

You know about human trafficking and you know about porn, but did you know that there are humans being trafficked on hardcore porn sets like I was? I was trafficked in porn at 14.

The Story of Humans Trafficked in Porn

COMING OF AGE ON A PORN SET

TRAFFICKED IN PORN AT 14

*"Sometimes in the fight you find the warrior
you always were."*



BY JEWELL BARAKA

Who I am



I am the author of the recently published book: Coming of Age On A Porn Set: Trafficked in Porn at 14. I am a survivor, advocate, MMA enthusiast, beach lover, and seeker who has fought through the caverns of my own trauma to find a way forward both for myself and others.

For the last three years I have also worked as a crisis response Survivor Advocate connecting trafficking victims identified in Los Angeles hospitals with resources, referrals and care, to empower them on their way to a new life.

My Story

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"The light of the film projector...woke up one night when I was 14...I had been sleepwalking through the last three years of my life, which is not to say the last three years had been easy. Sometimes survival requires the numbing denial of the hard realities we are caught in especially when we are engaged in command performances where our participation is required."

The Facts of My Story:

- Father was my trafficker also my abuser starting at age 5. He was a pastor & likely a clinical psychopath.
- Mother was a child living in an unreal world.
- Trafficked at 11 at an underage brothel.
- After 3 years being trafficked at night there I was too old for their sex buyers so I was "promoted into porn."
- At 14 I was trafficked on an adult hardcore porn set.
- Trafficked at night I also had a day world. In my day world I blended in as I went to school, played piano, softball, and always "smiled for the cameras."

Survivors' Stories

*A story helps us connect.
It lets us see behind the eyes
of an individual
who has experienced
the issue we are trying
to understand.*

*Stories inform us
about a piece of the
big picture, but they
are not the only story
or the whole story.*

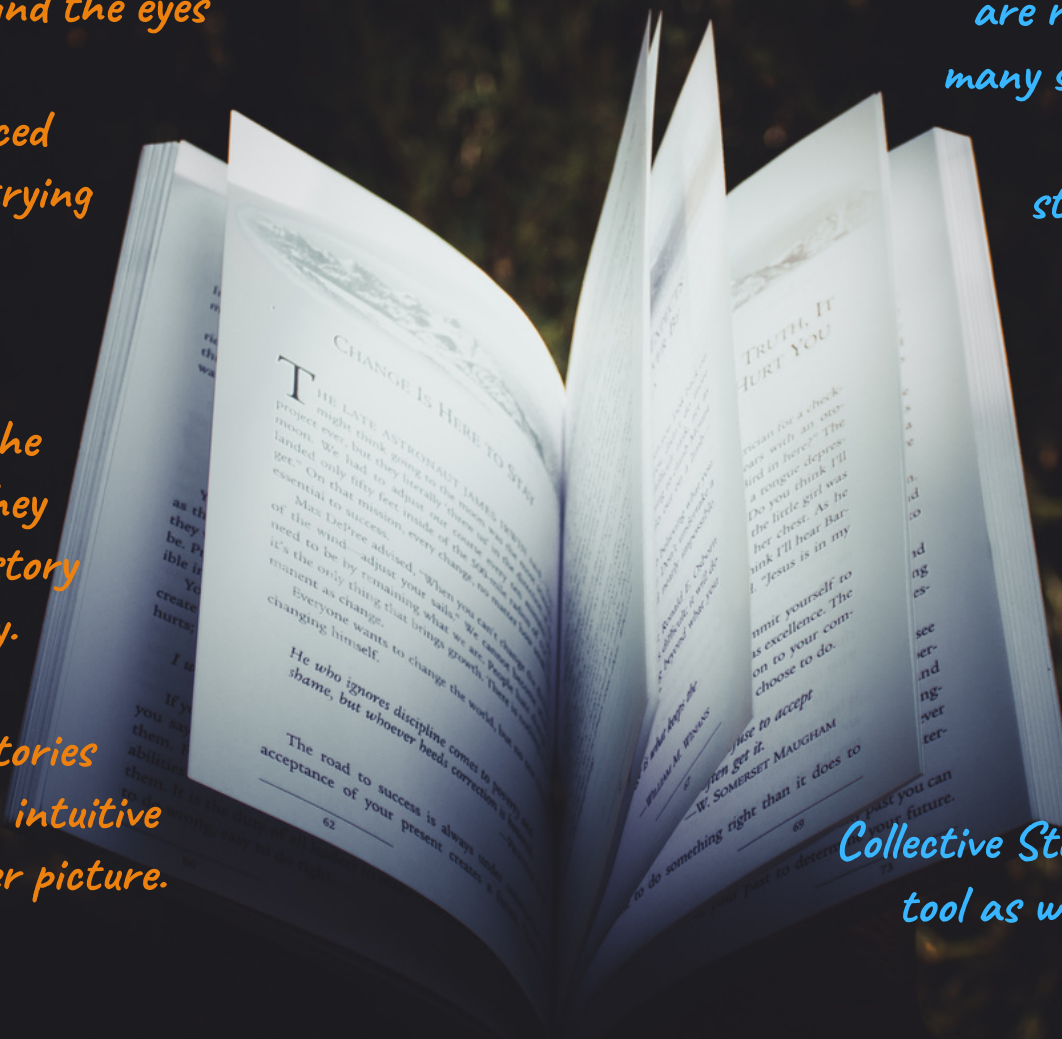
*Hearing diverse stories
helps us to get an intuitive
sense of the bigger picture.*

