
PORNOGRAPHY ON ONLYFANS: ANALYZING ITS IMPACT AND PERSPECTIVE IN POSITIVE LAW AND ISLAMIC LAW

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ABSTRACT

Pornography is writing, drawing, television, or any other form of communication that depicts people in erotic and sexually arousing poses. Pornography is a behavior that is not commendable and is considered a crime; therefore, religion prohibits it. Set in light of the OnlyFans website as evidence of technological development and its ease of access, pornography in this study will be explained based on positive law and Islamic law. This research uses a qualitative method with a case study to examine the natural conditions of the object, with the researcher as the key instrument, and is conducted through interviews and observations. The research informants are community groups that are connoisseurs of pornographic content on the OnlyFans site, especially LGBT and incest, and a psychologist who is an expert in the field. The purpose of this research is to analyze the impact of pornography consumption on several aspects and analyze the perspective of positive law and Islamic law on the phenomenon of pornography. The results of the study show that the pornography phenomenon on the OnlyFans site has many negative impacts on addicts. From the perspective of positive law and Islamic law, pornography is forbidden and ḥarām.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Islam has regulated the legal relationship between men and women, namely through marriage. Islam also approves of every human being channeling their desires and lust through a legal marriage relationship. The Compilation of Islamic Law explains that the purpose of marriage is to realize a household life that is peaceful, loving, and happy physically and mentally (Ghuftron & Arifin, 2023). This is in accordance with His words:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً ۗ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

And one of His signs is that He created for you spouses from among yourselves so that you may find comfort in them. And He has placed between you compassion and mercy. Surely in this are signs for people who reflect. (QS. Ar-Rūm 30:21).

The feeling of affection between a man and a woman in a marriage bond is a sign of Allāh's greatness. Ibn Kathīr explains that Allāh created women to be partners and wives for men so that their hearts tend to be calm and peaceful. Men and women were created by the Creator as partners for each other so that they share affection with each other (Ibn Kathīr, 2010).

Islam is a religion of *fitrah* that recognizes human nature in all aspects of its life, including the fulfillment of sexual urges that are created in every human being. Every human being has the *fitrah* to fulfill their sexual desires. The sexual desire that exists in humans is a gift from Allāh that must be maintained and

channeled in accordance with the guidance of the Shari'ah. So based on this explanation, all ways of fulfilling sexual urges outside of marriage are considered contrary to religion and government regulations.

The development of technology has made it easy to access various content both on social media and the internet from both positive and negative aspects. This freedom also allows people to access the negative aspects of technological development such as downloading and pirating pornographic movies. The ease of access to social media that reeks of pornography can be easily accepted and seen by the community, both adults and teenagers. Based on data from the Child Protection Commission (KPA), 97% of teenagers have watched or accessed pornography (Afriliani et al., 2023).

Pornography is writing, pictures, television, or other forms of communication that depict people in erotic (sexually arousing) poses. Data from Pornography Statistic shows that as many as 12% of sites on the internet contain pornographic content. Every second there are 28,258 people viewing porn sites and of all the data downloaded on the internet 35% download pornographic content. Data on the age of porn site accessors aged 18-24 years is 13.61%, and the average age of children who first access porn sites is 11 years (Suhrawardi, 2022).

This increasing technology inevitably also causes things that are not so good, but many people use them. One proof of this is the presence of the OnlyFans site. The platform is based in the UK and was founded by CEO Timothy Stokely in 2016. As of 2020, OnlyFans is quite popular, having around 30 million registered users and around 450,000 content creators. The

company revealed that creators with 10,000 followers can earn between US\$499 and US\$2,495 per month. The platform takes a 20 percent cut in revenue. Since the pandemic hit, the platform has reportedly seen an increase of more than 75 percent. This means that many people are signing up for accounts. In April 2020, there were as many as 150,000 new users every 24 hours (Isnawan, 2022). OnlyFans allows its creators to create and change content that contains things that are not safe for work. Because of this, the creators in OnlyFans can change the display of some adult photos and videos, but the access provided is limited to fans who have subscribed or paid (Aziz, 2022).

