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Pornography results in harassment and abuse

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For those who have forgotten history, such a situation has existed before: huge propaganda for violence against a group of people, and violence against that group. It occurred during the rise of the Ku Klux Klan in this country and it occurred in pre-Holocaust Nazi Germany.

Bans, censorship, the First Amendment and even civil rights aside, the fact is that anyone who attends pornographic films is condoning violence toward women and the exploitation and degradation of women. All studies aside, it is obvious that the portrayal of women in pornography does and will affect our attitudes toward women. All MIT students and members of the MIT community should be at the next pornographic film, protesting violence and denunciation of women. All members of the MIT community should stand up and condemn sexist jokes, comments and actions, whether it is their friends or strangers who commit these acts.

For the campus to follow The Tech's lead, for the administrators who condone pornography by not protesting it, is to not take a stand on human rights of the most basic kind.

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