ODSA should not harass students who disagree with its porn policy

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very close to committing such acts even without viewing pornography. What about the civil right of freedom of speech? The related argument that it is not possible to believe in the (intuitively indefensible) idea that women are inferior may have more truth to it, but the fact that something influences someone to think in a certain fashion is not a valid argument for censoring it. People do, after all, have the right to be exposed to any form of expression (voluntary) and draw their own conclusions from it.

For one group of people to set itself up as a moral arbiter and to require others to conform to its own standards is untenable. Furthermore, it is naive to believe that anyone, whether individually or as a group, is inferior to men! And if so, should this be banned? I thought that speech is protected by the First Amendment, whatever its social content. I wonder if, by writing this letter, I will be branded "insensitive," or worse, by certain people at MIT. I would consider this most unfortunate. However, I have observed in the past several months that people who take the position that showing pornography on campus does not violate anyone's rights, and indeed that banning it does, have been accused of "harassment."

There is a serious charge, and should be reserved for serious occasions, not to persecute people who merely disagree with the point of view taken by the Dean's Office.

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