Before viewing the content presented on OnlyFans by the creators, subscribers must pay a certain amount of money so that the content from the creators can be accessed freely. Regarding the subscription fee of the creators, they have different policies; the cheapest is about 5 dollars, and the most expensive is 50 dollars every month. Creators can also create membership tiers. The highest tier can access exclusive content. In addition to the subscription facility, OnlyFans also provides a special thing, namely that subscribers can contact the content creators directly via direct message (Ramadhona, 2022).

Pornography is a behavior that is not commendable and is a crime; therefore, religion prohibits it. Pornography in this research will be explained through two legal views, namely positive law and Islamic law. The positive law view will refer to the Fatwa of the Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI) and Indonesian Law No. 44/2008 on pornography. While Islamic

law refers to two sources, namely the Qur'ān and al-Hadis, by looking at the verses of the Qur'ān and the Prophet's traditions related to pornography

From the preliminary explanation, this research found two problem formulations, namely, the first, how is the impact of Only Fans' pornographic content on society? and the second, how do positive law and Islamic law address the phenomenon of Only Fans' pornographic content? The purpose of researchers studying the problem formulation is to analyze the impact of OnlyFans pornography and analyze pornography based on positive law and Islamic law.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Previous research that examines pornography includes "Pornography Among Teenagers" (Haidar, 2020), which examines the phenomenon of pornography in adolescents. Furthermore, *"Causal Factors and Impacts of Pornography Addiction among Adolescents on Their Social Life"* (Afriliani et al., 2023) examines the impact of pornography addiction on the social life of adolescents. In *"Case Study of Pornography Addiction in Adolescents"* (Imawati & Sari, 2019), which reveals the existence of cognition barriers for adolescents who are addicted to pornography, In the study *"The Relationship of Electronic Pornography Exposure to Adolescent Sexual Behavior"* (Suhrawardi, 2022), it is revealed that there is a correlation between electronic pornographic exposure and adolescent sexual behavior. Finally, in *"The Use of OnlyFans Application Platform for Cyber-Pornography"* (Ramadhona, 2022), which examines the phenomenon of cyber-pornography in the OnlyFans application.

This research is different from previous research because it examines the phenomenon of pornography that occurs in the OnlyFans application, especially LGBTQ+ and incest content, along with the impact felt by subscribers to the application. The phenomenon and the impact are then reviewed through positive law and Islamic law. So, it can be concluded that this research is a novelty from previous research because this research correlates the phenomenon of LGBTQ+ and incest in OnlyFans to find the impact and views of positive law and Islamic law in addressing the phenomenon.

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research engaged 15 informants, carefully selected based on specific criteria. All informants met the dual criteria of having subscribed to OnlyFans for a minimum of one year and having actively consumed content related to incest and LGBT themes on the platform. This targeted selection ensures a focused exploration of the experiences, preferences, and perceptions of individuals with prolonged exposure to explicit content within these particular genres.

Qualitative interviews served as the primary research method, allowing for an in-depth exploration of informants' perspectives. Semi-structured interviews were conducted to encourage open-ended responses, enabling participants to share their experiences, motivations, and the impact of consuming explicit content over an extended period of time. The qualitative approach provides rich, context-specific data, offering insights into the nuanced aspects of individuals' engagement with OnlyFans' incest and LGBT content.

The research methodology incorporated a comprehensive library research component. An extensive literature review and analysis were conducted to contextualize the findings within existing academic discourse on explicit content consumption, online platforms, and societal implications. This enriched the study by providing a broader understanding of the subject matter, incorporating theoretical frameworks, and ensuring the research is situated within the relevant scholarly context.

Ethical guidelines were strictly adhered to throughout the research process. Informed consent was obtained from all participants, ensuring they were fully aware of the research's nature and purpose. Confidentiality and anonymity were maintained to protect the privacy of informants, and the research design prioritized the well-being and comfort of participants.

