

# Cyber Child Pornography: Analysis of Porn Culture Consumption of Pornography Children in Medan City

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**Abstract.** This study reveals the pornographic consumption behavior of children in the city of Medan with the analysis of porn culture. This research focuses on the types of pornographic platforms accessed by children, the background of accessing pornographic platforms, and the activities carried out when accessing pornographic platforms. This type of research is qualitative with data collection techniques through unstructured interviews, namely Medan city children aged 8-10 years, and virtual observations on pornographic platforms that are accessed. Accessing pornography in the cyber world creates a new culture in the porn culture in cyberspace called porn chick. The wide choice of pornographic platforms that are easily accessible via smartphones, such as online comics, online games, Twitter, Telegram, and other social media, have made this new culture filled with child users, both those who are just trying to join and who have become customers (members)

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## 1. Introduction

Information technology development is one of the most accelerated parts of the current era of the Industrial Revolution 4.0. Its rapid development has created high connectivity (*high connectivity*) in the digital world. All platforms compete and contest each other. On the one hand, this digital competition and contestation presents various supporters of the needs of people's lives. However, on the other hand, there are also difficulties in limiting the freedom of its users, especially in accessing pornography in cyberspace. Etymologically the term pornography comes from the Greek elements, namely *porne*, which means prostitute, and *graphein*, which means writing or drawing. Then these two words are combined into the word *pornography*, which has a complex meaning, namely writing about prostitutes. This terminology then develops and is understood as an actuality of prostitutes, identical to sensuality and erotic things that arouse sexual arousal. Pornography is no longer just a prostitute's sensuality but also anything that can imagine and create sensuality in other media, such as romance writing, several works of art such as painting, sculpture, and all kinds of works that are intentionally made to stimulate lust.

Hendri Yulius in his writing entitled *C\*abul*, explained that the development of technology and the internet made the digital space seem like the key to opening up more varied types of works in providing virtual sex fantasies (*cybersex*), variations of pornographic works. This can not be separated from the sexual fantasies of different people, which is accommodated in the digital

industry. [1] (*cyberspace*) so accommodates sexual fantasies that are transformed into sometimes commercial ones that can generate benefits. Then social media that is in the sophistication of information technology opens the boundaries of free will (sexuality), which has an addictive impact [2]

Gordon and Kraus explain sexuality in a virtual space (*cyberporn*) patterned in the form of *Video Calls, live streaming videos*, or sharing photos and videos that are considered to provide experiences and sensations in the release of bodily pleasures, and this is part of the presence of globalization, regardless of whether it becomes a massive social crime or something that is needed [3]

The rapid and massive spread of pornography has an impact that is in line with the increase in consumption of pornography itself. This behavior of accessing or consuming pornography no longer occurs among teenagers and adults but has also penetrated children. Through accounts that can be manipulated, the cyber system can't tell the user's age so that children users can freely use platforms that can freely help open access to pornography searches in the cyber world (*cyber child pornography*).

Child users then surf from one pornographic link to another, which is *shared* freely even without daily restrictions by the website owner or members. Not only in the form of photos but also in videos, stories, or conversations that contain pornography. Yulius in his book entitled *C\*bul Serious Conversations About Contemporary Sexuality*, explains that the surfing of pornography in the cyber world has created a new habit in social media activities called *chick porn*. This habit has become a new culture in *porn culture* in the *cybersex space*, which is unexpectedly also filled with child users, both those who are just trying to join these pornographic spaces and those who are *addicted* and become *members*.

A webinar of the National Digital Literacy Movement in 2021, organized by the Ministry of Communication and Information, shows surprising data that 79% of minors in Indonesia access pornography. This data clearly explains that more than half of children in Indonesia have become access to pornography. It's just that this sad situation has not received special attention for in-depth searches related to accessing pornography on these children. Regarding what is accessed, the supporting factors, and the activities on the platform. This situation has become a latent danger, categorized as a form of pornographic consumptive culture carried out by children in cyberspace (*Cyber Child Pornography*).