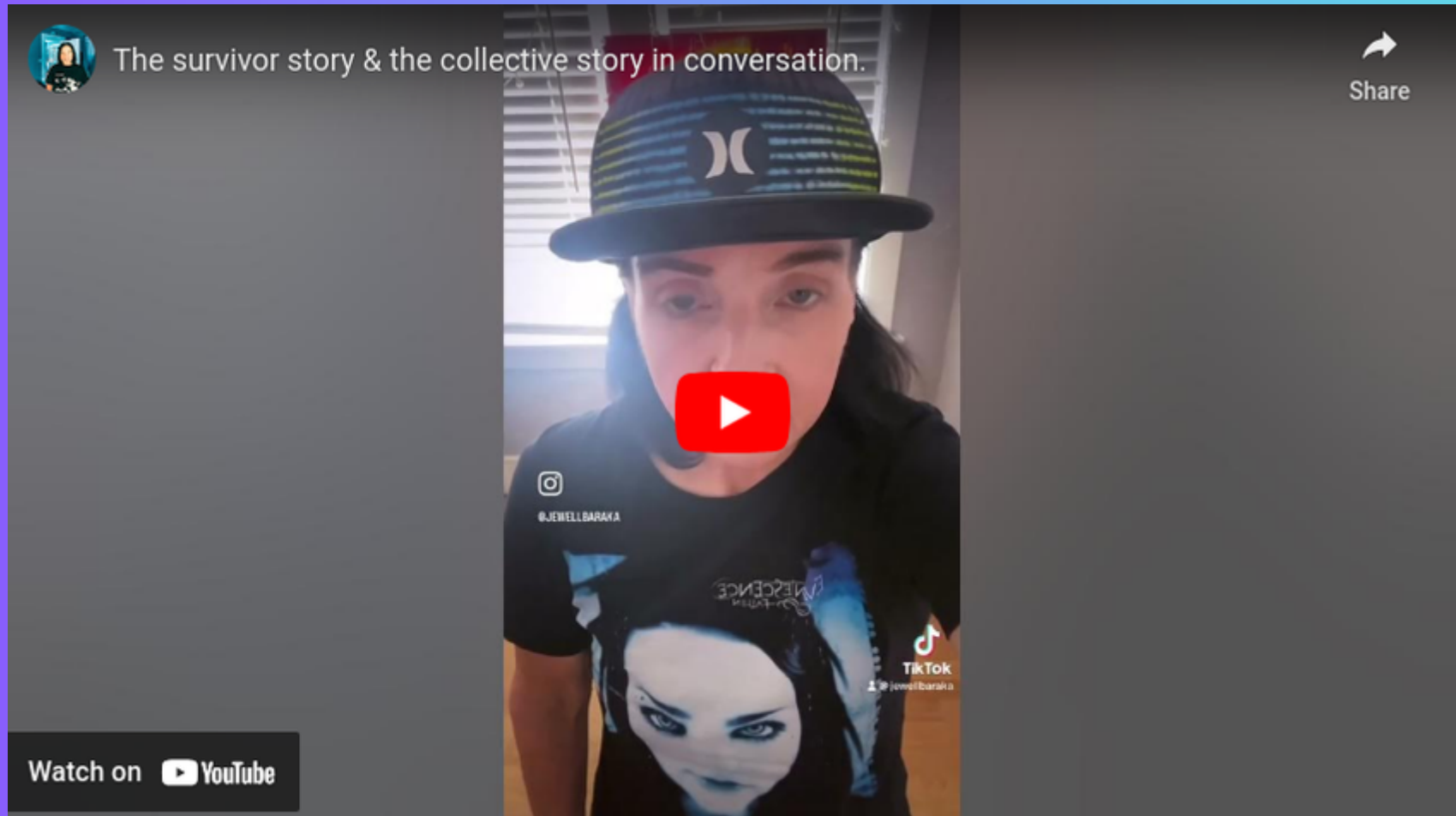
Collective Story

*Stats and demographics
are really collective stories,
many stories pieced together
to see pervasive
storylines, and themes.*