Thematic analysis was employed to extract patterns, themes, and commonalities from the qualitative data. By systematically categorizing responses, the research aimed to uncover recurring motifs within the informants' narratives, shedding light on the complexities surrounding prolonged engagement with OnlyFans' explicit content, particularly in the context of incest and LGBT themes.

This hybrid research methodology, integrating qualitative interviews and library research, seeks to provide a comprehensive understanding of the experiences and perceptions of individuals subscribing to OnlyFans for extended periods of time. The findings aim to contribute not only to the empirical understanding of explicit content consumption but

also to the broader theoretical discourse on the societal implications of such engagements.

4. DISCUSSION

4.1 The Phenomenon of Pornographic Content on Only Fans

The term pornography in everyday life is often associated with erotic or sensual gestures from women or men with the aim of arousing lust for the opposite sex or the same sex. Pornography also broadly includes erotic or sensual things that are disgusting beyond reason or embarrassing (Primita, 2018). Based on the verses of the Qur'ān, the *awrah* for women is clearly listed, namely the whole body except the face and the two palms of the hand. Similarly, in the teachings of Islam, men's *awrah* is from the navel to the knee. If someone displays a part of his body that is forbidden to be shown, then it is an act prohibited by Islamic teachings except for a legal partner (Adib, 2019). OnlyFans itself contains many kinds of pornographic content, but this research focuses on two things based on the data and informant qualifications, namely LGBTQ+, especially the HiroakiRyota account, and incest.

Hiroaki and Ryota are a Japanese gay couple who have been in a relationship for 8 years. Both actively share couple content on Hiro's accounts, both on Instagram, X, and also on Only Fans. The fanbase of this Japanese gay couple is substantial, with 533 thousand followers on Instagram, 1.3 million on X, 140 thousand on OnlyFans, and 190 thousand on TikTok. If on Instagram and X Hiro only share the daily lives of the two, it is different in Only Fans, which is used as a forum for sharing

pornographic content in the form of photos, short videos, or videos with a duration of hours, all of which are pornographic sexual content. Hiro's OnlyFans account sets the price for viewers of their content at around \$6 for a month.

Helen recounts her experience as Hiro's follower on Only Fans: "The way to subscribe to the HR account is by paying a fee set by the account owner; at HR, it is approximately \$6 for a month, and we can access their content (there are photos and videos) with varying durations, ranging from a few minutes to 3–4 hours per video. Their content is the daily life of this couple in sexual intercourse without any censorship. Last time I checked, they had 37 photos and 93 videos containing predominantly hard-core pornographic content" (Helen, Interview 2024). Kirei, a content creator who is also a viewer of HiroakiRyota content, revealed, HR is a Japanese same-sex male couple account; Hiroaki takes on the dominant role, while Ryota is positioned more passively. As far as I know, they have been dating for eight years and regularly upload content that highlights physical intimacy, but their faces are blurred and not shown" (Kirei, Interview 2024). Another statement related to HiroakiRyota was also expressed by Jun, an international student who lives in Yokohama, Japan: "The HR account strongly reflects a power-dynamic theme, with a clearly dominant figure. I like this atmosphere, especially since they are Japanese because in my view, the mood feels more distinct and the scenes are captured with impressive detail." (Jun, Interview 2024).

Informants also follow LGBTQ+ accounts other than Hiroaki Ryota. As revealed by Dodi, a health and wellness coach, "What I follow is mostly lesbian couples; the one I check most often is

a couple called Lydia and Andy, whose posts are just playful" (Dodi, Interview 2024). A similar statement was expressed by Jovi: "I like transgender accounts; accounts with people who were former guys, but now are women, so he dresses up in girl's clothes, but his body parts are male" (Jov, Interview 2024).