## **2. Methods**

The type of research used is descriptive qualitative research with a virtual ethnographic approach. This aims to find data that is not only direct observation of informants but also data that is an activity in cyberspace, especially on cybersex activities in the form of accessing pornographic content/platforms carried out by children in the city of Medan. The virtual ethnographic approach used by researchers is to see the social and cultural phenomena of users in cyberspace as a culture and cultural artifact, cyberspace or cyber world. So virtual ethnographic researchers can approach several objects or phenomena in social media spaces and cyberspace [4]

Data collection techniques in qualitative research using ethnographic methods include the following: (1) Observations carried out in this study are in 2 forms, the first is direct observation, and the second is virtual observation. Researchers conducted the first observation to collect data and background information on children in the city of Medan accessing pornography and identify the types of platforms containing pornography accessed by children in the city of Medan. Virtual observation is used to observe children's activities on the pornography platform to *discover* what is happening. Data from observations will be combined with interviews and documentation results. (2) Interview The technique of collecting data through interviews is carried out directly in an unstructured and dialogical form. From interactive dialogical interviews, researchers explore hidden meanings, verify each understanding, and provide further analysis. This process is referred to as shared experience sharing by Anderson and Weitz [4]

The data analysis in this study used the Spradley ethnographic analysis technique : (1)*Domain analysis* was carried out to obtain a general and holistic picture of the background of children Medan city children accessing pornography. Furthermore, (2) *taxonomic analysis* is carried out by collecting the results of participatory observations related to the types of pornographic platforms accessed, unstructured interviews, and documentation related to the domains studied. Then (3) *component analysis* is carried out by looking for contrasts between types of platforms containing pornography, differences in activity within the platform, and deciding which domains should be studied in depth related to the research [5].

### **3. Results and Discussion**

#### **3.1 Types of pornographic platforms accessed by Children in Medan City**

In the era of globalization, the dissemination of information through technology (*high technology*) cannot also be stopped by children as users. The presence of the internet increasingly supports the dissemination of information in these children's daily lives, socialization activities, relationships, and so on. This greatly influences children, especially in extracting and searching for information. Curiosity in seeking information also penetrates accessing pornographic information inappropriate for their age. The search was carried out as a curiosity as the development of sexuality began to include adolescence.

The development of technology is like a breath of fresh air for the search for curiosity about the components of sexual desire. It is readily available on all pornographic platforms. According to the Big Indonesian Dictionary, pornography has the meaning, namely the first understanding of depicting erotic behavior with paintings or writings to arouse lust, and the second understanding of reading material that is intentionally and solely designed to arouse lust in sex. Expression of sexuality in virtual spaces such as *cyberporn* which is patterned in the form of reading texts, viewings, photos, texts, interacting intimately through *Video Calls*, *live streaming videos*, or other forms of search that are considered to provide experiences and sensations in releasing bodily pleasures.

Based on the results of interviews with informants who are children in the city of Medan, accessing pornography is usually done on several types of platforms that are more covert or do not give the impression of a pornographic element as a whole, such as in the form of fictional stories in novels that can be accessed via smartphones, which is owned. However, several

platforms containing pornography are also openly accessible to children. The following are some types of pornographic platforms that children access :

### 3.2 Platform Text/fiction stories containing pornography

#### 1) Wattpad

*Wattpad* is a web service platform that allows internet users to submit works of literature or read for free. Readers *freely* search and read various types of stories on this platform. *Wattpad* is an application for writers and readers to share their work in the form of novels or short stories. These works provide a variety of genres, including romance, horror, mystery, spiritual, and non-fiction, such as inspiring book writing skills or fiction consisting of youth fiction, historical fiction, general fiction, science fiction, and many other stories. Other genre stories were available. Given the proliferation of this platform, especially among teenagers who are most interested in it because it is free and anyone can access it, this platform has the potential to spread pornographic content through stories on *Wattpad*, which are not all suitable for underage teens to read. Even though *the author* warned that adult content 18+, 21+, 23+, not to be consumed by minors, this provokes underage *readers'* curiosity. There is no guarantee in the form of things that can limit *readers'* underage *Wattpad* because stories on *Wattpad* can be accessed for free and freely.