*We use
collective stories
to see and speak
about the criminal
and human rights
issues that arise
out of our stories.*

*Collective Stories are an important
tool as we advocate for change.*





<https://youtu.be/dmyeyAOq3tw?si=RmooX2pXgNYGBxMt>

The Individual Story & the Collective Story

*"I don't know if it's a man's world or not anymore,
but I know I was caught in a man's world then."*

DEFINING TRAFFICKING IN PORN

A film reel is positioned on a reflective surface, with its reflection visible below. The scene is dramatically lit with a strong red light on the left and a strong blue light on the right, creating a high-contrast, cinematic atmosphere. The film reel is the central focus, with its circular frames and film strip clearly visible.

TVPA Trafficking Victims Protections Act of 2000

Sex Trafficking = (Action + Purpose + Means)

Action: recruiting, providing, obtaining, transporting or soliciting

Purpose: a commercial sex act aka sex for money or trade

Means: through the use of Force, Fraud or Coercion

Or

If the person is a minor (under 18 years old) then:

Minor + Action + Sex Act 4 Money (Purpose) = Sex Trafficking

Applying the Trafficking Definition to Pornography:

Pornography is a filmed / photographed commercial sex act and porn production usually involves at least: recruiting or obtaining.

So porn becomes sex trafficking then when either

- FORCE, FRAUD, or COERCION are being used to secure an adult's participation in the filmed commercial sex act.**
- Or a minor is involved.**