In addition to LGBTQ+ content, researchers also found similarities between informants who accessed incest pornographic content on Only Fans. Incest is a blood relationship, which is sexual intercourse between partners who have close family ties (Azizih & Wibowo, 2023). Some informants who expressed an interest in incest-themed adult content shared their experiences, including Nana, a flight attendant currently in a romantic relationship with her biological brother, "I subscribed to an OnlyFans account featuring a real-life sibling couple. Their intimate expressions align with my preferences, not too plain, yet not overly extreme. When it involves a sibling theme, I often watch it with my older brother, and it tends to arouse me." (Nana, Interview 2024). Fikri also mentioned several creators he follows on OnlyFans, "I'm drawn to content that features mother-daughter dynamics, sisterly bonds, or identical twins." (Fikri, Interview 2024).

Based on the informant data, several phenomena related to pornography in OnlyFans can be found, including the initial introduction to OnlyFans from association and armed with curiosity as expressed by Helen, a student subscriber to OnlyFans since 2020: "Because I was curious, I searched for myself on YouTube and found a lot. Gradually, I got to know the OF site, and it was paid. Armed with my friend who turned out to have subscribed for a long time on one of the gay accounts,

he gave me a look at their content, and I ended up subscribing too" (Helen, Interview 2024). This statement is supported by the statement of Nana, a female BL Thai fan: "In 2020, I knew OnlyFans because someone mentioned this site on Twitter and I was curious. Finally, I checked the gay account, and I watched some footage on Telegram. I like the style of their content" (Nana, Interview 2024).

In addition to the curiosity that led to subscribing to the OnlyFans account, informants also said that pornographic content as entertainment material is also an outlet for stress and fatigue. This was conveyed by Iria, a widow who is an office worker: "I knew OnlyFans about 5 months after my divorce, because of work stress and a lot of conflicts at that time, so the escape was to look for pornographic content, especially not having a husband" (Iria, Interview 2024). A similar statement was also expressed by Zata, a student who is also working: "I got to know OnlyFans in 2019, but I didn't immediately subscribe; I just knew about it, and during the pandemic, it was only then that many creators that I followed on PornHub moved to OnlyFans, so I followed. So, this is for entertainment and to rewind energy and relax" (Zata, Interview 2024).

Informants also expressed that being a viewer of pornographic content on OnlyFans is a result of bad companionship. This is like the statement of Renata, a fresh graduate student who knew this site from her male college friend: "I knew OnlyFans from a male college friend during my fourth semester of college, and because I was curious, I finally found out for myself and subscribed" (Renata, Interview 2024). Bew, a waitress at one of the nightclubs in Bali, corroborates the previous statement:

"Since I was a kid, I've been living freely because I lived in the USA for 3 years, so I'm no stranger to promiscuity, free sex, and the like. I knew about the OnlyFans site because I used to join porn video groups, and someone suggested I subscribe there because there is also a place for adult content like that" (Bew, Interview 2024). Aslan, a broken home boy who is addicted to porn, masturbation, and orgasms, said, "I am a child of a broken home and live wildly and hang out with a group of people who like to splurge and have promiscuity. I was totally against anything pornographic until, at the age of 24, my friend forced me to watch blue movies called American Pie and A Muse. I knew OnlyFans because my motorcycle gang friends liked to watch porn there (Aslan, Interview 2024).

In addition to spending money to be able to subscribe to an account on OnlyFans, it turns out that some informants revealed that pornographic content on OnlyFans can be a passive income field for them. As revealed by Bew, who is a telegram group admin who helped spread the content of one of the gay creators on Only Fans, "I also started creating a telegram group to share footage of hiroakiryota moments because there are also many people like me who can't subscribe to OnlyFans. I'm the admin of the group who also likes to edit short videos about gay couples to upload on the Telegram group with 227 subscribers" (Bew, Interview 2024).

