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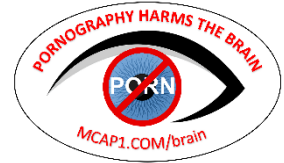
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In this digital era of the 21st century, manifold dangers to all mankind are constantly emerging, and all the moreso for innocent, immature youth whose judgment is not yet developed and whose impressioable minds stand to be most adversely affected.

Exposure to X-rated content is occurring at younger and younger ages. Sample statistics – see a [2023 report from the Common](#)

[Sense Media](#)

<https://www.common sense media.org/press-releases/new-report-reveals-truths-about-how-teens-engage-with-pornography>

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Thankfully, age verification technology has also emerged and is becoming standardized that can provide effective tools to shield minors on the Internet.

Government regulation, in its wisdom, already utilizes age verification methods to prohibits minors from obtaining cigarettes and alcohol, in recognition of the dangers of these substances. Applying that same recognition to obscenity is crucially needed, and implementing prohibition measures is past due.

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For an in-depth discussion with persuasive rationale about the pressing need, see "[The Need for Federal Legislation Requiring Age Verification for Porn Websites](#)" by Annie Chestnut Tutor, a policy analyst in the Tech Policy Center at The Heritage Foundation.

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/12/19/need-federal-legislation-requiring-age-verification-porn-websites/>

We hope further measures can be found to curb the public health crisis of pornography.

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