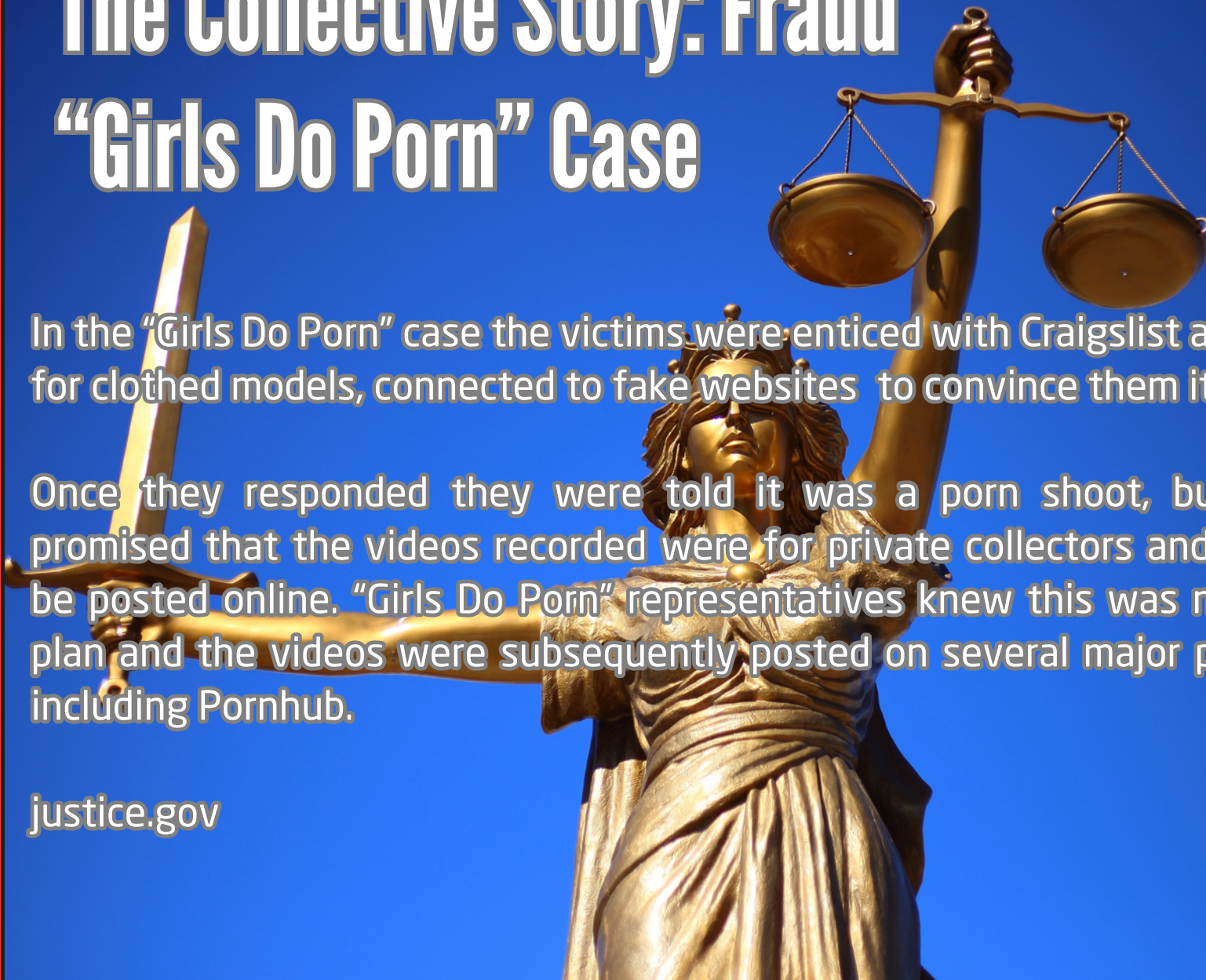
The Collective Story: Fraud

“Girls Do Porn” Case

In the “Girls Do Porn” case the victims were enticed with Craigslist ads for clothed models, connected to fake websites to convince them it was legit.

Once they responded they were told it was a porn shoot, but they were promised that the videos recorded were for private collectors and would never be posted online. “Girls Do Porn” representatives knew this was not the actual plan and the videos were subsequently posted on several major porn websites including Pornhub.

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C.S.A.M

Child Sexual Abuse Material

CSAM: Child Sexual Abuse Material is any “visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct involving a minor.” What we filmed on that adult hardcore porn set because I was a minor would legally be defined as **CSAM, Child Sexual Abuse Material**. CSAM is the end product of trafficking in porn when a minor is involved.

The Collective Story: The Spread of CSAM

The National Center on Missing and Exploited Children commenting on the viral spread of CSAM reports that their Cyber Tipline has received over 82 Million Reports.

"CSAM can be found in virtually any online realm...these images and videos depict actual crimes being committed against children."

The Collective Story: Trafficking in Porn Stats

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Pornography

Pre-recorded sexually explicit videos and images.

- Informal Distributions
- Formal pornography companies

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The Other Side of the Screen

The National Center on Sexual Exploitation on pervasive porn use reported that:

- "A popular tube site reports that in 2016, people watched 4.6 billion hours of pornography on its site alone. 61% of visits occurred via smartphone.
- 11 pornography sites are among the world's top 300 most popular Internet sites. The most popular such site, at number 18, outranks the likes of eBay, MSN & Netflix.
- A nationally representative survey found that 64% of young people, ages 13-24, actively seek out pornography weekly or more often."

"I knew little about porn when I walked into the studio that first night. I thought it would be like Hollywood without clothes or like the brothel with cameras, but I was absolutely wrong on both counts."

MYTHS & TRUTHS OF THE PORN STORY



Myths And Truths About Sex Trafficking In Porn

Myth #1: Hardcore porn is like Hollywood movies, the scenes of sexual violence are staged and faked.



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Myth #2: It is only sex trafficking if the porn performer is also being sold in prostitution. There is no sex trafficking in porn by itself.



