

Caroline Lucas urges MPs: Stop Newspaper Porn



Over the next few days every MP in the House of Commons will be greeted by porn in their inbox. But all is not as it seems. Because pressure group **NOT BUYING IT** has merely sent them a copy of The Sport *newspaper*.

Already supported by MPs like the charismatic **Caroline Lucas** and **Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods**, **NOT BUYING IT** is asking the rest of our decision-makers to stop the decades-long sale of this 'newspaper' to children on the bottom shelf.

There's more adult content than anything that can be described as news. It shouldn't be available from high street retailers and its availability should be restricted.. I applaud NOT BUYING IT for highlighting this issue to MPs



Caroline Lucas MP

The Sport regularly boasts a 'nipple count' of 100 or more, has pornographic images of naked women and ads for the porn and sex industry on essentially every page. These are interspersed with stories about 'sex romps' with rapists and voyeuristic 'up skirt' shots of 'celebs caught unawares'.

NOT BUYING IT is asking everyone to email or tweet their own MP here:
www.notbuyingit.org.uk/TweetYourMP

As **Dr Sasha Rakoff**, Director of **NOT BUYING IT** puts it:

“The Government has worked hard to curb the ‘normalising’ of the porn and sex industries by making sure all internet porn is now something you have to actively ‘opt in’ to, rather than having it automatically ‘beamed on up’ to your laptop, your daughter’s iPod or your son’s android.

“In light of the incredible ease of access of our children to vast amounts of increasingly violent internet porn, it is also drawing up plans to make *all* internet porn age-restricted. As it surely always should have been.’

“This ‘newspaper’ makes a farce of that. It has done for decades. It’s time it stopped.”

10% of 12/13 year olds addicted to pornography

NSPCC



One of the 100s of Porn/ Sex ads found in every issue of The Sport

“But this isn’t just an issue of ‘not exposing kids to sex’” stresses **Rebecca Mordan**, **NOT BUYING IT Trustee** “Pornography *isn’t* ‘just people having sex’. 90% of porn with its hitting, chokings, gaggings and strangulations shows violence against women and prostitution is equally abusive for the vast majority of women in it. Carrying ads for these industries in a newspaper totally normalises and ‘OKs’ them, it is totally unacceptable and makes an absolute mockery of all political parties’ attempts to stem an epidemic of violence against women and girls.”

“In the UK, 8 million women suffer sexual violence at the hands of men – domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking - usually carried out by their own partners. Above and beyond this, *every single* woman and girl in this country experiences discrimination and harassment – including schoolgirls being harassed on their way *to* school and *at* school. This situation is unacceptable. We are in crisis. If our men experienced this level of abuse, a state of national emergency would be called! Anything that could possibly cause or contribute to it would be under intense scrutiny. And the fact is, it is wholly avoidable. It only happens because of attitudes. Because of the attitudes we steep our little boys in from the day they are born, about what is *means* ‘to be a man’ and ‘*what women are for*’”.

“The kind of messages found in so-called newspapers like The Sport. But that is barely the tip of the iceberg”, says **Rakoff**.

It's not a Newspaper ..
it's a Screw Paper!

Jan, supporter



“It’s time our decision-makers took a stance against profit-driven industries like our press, the mass media, pop music – an entire popular culture that constantly sexualises women, that constantly denigrates women as silly, submissive and always, always sexually available that has even moved towards trivialising violence against women by turning words like ‘pimp’ and ‘rape’ into meaningless expressions, logos on T shirts, the punchline of jokes.”

“A society that tells little boys that ‘*being a man*’ means that it is your right to buy women sexually, cheaply, *en masse* and in a newspaper.”

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