Image-Based Sexual Abuse: Progress & Challenges in the Law

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Fake-porn videos are being weaponized to harass and humiliate women: 'Everybody is a potential target'

'Deepfake' creators are making disturbingly realistic, computer-generated videos with photos taken from the Web, and ordinary women are suffering the damage



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Thousands of realistic but fake AI child sex images found online, report says

Fake AI child sex images moving from dark web to social media, researcher says.

Florida Middle Schoolers Arrested for Allegedly Creating Deepfake Nudes of Classmates

In what appears to be the first criminal case of its kind, two teenage boys were charged under a 2022 Florida law for allegedly creating Al-generated images depicting middle school classmates.

Terminology

- Image-Based Sexual Abuse (IBSA)
- Non-consensually Distributed Intimate Imagery (NDII)
 - Nonconsensual Pornography (NCP)
 - "Revenge Porn"
- Sexually Explicit Digital Forgeries
 - "Deepfake Porn"
- Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM)
- Artificial/Synthetic CSAM
- Sexual Extortion

Non-consensually Distributed Intimate Imagery (NDII)

The distribution of sexually explicit images of individuals without their consent.







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STUDY OF NONCONSENSUAL

Nonconsensual Pornography (NCP) FAST FACTS





1 in 8

adult social media users have been targets of NCP

1 in 12

have been victims of NCP



1 in 20

have perpetrated NCP

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adult social media users have been perpetrators of NCP.



INTENT

The vast majority of nonconsensual pornography (NCP) perpetrators (79%) claimed that they didn't intend to hurt the person when they shared a sexually explicit image of video of them without consent.





CCRI conducted an informal survey of 1,606 respondents. 361 (23%) said they had been the victim of nonconsensual pornography. They reported the following outcomes.

93%	suffered significant emotional distress
55%	feared that their professional reputation could be tarnished
51%	had suicidal thoughts
49%	were harassed or stalked online
42%	had to explain the situation to professional or academic supervisors, coworkers, or colleagues
38%	said it jeopardized their relationship with friends
30%	were harassed or stalked in person or over the phone

Where is the content distributed?

- Transmitted through text messages, emails, DVDs, physical photographs
- Over **11,000 sites** feature NDII
 - These include mainstream porn sites, social media platforms, personal blogs, as well as dedicated "revenge porn" sites



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Impact on Individual Victims

- Psychological: shame, body image issues, selfblame, anxiety, agoraphobia, PTSD, depression, suicide
- Physical Security: Harassment, assault, stalking, threats, impersonation
- Personal Relationships: abandonment by family, loss of friendships, rejection in intimate relationships, pressure to remain in abusive relationships, isolation
- Professional & Educational: Termination of employment, expulsion from school, reputational damage
- Financial: unemployment, lawyer's fees, relocation costs, reputation management services, takedown fees

Impact on Society

- Normalization of sexual abuse:
 - nonconsensual sexual activity
 - sexual surveillance
 - sex as punishment
 - sexual humiliation as entertainment
- Silencing of vulnerable groups, including women & LGBT individuals
 - Inhibits expression, movement, participation in society
 - Loss of voices in workplaces, institutions, schools, community, politics, law

Legislative Reform

48 States + DC + Two Territories Now have Laws Against Nonconsensual Pornography



Source: CCRI

10 U.S. Code § 917a - Art. 117a. Wrongful broadcast or distribution of intimate visual images

10 U.S. Code § 920c - Art. 120c. Other sexual misconduct



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Fact Sheet: Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

BRIEFING ROOM

STATEMENTS AND RELEASES

This week, President Biden signed into law the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, bipartisan legislation passed by Congress as part of the Omnibus appropriations package.

• Establishing a federal civil cause of action for individuals whose intimate visual images are disclosed without their consent, allowing a victim to recover damages and legal fees; creating a new National Resource Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals; and supporting State, Tribal, and local government efforts to prevent and prosecute cybercrimes, including cyberstalking and the nonconsensual distribution of intimate images.

Source: White House

Why criminal law?

Severe Criminal Penalties

are the most effective deterrents.



The most commonly chosen prohibitive factor among participants to deter perpetrators was harsh criminal punishment (e.g. felony laws, imprisonment) with 60% choosing those options. Flaws in the Laws: Limitations of Legal Reform

- The majority of state laws against NDII characterize the offense as a form of harassment, not a privacy violation
- Such laws only apply to perpetrators who act with a particular motive, usually expressed as "intent to harass" or "intent to harm"
- Other problems include too-narrow definitions of disclosure (e.g., limiting to the Internet); too-broad definitions of nudity; classification as a misdemeanor; no civil remedy
- Under-enforcement
- Lack of IBSA-specific training for law enforcement, prosecutors, judges
- Lack of IBSA knowledge among employers, media, educators, general public
- Victims deterred from reporting or taking other action



New York's New Revenge Porn Bill Is a Bittersweet Victory

Laws against sharing nonconsensual pornography should be about consent, not intent.

By APRIL GLASER

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Flaws in the Laws: Consequences

- •Varying and conflicting definitions, classifications, and penalties for NDII across the states
- Jurisdictional issues
- •Complexities of the criminal justice system
- Still no federal criminal prohibition against NDII

Continuing and Evolving Challenges

- Tech industry immunity (Section 230)
- •Rise of synthetic NDII/CSAM and sexual extortion
- •Virtual and augmented reality
- First Amendment challenges