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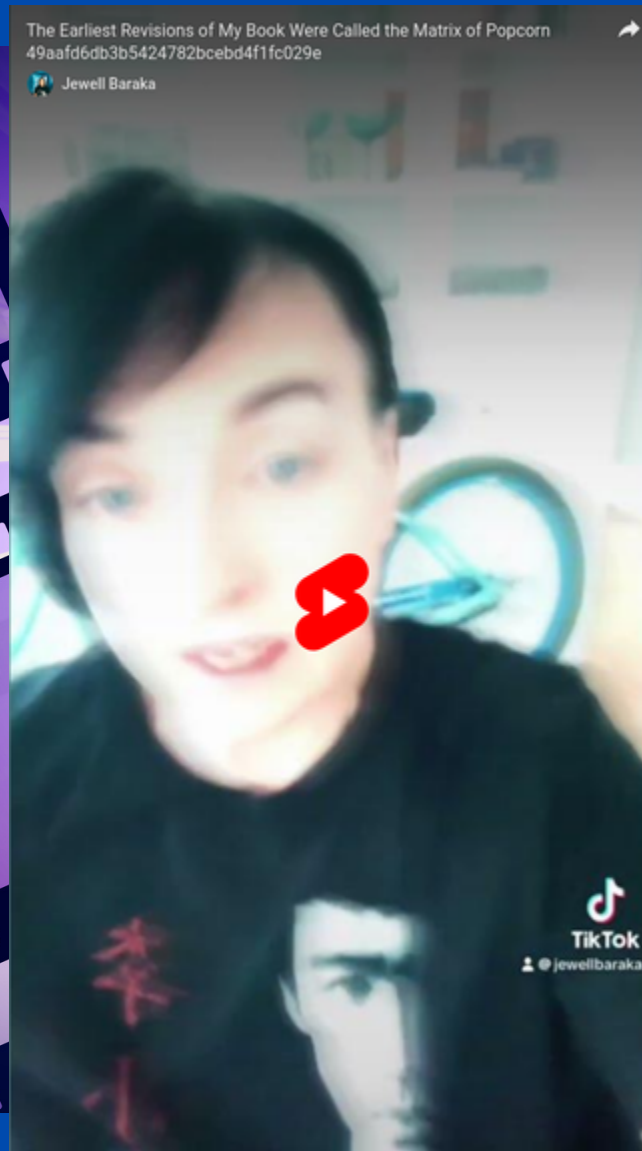
In my story the porn
set crew and other
performers on set
were another source
of force and coercion.



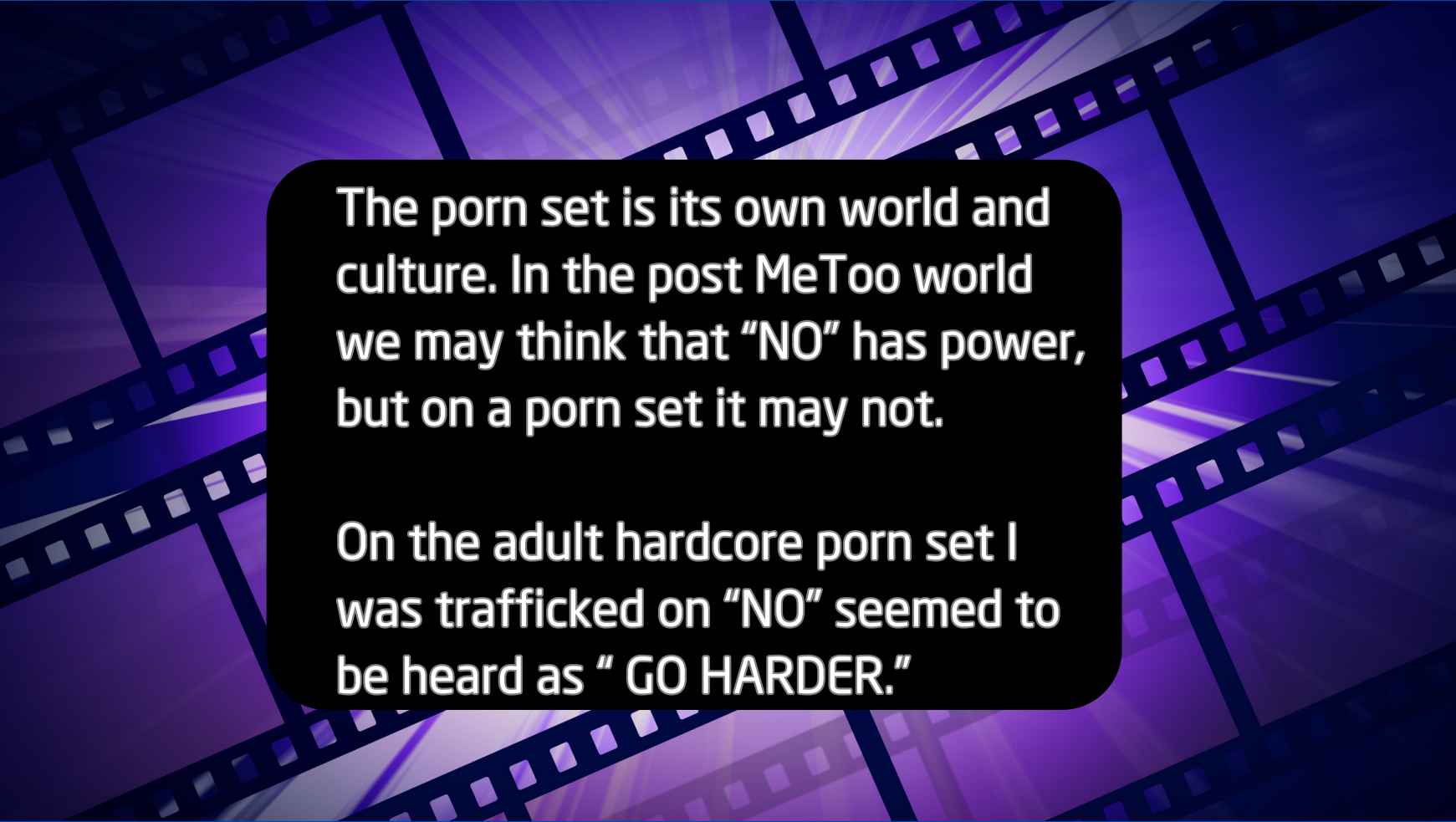
Myths And Truths About Sex Trafficking In Porn