Some stories on *Wattpad* often contain elements of sex scenes heat as the core dominates the story, describing each scene in detail.

Starting from the making out scene, where the description of his behavior includes kissing the lips, crushing each other's lips, exchanging saliva, playing with each other's tongue, and kissing the forehead, cheeks, neck, and breasts. Even to the point of undressing. After that, it must end up in bed, and of course, the male lead will start first. The game's core begins with *foreplay* such as squeezing and playing with the female actor's breasts, touching sensitive areas/genitals, oral sex or inserting the genitals into the mouth, licking, sucking, sucking each other's genitals, or playing with fingers. The story's climax is the core sex scene, where the male actor inserts his genitals into the female character's genitals or has intercourse.

*Authors* usually make female characters who are still *virgins*. Even *the author* explains through typing how the voices of the cast sigh. Sex scenes are presented *author* in various styles, among which the most frequent are *doggy style* and *woman on top*. Sex scenes usually end with the male actor spitting his sperm in the womb or outside the female lead's body, after which the scene of sexual intercourse or genital penetration

Based on the results of observations on the platform, stories that contain adult elements, as above, can reach *readers* 350 thousand *votes* and 2.40 thousand comments. It is very rare for me to find bad comments from *readers*, in the sense that they like the story and support the *author*, so these stories are ranked at the top and in the spotlight by appearing on the popular *Wattpad*. Genre stories *Romance* containing sex scenes like the one above can negatively affect minors who read them. Misunderstanding can lead them to a dangerous curiosity or curiosity, which is to imitate the scenes in the story. They can also fall into promiscuity and decrease the spirit of privacy that needs to be maintained.

2) Noveltoon

The Noveltoon application is a novel reading application that has been digitized so that users can read various novels directly from their cell phones. Users can even create their own stories or novels to publish on the app. So, Noveltoon is a free novel reading application that allows users to read stories directly from their cell phones. The story approach differs greatly from common stories in comics or manga. In fact, some stories use cover images commonly found in comics. However, the story is not displayed in the form of graphic illustrations but in text only. This Noveltoon application can be downloaded on the play store/AppStore. This application provides hundreds of novels in romance, comedy, horror, fiction, history, and many more.

The Noveltoon application is widely abused by writers/authors/newcomers in creating stories that contain pornographic and intimidating elements to invite the reader's lust/passion/lust so that readers are slowly influenced through stories containing pornographic elements in online novels in the Noveltoon Application. Noveltoon applications that contain pornographic elements such as kissing scenes, acts of rape, making out, getting pregnant out of wedlock, *one-night stand* at a club, the world of Cassanova, loss of virginity/chastity, obsession, *friends with benefits*, and others are the things that appear in the plot. Novels. This became an attraction for informants Amel (10) and Suci (11) to access and read stories containing similar elements. In addition to Noveltoon, informants said that they also accessed online comics such as Mangatoon and Webtoon (adult stories)

3) The Nekopoi application.

This platform contains pornographic content whose characters/characters are anime cartoons. This platform provides pornographic anime content, or what is commonly called hentai, which can be selected according to the title from A to Z.

### 3.3 Social Media containing Pornography

1) Youtube

An informant named Ridwan (10) said that he accessed pornography through the Muse Indonesia Channel (romance genre anime videos containing actors dressed in sexy clothes and romance between men, Chanel Cross Project Plus contains videos between men and women demonstrating and discussing intimate things, as well as the Chanel Hot Project. The channel on YouTube is considered safer than accessing pornographic websites. This is because YouTube is a platform commonly used by the entire community. So it is not suspicious when accessed by children.

