



What the White Ribbon Campaign Says About... **Pornography**

Pornography is not harmless fun. The production of pornography involves violence, murder and trafficking. After viewing pornography men are more likely to:

- Report decreased empathy for rape victims
- Believe that women who dress provocatively' deserve to be raped
- Be angry with women who flirt and refuse to have sex
- Report decreased sexual interest in their partners
- Be more willing to coerce partners into unwanted sex acts
- 1 in 5 teenage girls has been raped by a teenage boyfriend

Some Men justify pornography use saying it doesn't hurt anyone:

- 28% of women surveyed at a Rape Crisis shelter reported abusers used pornography and 12% forced the woman to imitate something from pornography. (Bergin, 2000)
- Pornography reinforces negative stereotypes about men and masculinity and makes assumptions about our sexuality and desires

What All Men Can Do to Stop the Porn industry:

- Wear a white ribbon – a pledge never to commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against women
- Refuse to purchase any magazines, videos or music that portray women in a degrading manner
- Ask critical questions about pornography's effects on women and men, girls and boys.

**While some men are part of the problem,
all men can be part of the solution!**