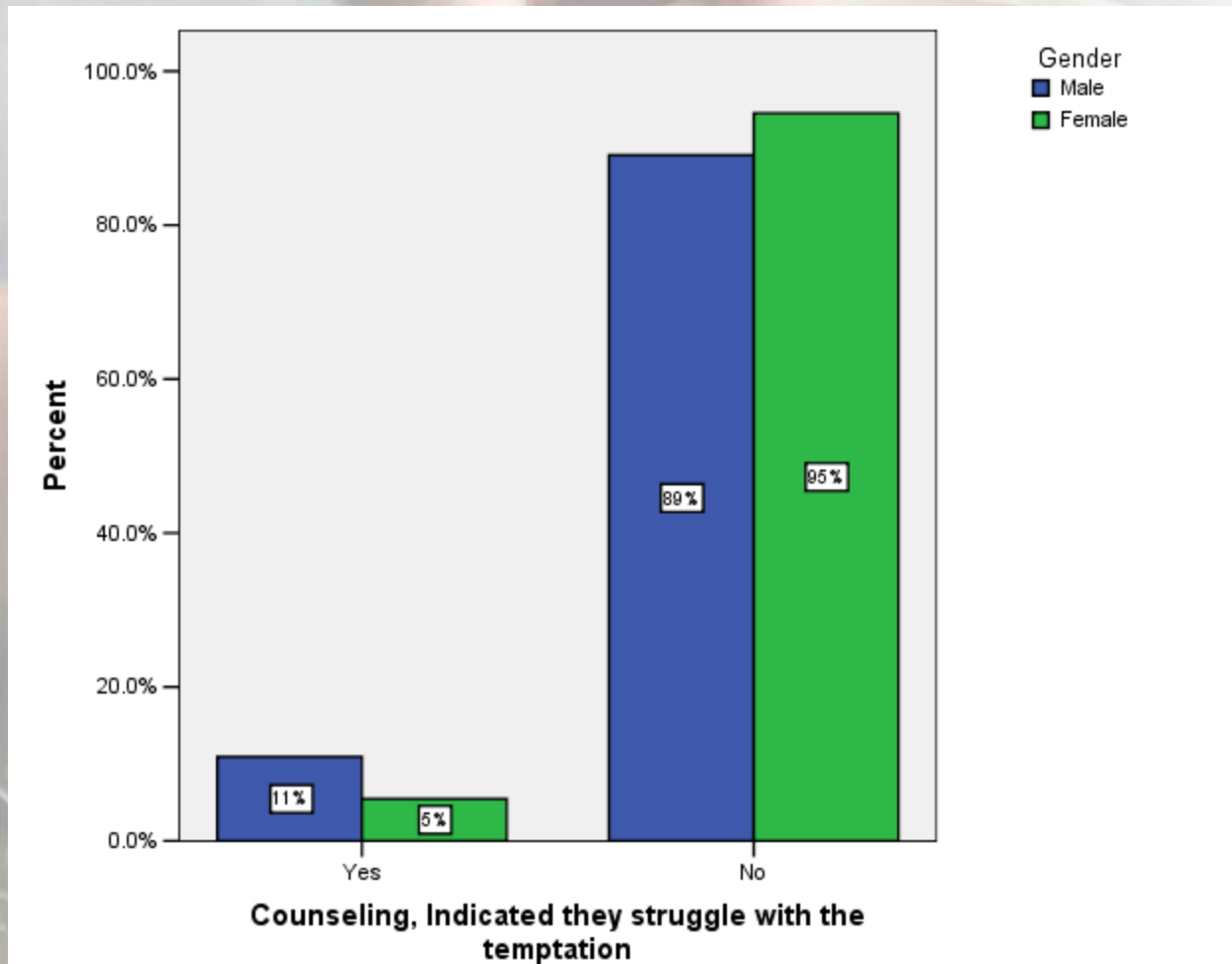
Ministers who haven't taught any lessons dealing primarily with Internet pornography in the last 3 years

- 39% of ministers
- 34% of this group have viewed Internet pornography on more than 25 occasions compared to 22% of those who have taught 1 or more lessons
- 50% of this group indicate they struggle with Internet pornography as a temptation compared to 40% of those who have taught 1 or more lessons

Those who struggle with Internet pornography are not sharing that fact with their spouses



Less than 1 in 10 who struggle with Internet pornography seek professional counseling.



We are not teaching enough about the dangers of Internet pornography

- 39% of all respondents say they have not been a part of any classes that mentioned Internet pornography in the last 12 months.
- 55% of all respondents say they have been a part of 1 or fewer classes that mentioned Internet pornography in the last 12 months.
- 31% of all respondents say they have not heard any sermons that mentioned Internet pornography in the last 12 months.
- 50% of all respondents say they have heard 1 or fewer sermons that mentioned Internet pornography in the last 12 months.

We are not teaching enough about the dangers of Internet pornography

- 47% of elders indicate they have not given direction to their ministers and/or teachers to preach and/or teach about Internet pornography in the last 3 years.
 - 14% of elders who HAVE given direction say they struggle with Internet pornography as a temptation while 25% of elders who HAVE NOT.
 - 4% of elders who HAVE given direction say they have viewed Internet pornography more than 25 times compared to 14% of those who HAVE NOT.



WHY?



PRIVACY

Generational Pornography

Age 60+

- 20 years old 1945-1965
- A few magazines in big cities
- Reel-type movies, hard to get, expensive, required special viewing equipment

Generational Pornography

Age 40

- 20 years old in 1985
- Magazines abundant and can be delivered in brown paper to your mailbox
- Movies can be rented down the street or ordered anonymously and viewed in private
- Cable TV
- Strip clubs

Generational Pornography

Age 20

- Magazines abundant and can be delivered in brown paper to your mailbox
- Movies can be rented down the street or ordered anonymously and viewed in private
- Cable and Satellite TV with pay per view
- Strip clubs
- **The Internet**



There is help

Raise Awareness

- Elders, guard, lead, and prepare your flocks
- Preachers, preach about it, mention it often; the problem isn't going away
- Teachers, teach about it, make it part of the regular curriculum
- Make resources available
 - Counseling
 - Books
 - Videos
 - Seminars
 - Train your people
 - Accountability groups