



Discussion Questions for Session 4: Sex, Lies and Videotape

The following questions can be used to guide or frame your group's discussion, but feel free to add your own.

1. Many argue that women have more sexual freedom than ever. On balance, do you think this has been positive for women? What about men?
2. To what extent do you believe that “hookup culture” is a genuine expression of sexual desires versus new pressures and expectations on men and women?
3. Pornography has caused rifts between “pro-sex” and “anti-porn” feminists for decades. In your opinion, is pornography empowering or harmful to men and women? If it's harmful, what should be done? Do you feel like you have seen enough pornography to make a determination about this?
4. After reading *Pornography 101*, how do you think the ubiquity of pornography, which has been made possible by the Internet, has affected sexual intimacy and relationships?
5. In *The Anti-Male, Anti-Sex Falsehoods* article anti-porn crusaders are described as offering an easy solution to the problems that exist between partners in intimate relationships. Do you think porn is demonized unfairly?
6. Have you ever experienced pornography seeping subtly or less subtly into your own sexual and intimate relationships? In what ways?
7. How should society balance First Amendment free speech protections with the need to mitigate the potentially negative effects of pornography, especially on children?
8. After reading *The Truth About Pornography* and *Hardcore* do you think easy access to pornography could make real-life sex less exciting?
9. In *The Shame Cycle* Jessica Grose describes a cultural backlash against casual and commercialized sex, and talks about society as suspended between competing ideologies that are universally pro- and anti-casual sex. Do you find yourself faced with these pressures?