

Our grassroots organization the Adult Industry Laborers and Artists Association works to educate legislators and lift sex worker voices globally.

Recently the Canadian ETHI committee has been platforming the extremist rhetoric of anti-porn religious organizations such as NCOSE (morality in media) and Traffickinghub (ExodusCry/International house of prayer) as well as their Canadian partners.

These organizations use horrible outliers of child sexual assault material, and salacious but ultimately frivolous lawsuits to further their agenda of ending online pornography. Understand, their goal is not to end child sexual assault, or to stop nonconsensual content uploaders, but only to enforce their religious moral beliefs surrounding pornography.

As we know from various organizations, pornography websites are far better at combatting non-consensual content, and child sexual assault material. If these organizations were truthfully seeking to end that type of content, they would be working with adult industry web sites, not against them.

Despite this, in late 2019 an article completely based on anti-porn group ExodusCry's propaganda caused Visa and MasterCard to ban payments to sex workers. Since then 250,000+ workers globally have been unable to earn a living from that site during a pandemic. Those workers relied on revenue from the site just to survive, or after they lost their normal course of employ during Covid. Mothers who used that income to pay for rent, or food, students who used that income to pay their way through university, all suddenly had it ripped away on behalf of religious anti-porn crusaders.

We fear the continued platforming of anti-porn religious orgs on the Canadian ETHI committee will cause more harm, and incite further violence as we saw in Atlanta, Georgia. We have attached some images from organizations supporting Traffickinghub and NCOSE in Canada to illustrate that point. These images show armed figures with the Traffickinghub slogan, "shut it down" in front of Canadian headquarters for PornHub. Another image shows ExodusCry/traffickhub leader Laila Mickelwait threatening sex workers with her husband who can "The sentiment behind these images

Despite hundreds of emails from workers, and organizations requesting equal time the committee has refused to hear sex workers whose lives, and livelihoods are at risk from this hearing.

So many people have been irreparably harmed from violence, banking discrimination, unequal treatment, disproportionate harassment and arrest in our industry. While the religious anti-porn crusade seems unstoppable, we hope that you can stop further violence against adult industry workers and stop platforming the propaganda of American alt-right religious organizations.

Please, save sex worker lives and stop platforming extremist religious propaganda that harms sex workers.

- Mary Moody and Justin Case on behalf of the Adult Industry Laborers and Artists Association

Appendix

Image 1: A screen shot of a religious gab group sharing an image with the Traffickinghub slogan “shut it down” pasted above the entryway to the Canadian PornHub headquarters. A masked figure with an assault weapon stands at the ready in front of the building.



Image 2: A screen shot of a white supremacist gab group sharing an image of Nicholas Kristof's tweet regarding PornHub, and using the Traffickinghub slogan, "shut it down" explains that Porn, and PornHub are responsible for, "a massive rise in transgenderism, homosexuality and creates black on white rape by normalizing interracial relationships."



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It's time to shut down porn subreddits and ensure that those responsible for creating and posting on them are exposed for their crimes.

Porn is damaging our women and children, caused the massive rise in transgenderism, homosexuality and creates black on white rape by normalising interracial relationships. We support Nicholas Kristof and hope that he will put a stop to Reddit's and all other social media's blatant disregard for these disgusting ideas being promoted on their sites.

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Image 3: A screen shot of tweets from religious orgs ExodusCry/TraffickingHub’s leader Laila Mickelwait threatening that her husband is, “a trained sniper who can consistently hit a target at 1360 yards away.” With a winking face emoji following.



Item 4: Important articles that explain the history of organizations platformed by ETHI and which also majorly debunk their claims:

- <https://www.thedailybeast.com/inside-exodus-cry-the-shady-evangelical-group-with-trump-ties-waging-war-on-pornhub>
- <https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-55551300>
- <https://www.salon.com/2020/12/30/the-anti-porn-religious-lobby-just-destroyed-the-livelihoods-of-thousands-of-pornographers/>
- <https://www.vice.com/en/article/n7v33d/sex-workers-what-visa-and-mastercard-dropping-pornhub-means-to-performers>