

Promote the www.ObscenityCrimes.org website

The language below can be adapted to promote the www.obsenitycrimes.org website in a flyer to organization members or to the general public or in a public service announcement for radio/TV or in a letter to the editor. Complaints about Internet obscenity submitted to the site are forwarded to local U.S. Attorneys and to the U.S. Justice Department's Obscenity Prosecution Task Force in Washington.

The Internet is now saturated with websites peddling hardcore pornographic material, which is readily available to children and is often pushed into people's faces through spam e-mails, misleading domain names, "pop up ads" and "mouse-trapping."

Among other things, hardcore pornography corrupts youth, ruins marriages, inflames the passions of sexual predators, contributes to prostitution, sexual trafficking and on-the-job sexual harassment, and undermines the right of citizens to live in a decent society.

In a 1973 case, the Supreme Court said that federal and state obscenity laws can be enforced against "hard-core pornography," and in 1996 Congress amended federal laws to clarify that distribution of obscene material on the Internet is a crime.

Americans now have a way to make complaints about possible violations of Internet obscenity laws to Federal prosecutors and to the U.S. Justice Department in Washington. While making complaints isn't the only thing citizens can do about Internet obscenity, the failure to make complaints is the primary reason why we now have so much of it.

The www.obsenitycrimes.org website was launched in June 2002 by Morality in Media, a New York City based organization that works through constitutional means to combat obscenity on the Internet and in other media and in local "adult" and other businesses.

The site was created primarily for citizens who are exposed unwillingly to hardcore pornography on the Internet (or to porn spam) or whose children are exposed unwillingly or willingly to hardcore pornography on the Internet (or to porn spam).

To make a complaint to the website, a citizen needs the Web address ("URL"). MIM then forwards the complaint to the citizen's local U.S. Attorney (each state has at least one) and to the U.S. Justice Department in Washington for possible prosecution.

The Supreme Court has held repeatedly that obscene material is not protected by the First Amendment; and in a national opinion poll conducted in April 2008 for Morality in Media by Harris Interactive, 75% of adult Americans said they would support the next president were he "to do all in his or constitutional power to ensure that federal obscenity laws are enforced vigorously against commercial distributors of hardcore pornography."

According to a survey conducted by Pew Research Center ("Trends in Political Values and Core Attitudes: 1987-2007"), 70% of adult Americans disagreed with the statement that "nude pictures and X-rated videos on the Internet provide harmless entertainment for those who enjoy it." People are waking up!