Another phenomenon of pornographic content is its use as a sexual outlet. This was expressed by Iria, "I watch it weekly; when I'm home alone and the children aren't around, I sometimes engage in self-relief while viewing it. I see it as an outlet, since I don't have a husband and can't fulfill these needs

in real life, so this becomes my last resort.” (Iria, Interview 2024). A similar sentiment was shared by Fikri, a photographer who identifies as having a heightened level of sexual drive, “I’m drawn to taboo-themed content because I enjoy unconventional expressions of intimacy. I have a strong libido, so engaging in self-relief is part of my daily routine, if I’m too tired at night, I usually do it the next morning.” (Fikri, Interview 2024). Jovi, a gay man, also said, “So it is often used as a sexual outlet; there must be once a week watching porn” (Jovi, Interview 2024).

4.2 The Impact of Pornographic Content on OnlyFans

Just like drugs, pornography addiction also causes serious brain damage. Pornography damages not only adult brains but also children's brains. The brain damage is similar to the brain damage in people who get into car accidents at very high speeds. The brain damage attacked by pornography is the prefrontal cortex (PFC). For humans, this part of the brain is one of the most important parts because this part of the brain is only owned by humans, so humans have ethics when compared to animals. This part of the brain functions to organize emotions, focus concentration, understand and distinguish right from wrong, control themselves, think critically, think and plan for the future, form personalities, and behave socially (Shofiyah, 2020).

The data is consistent with the statement of Lucy, a psychologist: "Pornography has a serious negative impact because it can damage five parts of the human brain, especially the "prefrontal cortex," which is located in the part of the brain near the forehead bone and the logic brain. As a result, the part of the brain responsible for logic will be deformed due to excessive stimulation without a filter because the brain only seeks pleasure without any consequences" (Lucy, Interview 2024).

A person who is accustomed to seeing various sexual scenes can disturb their mind. This can be seen in the way they view women, sexual crimes, and sexual harassment. People who are addicted to pornography will usually become sexually degrading, viewing sex as commonplace. It is not uncommon for porn addicts to commit crimes and harassment against others. Even if someone seems to live a normal and fine life and all their needs are met, they can become a criminal due to their frequent viewing of pornographic films (Haidar & Apsari, 2020).

Lucy expressed the impact of pornography: "This addiction can also cause sexual abuse in early childhood, causing a domino effect on children, both socially and psychologically, leading to stress and depression" (Lucy, Interview 2024). This perspective is reinforced by Fikri's statement, "As a photographer, certain

visual triggers can spark vivid imagination. Sometimes my thoughts wander in ways I know aren't entirely appropriate, when I see a woman who fits my ideal type, I often find myself mentally saving that image for personal arousal later on." (Fikri, Interview 2024).

Pornography can cause the perpetrator to become addicted and have difficulty concentrating on learning and activities, and every day is filled with anxiety. Pornography that is watched tends to settle in the brain and have a deep impression. Because pornography is something new and interesting for teenagers to see. This makes it difficult to concentrate, unfocused, lazy to study, and have no enthusiasm for daily activities (Utami & Sa'i, 2018). Lucy revealed her statement that reinforced the data: "Another impact is a decrease in academic achievement and learning ability and a reduction in one's ability to make decisions" (Lucy, Interview 2024).

The existence of anxiety as an impact of pornography was conveyed by Jovi: "The negative is that it is addictive, like cigarettes; if you don't see it, it's like you have to go around, take a shower, and force yourself to sleep" (Jovi, Interview 2024). Iria also said that the negative impact of pornography is addictive: "The negative is that I often get horny and remember the scenes of pornographic content in OnlyFans that I watch"

(Iria, Interview 2024). Jun responded, "Resting time is also disrupted because sometimes, if you have watched it, you forget the time and can wake up late the next day; another impact is having a dirty mind" (Jun, Interview 2024).

