Abstract

Pornography is perhaps the most controversial topic in the world. Many researches had been done on the field, yet, focusing primarily on the violent content and the resulting aggression. Little has been done on investigating the effects of gender and level of exposure on the perceived functions of pornography as well as general attitudes towards sex. The current study aims at uncovering this rarely explored part. Results indicated that males significantly exposes more frequently than females which is consistent with existing knowledge. Two interesting findings did appear, exposure difference was found for “Learning skills/knowledge” and “Enhancing personal well-being” which is two out of four functions of pornography. Also, no gender difference was found on “Sexual stereotype” and “Attitudes to sexual behavior”. However, future research needs to be generalized to a more diverse population and functions of pornography could become the chief focus.