2) Telegram

On the Telegram platform, everything that facilitates the intensity of pornographic activity in the cyber world (cyberporn) is Kube features *Bot*. This feature makes it easier for a telegram user to *search* these sex groups by simply typing a few words in the search column, such as sex, porn, sange (desire), and several other keywords that contain elements of sexuality. Then quickly, *Bot* will provide group options that the user can enter and connect with other, more specific groups. Like a special bot for storing pornographic materials that can be accessed via a link shared in the previous group. In these groups, thousands of users have joined and communicated with each other and shared pornographic content or did pornography.

### 3) Other Social Media

The variety of social media platforms offered for free on smartphones has become the number of choices for access to pornography by children. Based on the results of interviews with several informants, the authors summarize other types of pornographic platforms accessed by informants, such as the Instagram account *sissy\_angel*, Twitter (*sexy search*, *Venom*), Facebook (*sexy video search*, *Anime 18 emporium*, *Entertainment 18 years old*) Tiktok (annual account). *@rikagusriani17* – contains sensual videos, and *Snackvideo (@ghalihPrayoga*, which contains drama videos with intimate elements then Pornography websites (*Xvideo.com*, *Ixxx.com*)

### **3.4 Online Game Dress Up, Brain Raise, Playboy The mansion Game containing Pornography**

Game Dress up is an ordinary online game that is interesting to play. Dress-up game is a type of game that invites users to dress up the avatar in the application. The process of dressing the avatar is carried out with a drag and drop feature where users can choose the costumes to be worn by the avatar, starting from physical appearances such as face shape and hair color to what kind of clothes to wear. However, this is the potential for access to pornography, where the informant Farel (11) said that this game shows a naked female avatar when asked to change her clothes. While *Brain Raises*, *Playboy The mansion Game* is a mission game that offers brain and mind games to solve various puzzles that users must solve. However, in the plot of this game, the user can control the figure used to perform indecent acts, such as having sex with female figures in the game.

### **3.5 Factors behind accessing pornographic platforms for children in Medan City**

Based on the results of interviews conducted with ten informants who are children who access pornography, various backgrounds influence their initial access to pornography, including being:

- 1) affected by the display of advertisements on social media users.  
Informants said that initially, they only intended to access their social media, such as Facebook, Instagram, and y platform youtube. However, accessing the ad often suddenly appears at the time, which influences them to click on the ad. The search process then develops with information directed to other pornographic links, such as pornographic sites on the website, and novels containing pornographic elements in the story.
- 2) Information in the comments column of public social media accounts.  
Various pornographic platforms are also sourced from everything listed in the comments on public news accounts. Informant Ardi (11) said he was a follower of one of Medan's public accounts. When the public account reports things related to pornographic videos and prostitution of viral artists, there is no pornographic content and only focuses on the news content. However, in the comments column, there will usually be many responses from netizens who not only comment on the news but also idly include video searches related to news content. For example, pornographic video links to viral artists and so on.