Porn addiction can also lead to masturbation and orgasm addiction, or PMO. PMO stands for porn, maturation, and orgasm, which refers to self-gratifying activities influenced by adult content that lead to orgasm. PMO, or masturbation activities, are not considered a health problem until they are carried out continuously, when they can be considered a sexual dysfunction disorder. Those who often do this activity are more interested in masturbating than having sex with the opposite sex. This habit certainly has a negative impact on the social life and daily behavior of the perpetrator (Umam & Febriana, 2023). This is in line with what Aslan experienced: "I became addicted to PMO because every time I watched it, I always masturbated, and as a result, I contracted addiction at the age of 29. My sleeping hours are also very messy, and I often have dirty fantasies and imaginations every day" (Aslan, Interview 2024). Renata also added a statement that reinforces the data above: "(it) will definitely interfere with my sexual satisfaction in the future, because now that I am used to seeing things like this, I am afraid that my husband will not be able to satisfy me because

it is not as good as what I have been able to imagine freely and feel more satisfied with masturbation alone" (Renata, Interview 2024).

Another impact of subscribing to pornographic content on OnlyFans is that it is wasteful because you have to prepare a lot of money to be able to access the content on the app. Pornography will lead a person to a very bad use of time and money. The little free time or extra money will be spent to satisfy his lust (Damayanti & Gemiharto, 2019). Humans are prohibited from squandering wealth in vain. Allāh Almighty says,

وَلَا تُبْذِرْ تَبْذِيرًا إِنَّ الْمُبْذِرِينَ كَانُوا إِخْوَانَ الشَّيَاطِينِ

"And do not spend wastefully. Surely the wasteful are 'like' brothers to the devils." (QS. Al Isra': 26-27).

The data above is reinforced by what Melly, a fan of LGBTQ+ incest fantasy, said: "Subscribing to OnlyFans is wasteful; it should be used to pay for other things, but it is used to pay for pornography accounts" (Melly, Interview 2024). A similar statement was also expressed by Fikri: "[It] is wasteful even though it is more economical than actually having fun in real life, but it is just as wasteful because I also buy expensive sex toys, and it also makes me not focus on work" (Fikri, Interview 2024).

Nana also added, "The negatives are many, wasting money because I subscribe quite a lot, then I have various fetishes and kinks, and now I am also incestuous with my own sibling" (Nana, Interview 2024).

Pornography consumed on an ongoing basis will introduce a person to sexual sensations that are in their own development. Awareness of sexual sensations can be confusing and overstimulating. The release of sexual arousal is eventually obtained through pornography, which changes mood and sexual orientation (Kadir, 2019). Pornographic content consumed can cause changes in one's sexuality as a result of continuous consumption (Arifin & Siregar, 2023). This impact is reinforced by the statements of several informants. Among them, Nana, who became incestuous due to the consumption of pornography with incest or blood relations, said, "As a result of watching incest porn, now I also like to mess around with my own brother since the end of 2021" (Nana, Interview 2024). Aslan corroborated the above statement with his confession: "The content on OnlyFans that I saw was an account of a relationship between a boy and his aunt. I was interested and ended up subscribing. If I'm horny, I imagine it's incest" (Aslan, Interview 2024).

Iria also supported the previous statement by sharing her own experience, "Eventually, I became interested in subscribing, and now I find myself drawn to more unconventional forms of adult content, such as roleplay scenarios, power dynamics, and emotionally intense interactions. I'm not particularly interested in content that feels too plain or conventional. I also like LGBT, but I only like gay; I don't like lesbian" (Iria, Interview 2024). Nana conveyed changes in her sexual tastes after subscribing to pornographic content: "Maybe because I have been consuming this stuff for a long time, I feel that my sexual appetite is high, and it is difficult to feel satisfied if it is just a scene that I think is normal" (Nana, Interview 2024).

4.3 Positive and Islamic Law Addressing Pornographic Content

Pornography in Islamic law and Law No. 44 of 2008 is seen in the legal actions given. In Islamic law, the acts of pornography and pornoaction based on the contents of the fatwa issued by the Fatwa Commission of the Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI) regarding pornography and pornoaction, which was established in Jakarta on August 22, 2001, are *ḥarām*. For example, depicting directly or indirectly in an erotic manner, either by painting, drawing, writing, sound billboards, advertisements, or

speech, either through print or electronic media, that can lead to lust is "ḥarām."