Myth #3: Porn performers
get exactly what they
want. Look at their smiles.

The Matrix of Porn



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The background of the text box features a dark purple field with several diagonal film strips. These strips are decorated with small, light-colored squares, resembling sprocket holes. Radiating from the center are thin, light-colored lines that create a starburst or lens flare effect.

The porn set is its own world and culture. In the post MeToo world we may think that "NO" has power, but on a porn set it may not.

On the adult hardcore porn set I was trafficked on "NO" seemed to be heard as "GO HARDER."

"Time here always runs on fast forward. Every night in the porn studio is like a high speed train without brakes. As soon as I walk through the door I am hurled headlong into whatever is coming at me that night."

Dynamics on a Porn Set



Rushing Headlong

- **TRAIN WITHOUT BRAKES:** The porn set was like being on a high speed train without brakes. The set was in motion from the moment I walked onto it. It seemed to move around me and propel me forward and there was little I could do to impact or direct where it would take me.
- **NO CONTROLS:** I had no controls over most of the actions around me and toward me.

The Collective Story: The Porn Woman and Sexual Violence

In the book "Raised On Porn" author, documentary film maker, and ally Benjamin Nolot who has done extensive research in the porn industry says:

"The Porn Woman is degraded, humiliated, aggressively penetrated, and abused. Some porn productions feature only one form of exploitation others feature a variety. But in all mainstream porn the Porn Woman is forced to welcome and enjoy her abuse and then beg for more...

Her forced smile says, 'I accept my place in this world and I welcome my relegation to a subhuman class.'"



The Collective Story: The Porn Man & Power Dynamics

The Porn Man

"In the 'Porn Universe,' the Porn Man is single-minded, object focused, shallow, narcissistic, and dominating. Above all the Porn Man uses his power to dominate the Porn Woman."

From the book Raised on Porn by Benjamin Nolot.



Power Dynamics

"At it's core porn is the story of exploiting power dynamics. It is a brand of sexuality that elevates one person while degrading another."

In scene after scene men exercise absolute power over women by humiliating, dominating, subjugating, and violating them sexually."

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This wheel was adapted from the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project's Duluth Model Power and Control Wheel, available at www.theduluthmodel.org