- 3) Influenced by peers in the association (shown by friends or told by friends)  
This was conveyed by an informant named Agil (10), who was the first to know about pornography because it was shown by his peers who had been using smartphones for a long time. His peer, who is a friend in the neighborhood where he lives, initially told the scene of a husband and wife having sex, then another friend later said that he had been watching the scene for a long time while showing several porn sites and how to access them via VPN. Furthermore, Agil often, together with his friends, opened the porn site at his friend's house when his friend's parents were working in the office.
- 4) Facilities used for online learning and the absence of parental control.  
The ease with which children access pornography cannot be separated from the support facilities provided to children, like a high-tech smartphone or computer (laptop). The use of this facility is further supported by online learning during the pandemic. So that many parents then provide these facilities as support for online learning (online). The parents' good intentions are not a problem, but the provision of facilities is not supported by strict control over the use of these facilities. The informant named Alwi (11) said that he was given a Smartphone by his parents to use for online learning, and his parents never checked what applications he downloaded. So that his parents do not know that there is a Noveltoon application that he often reads. The author sees that on the smartphone owned by the informant, there is no controller application installed by his parents. This may not be separated from the controller application information that parents do not know. This situation is exacerbated by parents who give children freedom to use smartphones with very high intensity of use without any time restrictions [6]
- 5) Have you ever seen a husband and wife relationship activity at home  
background of children accessing pornography is the most surprising because they have seen sexual activity carried out by their mother and father at home. This was conveyed by an informant named Rendi (11), who accidentally saw the scene while sleeping in his parents' room. At first, he was afraid, but the scene always appeared in his memory and influenced him to explore the scene through social media owned by him, such as Telegram. This telegram application begins to be downloaded when sending online learning assignments directed by the teacher. The informant said that pornographic displays are full of freedom from easy search by just typing a few words, related things will appear. Especially the search for elements of sexuality. The informant then became accustomed to accessing the pornographic information via a telegram on his smartphone.

### **3.6 The form of pornographic consumption behavior activities carried out by children in Medan City in the analysis of *Porn Culture***

Activities to access pornography carried out by children certainly impact sexual information that should not be obtained. Not only that, the sexual arousal that arises from the activity of accessing pornography will certainly affect the emergence of behavior in fulfilling the sexual desire. The consumption behavior of pornography in the view of porn culture (*porn culture*) creates an imaginative realm that leads the pornography audience to want to do similar scenes from what they see. [7]. The response to the pornography that is watched then presents patterns patterned each time pornography consumes. Based on the results of interviews conducted with informants, the authors then conclude that several forms of porn culture are carried out by children when they carry out pornographic consumption activities, including:

1) *Chaturbate* (sex via chat)

*Chaturbate* is the mention of combining the words *chat* and *masturbate*, which is simply defined as chat and masturbation, but overall it can be interpreted as a habit of releasing sexuality through intimate chat. Through the Twitter application, the informant admitted that he often processes payment transactions to get these service facilities from women who send messages to him. Of course, informants use fake accounts in order to manipulate identities to facilitate these activities. An informant named Rian (11), whose name has been disguised, found satisfaction in the scene and sent messages to each other when the *live* was held. It's just that the informant never showed his real face to the woman he had paid for to perform the masturbation scene via the live streaming.

2) *Masturbate*

The impact of consuming pornography certainly cannot be separated from venting sexual desire as a whole. All scenes watched, pictures, and stories read then influenced the informants to carry out further activities, namely masturbation. On average, the informants have experienced the puberty phase, which makes them informants able to carry out the process of expressing their sexuality.

3) Genital exploration and sharing of information with peers

The first time I had the experience of knowing several forms of sexual activity obtained from social media platforms, the informants were enthusiastic about knowing complex things related to these activities. This situation is also driven by the discussion of sexuality in the association with peers. Fitri (11) informant said his friends often talked about it. Even though they are women, they do not hesitate to tell each other when there is new information. So this is what makes the women in the association try to find information that usually leads to the shape of the male genitalia, styles of intercourse, and things shown in pornographic movie scenes are also often discussed, especially when there is the latest information on other platforms that can access pornography more complexly.

#### 4. Conclusion

As for the conclusions from the research results related to *Cyber Child Pornography: Consumption of Pornography in Children in Medan City in Porn Culture*, namely the types of platforms used to access pornography, namely social media such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Telegram, Snackvideo, and YouTube. In addition, several pornographic websites, online comics, novels, and online games. The factors behind the consumption of pornography cannot be separated from the influence of the display of advertisements that appear when accessing social media, comments on public accounts that share pornographic link information, information from peers, and exacerbated by the facilities provided by parents without routine control. This pornographic consumption activity creates a porn culture through *chaturbate*, *masturbating*, genital exploration, and exchanging information with peers.

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