Whereas in Law No. 44 of 2008, a person can be sentenced to imprisonment or a fine, for example, Article 29 reads: "every person who produces, makes, reproduces, duplicates, disseminates, broadcasts, imports, exports, offers, sells, rents or provides pornography as referred to in Article 4 paragraph (1) shall be punished with imprisonment for a minimum of 6 (six) months and a maximum of 12 (twelve) years and or a fine of at least Rp.250,000,000.- (two hundred and fifty million) rupiah and a maximum of Rp.6,000,000,000.- (six billion rupiah)".

Although the pros and cons of pornography have never reached a final point, even among Muslims themselves, there is often a crossing of opinions about the criteria and limits of pornography; however, this law has gone through a long process, and therefore its presence is by mutual consent that must be appreciated and respected because Islamic teachings are very fundamental regarding this matter (Yanti et al., 2023).

Based on these thoughts, Law No. 44/2008 on Pornography needs to be comprehensively regulated in order to realize and maintain the order of life of Indonesian society that is ethical, has a noble personality, upholds the values of the Almighty

Allāh, and respects the dignity of every citizen. Furthermore, in terms of Islamic law, where Islam strictly prohibits the act of pornography, according to Islamic teachings, the human body is a mandate from Allāh for the owner of the body concerned and must maintain and guard it from all despicable acts that harm the owner of the body itself, as well as society, for the safety of life and existence, both in the world and in the hereafter (Chazawi, 2006).

Islam responds to pornography and pornoaction with prohibition. Based on Fatwa Commission of the Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI) No. 287 of 2001 concerning Pornography and Pornoaction, where in its session the Fatwa Commission of the Indonesian Ulema Council decided that (Gani, 2015):

- a. Describing directly or indirectly in an erotic manner, whether by painting, drawing, writing, sound, billboard, advertisement, or speech, whether through print or electronic media that can cause lust, is "ḥarām."
- b. Leaving the *awrah* exposed and/or wearing tight or see-through clothing with the intention of taking pictures, either to be printed or visualized, is "ḥarām."
- c. Taking pictures as referred to in number 2 is "ḥarām."

- d. Performing sexual intercourse or sexual scenes in front of people, taking pictures of sexual intercourse or sexual scenes either of oneself or others, and viewing sexual intercourse or sexual scenes is "ḥarām".
- e. Reproducing, circulating, selling, or buying and viewing or paying attention to images of people, whether printed or visual, who are exposed or dressed in tight or see-through clothing that can arouse lust, or images of sexual intercourse or sexual scenes are "ḥarām".
- f. Being intimate or alone together (*khalwah*) between a man and a woman who are not their *maḥram*, and similar acts that approach and or encourage sexual intercourse outside of marriage are "ḥarām".
- g. Showing the *awrah*, which is the body parts of the navel and knees for men and all parts of the female body except the face, palms and soles of the feet, is "ḥarām", except in cases that are justified by the Shari'ah.
- h. Wearing see-through or tight-fitting clothing that exposes the curves of the body is "ḥarām".

- i. Doing an act or saying something that encourages sexual intercourse outside of marriage, or the act referred to in number 6, is "ḥarām".
- j. Assisting in any form or allowing without denial the acts prohibited above is "ḥarām".
- k. Obtaining benefits, money, or facilities for the above forbidden acts is "ḥarām".