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NO LIMITS

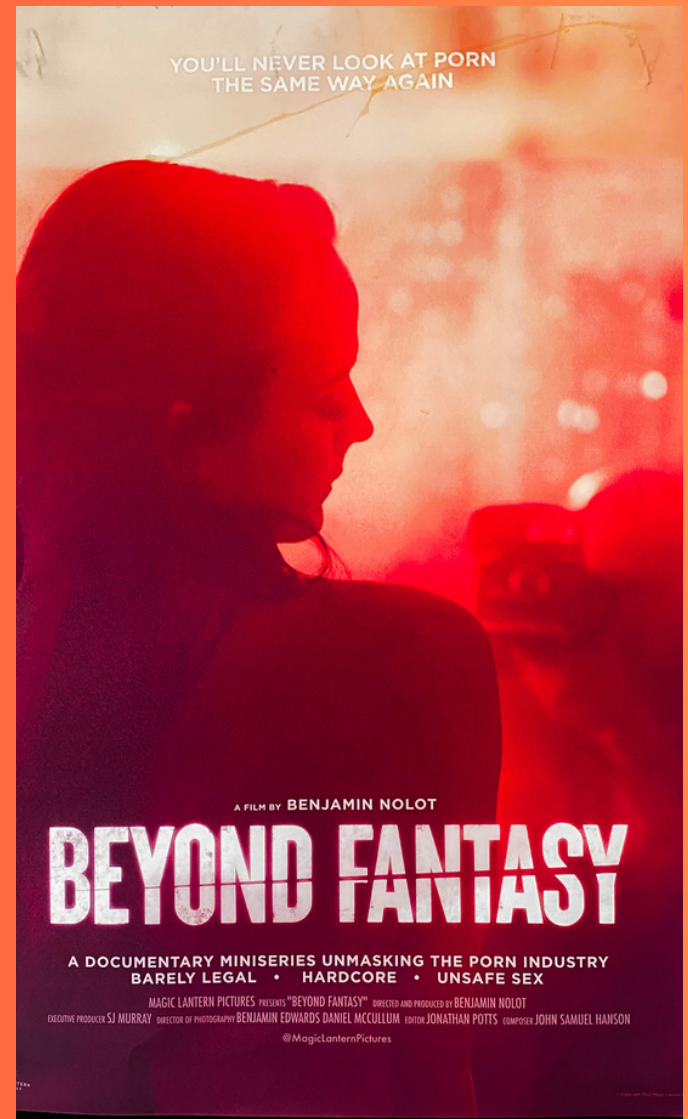
- **No Time Limit:** At the brothel I lived between the moments the door opened and closed. At the porn studio there were no doors opening and closing, no boundaries like that. There was only the limit of a night of shooting. Sometimes there were takes, but sometimes they just let it roll to see what would happen.
- **No Max Number:** At the brothel it was always one man at a time, 6-8 men a night. In porn it was like gang rape take after take. No limit to what was coming next.
- **No Human Rights Limitation on What Can Be Done:** If it can be imagined it can be done no matter how harmful, violent or humiliating that sexual action may be.

Cameron: My initial involvement with pornography was in 2013.

(Public Disgrace was her first BDSM shoot with KINK. They took her to a public space and offered her to strangers.)

Cameron: The scene was very rough, very in your face, which is what it's supposed to be, and it's scary...'cause you just blank it out. I don't really remember much of anything.

Scene From Beyond Fantasy: Unsafe Sex by Magic Lantern Pictures



- Porn Mimicks Reals Life.
- But in most porn the sexual trauma is 100% real:
- This can create a blurring of the lines of reality.
- We had a series of shoots called Porn in Real Life. By the end I felt as if I was in danger when I walked down the street of random men and groups of men attacking me.

Surreal bleeding into Real



Rose Kalemba was raped at knife point by two men while a third man filmed the repeated rape for the next 12 hours. After they were done they dumped her on the street.

A few months later she was online when she found a link she was tagged in. When she clicked on it she saw her rape streaming on Pornhub.

I felt a wave of nausea...within days it was evident that most of my peers at school had seen the videos. I was bullied, People would say that I asked for it. That I led men on. That I was a slut...People have an easier time blaming the victim... The year that followed I withdrew into myself. I disassociated. I felt nothing. Numb. I kept to myself. I wondered, with every stranger who made eye contact with me, if they had seen the videos.

*BBC "I Was Raped at 14 and the Video Ended Up on A Porn Site
by Megha Mohan*

You Against the Crowd

- The Force of a Group Will: A group has a will in a sense that when the group is united against you it is a very powerful force. It was not just one opponent like each sex buyer at the brothel, but a whole set of people I was now facing off with.