When viewed from the similarities between Islamic law and Law Number 44 of 2008 concerning pornography, both of these regulations strictly prohibit pornography because pornography has various negative impacts on Muslims in particular and the Indonesian people in general, especially the younger generation, both on behavior and morals. In Islamic law, as stated by the Indonesian Ulema Council No. 287 on Pornography and Pornoaction, based on Sūrah al-Isra verse 32,

وَلَا تَقْرُبُوا الزُّنَىٰ إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَاحِشَةً ۖ وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا

Meaning: *"Do not go near adultery. It is truly a shameful deed and an evil way."* (QS. Al-Isra 17:32). In this verse, the prohibition of approaching adultery includes the prohibition of all things that can lead to this act. Whoever approaches the area of prohibition, it is feared that they will fall into it. Especially in the

matter of adultery, which most lusts are driven to do. One of the acts that comes close to adultery is *khalwah*. *Khalwah* is being alone between a man and a woman. Islam forbids seclusion. Even *khalwah* with one's own *maḥram* should be limited (Rozy & AN, 2022).

In An-Nūr verse 30, it regulates how to associate, maintain honor, and the limits of *awrah*.

قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَغُضُّوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ وَيَحْفَظُوا فُرُوجَهُمْ ذَلِكَ أَزْكَى لَهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا يَصْنَعُونَ

"O Prophet! Tell the believing men to lower their gaze and guard their chastity. That is purer for them. Surely Allāh is All-Aware of what they do." (An-Nūr 24:30). Ibn Kathīr explains in his commentary that this verse is a command from Allāh to His believing servants to restrain their gaze from things that are forbidden to them. So let them not look except at what is lawful for them to look at, and let them withhold their gaze from things that are forbidden. So, if their eyes accidentally see something forbidden, then they should turn their eyes away immediately (Ilham et al., 2022).

An-Nūr verse 31 strictly prohibits a woman from showing her *awrah* to anyone other than certain people who have been mentioned. Based on this, pornography that has deliberately

shown images that display the bodies of women and men in a sensual manner or display intimate relationships between them or their same sex, either through electronic media, print media, or appearing directly in front of the public, is clearly something that is prohibited in the Qur'ān (Mubarakah & Bakri, 2022).

Then in Sūrah Al-Aḥzāb verse 59, which means, "*O Prophet! Ask your wives, daughters, and believing women to draw their cloaks over their bodies. In this way it is more likely that they will be recognized ^{as virtuous} and not be harassed. And Allāh is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful*" (Al-Aḥzāb 33:59). The verse explains that Allāh commanded the prophet Muhammad to call upon the wives, daughters, and wives of believers to cover their entire bodies with the hijab (Toyyib, 2015).

5. CONCLUSION

Pornography, in the perception of Islamic law, is everything that is always associated with the erotic and/or sensual gestures of women and/or men to arouse lust for both the opposite sexes. including erotic or sensual acts that are sickening, disgusting, or embarrassing to those who see or hear pornographic acts, because not everyone likes to see pornographic acts, pictures, writings, or others, or hear erotic and sensual, or touch pornographic objects. The phenomenon of pornographic content on the OnlyFans website has various negative impacts on its addicts. These negative impacts are that pornography will usually turn a person into someone who degrades women

sexually, seeing sex as a common thing. Then the addict will find it difficult to concentrate on learning and activities. Another impact of subscribing to pornographic content on OnlyFans is wastefulness. The next impact is that consuming pornography can cause changes in one's sexuality.

The Qur'ān implicitly regulates pornography and the impact it will have. For the perpetrators of pornography, a punishment that is believed to be able to create and maintain the public good under the influence of pornography. Apart from the issue of what punishment should be applied to the perpetrators of pornography, there is a causal relationship between pornography as a criminal offense and the external factors that explain why someone commits an act of pornography. These external factors can be in the form of environment, lifestyle, or faith in a person. Several legal facts prove that many of the perpetrators of sexual abuse or rape admitted that they committed these acts because of sexual urges after seeing something pornographic. To minimize the various interpretations that lead to legal uncertainty and the distance of legal decisions from the creation of a sense of justice, Law No. 44 of 2008 has provided a fairly clear limitation on pornography. This limitation is important in order to homogenize the rules on pornography in all regions of Indonesia and create legal certainty that can create a sense of justice for the community.

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