The Collective Story: Steamrolling

HARDCORE

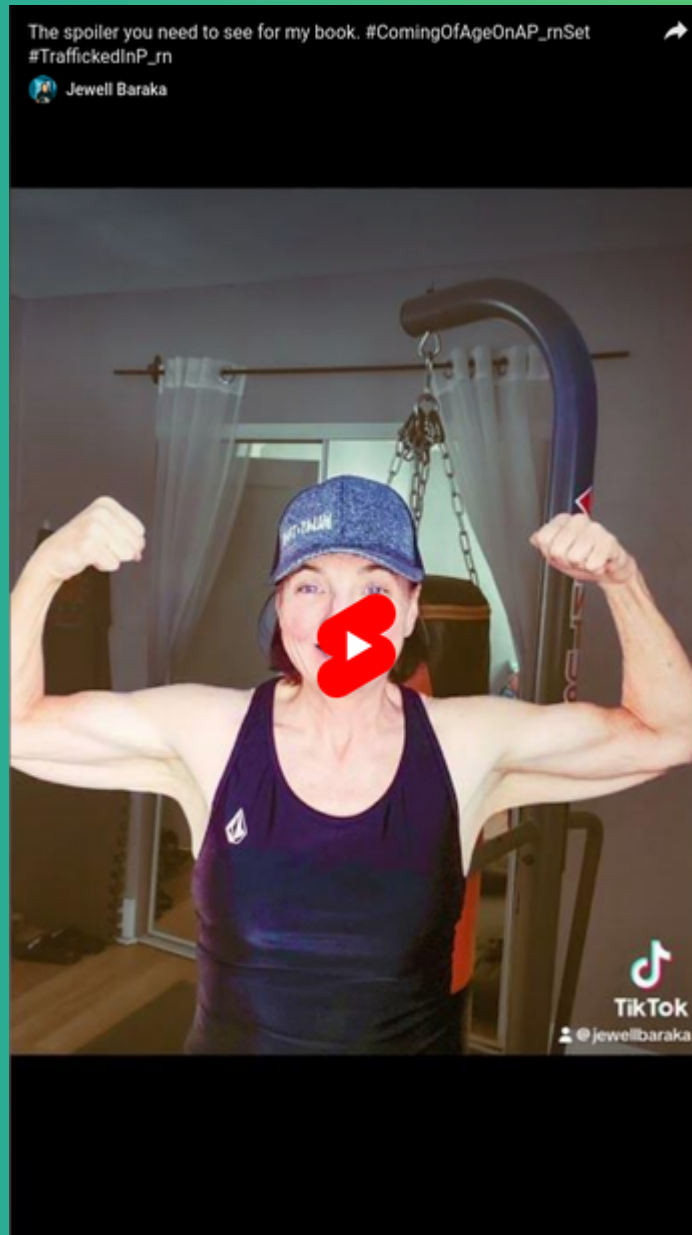
*From the Beyond Fantasy
documentary series*

*"I welcome her to the team and
say let's make something really
special..."*

*then on the set
she's shivering, completely
dominated, completely crushed,
totally annihilated, **steamrolled**
as we call it. And then we just lay
it on harder and lay it on harder
and I lay it on harder until they
snap until we find the end."*

Max Hardcore

Hope Intermission



<https://youtube.com/shorts/HxKNSVZQekA?si=hoLzdBI3xDbvz7jo>

Trafficking hub

“In 2020, Pornhub was the tenth-most-visited website in the world. It was the largest and most popular porn site, with 130 million visits per day, 47 billion visits per year....It was also an unchallenged crime scene... Pornhub was globally distributing and profiting from countless videos of real criminal sexual abuse, child rape, sex trafficking, and torture”

In early 2020 Laila Mickelwait and Exodus Cry “launched a grassroots initiative they named the ‘Traffickinghub’ movement to ‘shut down Pornhub and hold its executives accountable’ for their crimes...By the end of 2020...Pornhub had deleted 80 percent of its entire website removing 10.6 million unverified videos and over 30 million images.”

Quotes are from the book TakeDown by Laila Mickelwait

"Watching Pornhub's crimes being exposed on every phone and computer screen has been deeply satisfying. It feels like karmic payback for all the videos of underage, trafficked, and raped women and children on their website.

More than just payback, though, this is the moment that justice begins for countless girls like me who were trafficked in porn. Finally we can say that we were trafficked in porn, finally people will understand.

Porn trafficking has existed in hiddenness for decades, but now it is exposed in the light of day for all to see. Every social issue has a moment when our culture becomes aware of it as a problem of our time. This is the moment when our culture finally sees the abuses within the porn industry as the urgent social issue it is."

*From "Teen Porn Trafficking Survivor Speaks Out on Pornhub"
by Jewell Baraka with Exodus Cry*



**You are the solution and you
are already on the right road.**

Awareness of every issue begins with a survivor's story. That human connection is how we really begin to understand the issue.

You have already done that here today as well as connected with the emerging collective story.

As survivors speak their stories the collective story of those trafficked in porn will continue to develop. And we will speak each revision of that collective story to advocate for human rights for humans in porn.

Survivor Stories of Humans & Porn:

- Beyond Fantasy Documentary Series: Barely Legal, Unsafe Sex & Hardcore available on Magic Lantern Picture's and Exodus Cry's YouTube Page.
- Takedown by Laila Mickelwait available on Amazon
- Raised on Porn by Benjamin Nolot available on Amazon

Research Sources On Humans Exploited in Porn:

National Center on Sexual Exploitation, Polaris Project, National Center Missing & Exploited Children, Thorn, Exodus Cry, Culture Reframed, Fight the New Drug.

Hotlines:

- National Human Trafficking Hotline - 1-888-373-7888
- NCMEC National Center on Missing & Exploited Children - 1-800-843-5678
- RAINN: Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network - 1-800-656-4673