

DEALING WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY IN CYBERSPACE: A REVIEW OF ISLAMIC LAW AND PREVENTION EFFORTS THROUGH EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS



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Abstract

Child pornography is a grave offense that harms children's social and psychological development in addition to being unethical. According to Islamic law, pornography is an act that transgresses moral and ethical standards that require the protection of minors. To address this problem, the Indonesian government has taken proactive measures, such as developing laws such as the Draft Government Regulation (RPP) on child safety online and raising parents' level of digital literacy. The goal of these initiatives is to make the Internet a safe place for children. Additionally, to increase public knowledge of the risks of child pornography and preventative measures, an educational strategy including training and seminars is required. One of the most crucial cornerstones in the fight against child pornography is education. Educational programs for parents and children are aimed at helping them better understand cyber threats and the significance of monitoring while using computers. Therefore, to create successful ways to protect children from the dangers of internet pornography, cooperation between the government, communities, and educational institutions is crucial.

Abstrak

Pornografi anak merupakan tindak pidana berat yang dapat merusak perkembangan sosial dan psikologis anak, selain itu juga tidak etis. Menurut hukum Islam, pornografi merupakan tindakan yang melanggar norma moral dan etika yang mengharuskan perlindungan anak di bawah umur. Untuk mengatasi masalah ini, pemerintah Indonesia telah mengambil langkah-langkah konkret, seperti menyusun undang-undang seperti Rancangan Peraturan Pemerintah (RPP) tentang keselamatan anak di dunia maya dan meningkatkan literasi digital orang tua. Tujuan dari upaya ini adalah untuk menyediakan lingkungan daring yang aman bagi anak-anak. Selain itu, diperlukan program pelatihan dan seminar untuk meningkatkan kesadaran masyarakat tentang risiko pornografi anak dan tindakan pencegahannya. Salah satu landasan terpenting dalam memerangi pornografi anak adalah pendidikan. Orang tua dan anak-anak dapat belajar lebih banyak tentang bahaya internet dan pentingnya mengawasi anak-anak mereka saat menggunakan teknologi. Oleh karena itu, untuk menciptakan metode yang berhasil untuk melindungi anak-anak dari bahaya pornografi di dunia maya, kerja sama antara pemerintah, masyarakat, dan lembaga pendidikan sangat penting.

INTRODUCTION

The advancement of information and communication technology has had a significant influence on people's lives, particularly those of children, in the current digital age. Children may explore a vast array of knowledge and entertainment possibilities when they have easy access to the internet.¹ However, there is a higher chance of harmful material, such as child pornography, with this

¹Puji Rahayu, "Pengaruh Digital Terhadap Perkembangan Bahasa Anak," *Al-Fathin* 2, no. 1 (2019): 49–50.



convenience. Cyberspace child pornography is a severe issue that jeopardizes children's physical and emotional well-being as well as the moral and social order of society.

The percentage of children and adolescents who are actively or inadvertently exposed to pornographic information is around 69.1%. Parents, siblings, and friends are often the suppliers of pornographic material.² Children exposed to this kind of material may acquire unhealthy sexual attitudes and behaviors in addition to experiencing trauma and disorientation. This demonstrates the significance of multi-stakeholder integrated preventative initiatives, beginning with families, schools, and the larger community.

In this situation, Islamic law is crucial to combating the issue of child pornography. Islamic law emphasizes the need for protecting children by teaching moral and ethical ideals.³ According to Islam, children should be able to grow and develop in a setting that is safe, healthy, and free from harmful influences. Thus, an examination of Islamic law on child pornography might provide a normative foundation for initiatives aimed at preventing and addressing this issue.

Public awareness and education campaigns are also crucial for prevention. Islamic-based education may provide kids the proper information and mindset on ethics, responsibility, and sexuality. Children should become more tech-savvy and learn to identify and steer clear of unsuitable information with the aid of an educational approach. Furthermore, this is a significant step in educating the public about the risks associated with child pornography and the need for actively safeguarding children.

It seeks to protect children from the dangers of internet pornography by using an all-encompassing approach. This study also looks at how Islamic law addresses child pornography and practical ways to stop it via public awareness and education campaigns. By doing this, we want to actively support the development of a generation that is safe, educated, and healthy in the digital age.

METHODS

In order to fully understand the issue of child pornography in cyberspace from the standpoint of Islamic law and initiatives to stop it via public awareness and education campaigns, this study employs a qualitative methodology. In order to analyze and assess the sources of Islamic law, including the Qur'an, Hadith, and fiqh texts, as well as national and international laws pertaining to child pornography, this research focuses on a literature review. Islamic jurists, educators, and child protection advocates participated in semi-structured interviews to gather primary data on their perspectives on the Islamic response to child pornography and the function of public awareness and education in preventive initiatives. Additionally, the execution of public awareness initiatives aimed at preventing child pornography was observed.

Information on Islamic law, rules, public awareness campaigns, and teaching methods will all be subject to a thematic analysis. This study also employs a normative-empirical methodology, in which laws and Islamic perspectives are normatively examined before being connected to field phenomena using information from observations and interviews. Based on relevant Islamic legislation, the study results should provide suggestions for preventing child pornography online, creating efficient educational plans, and increasing public knowledge via public awareness campaigns and formal and informal education.

DISCUSSION

Common Forms of Child Pornography in Cyberspace.

²Adrie Bagus Prakoso, Titien Yusnita, and Febri Palupi Muslikhah, "Persepsi Pelajar Terhadap Konten Pornografi Kecamatan Pamijahan Pada Media Sosial," *Jurnal Sabid Da'wati* 2, no. 2 (2023): 8.

³Muhammad Zaki, "Perlindungan Anak Dalam Perspektif Islam," *ASAS* 6, no. 2 (2014): 9.

Cyberspace child pornography is a complicated and concerning problem that includes many types of online and technological exploitation. Many files relating to child pornography often show up on different websites and forums on the Internet, reflecting the impact of technological advancement. These days, networks of Internet users are creating groups online, and an increasing number of these organizations are exchanging files that include child pornography. In addition to satisfying sexual cravings, this increases the offenders' income. With 21.6 million individuals reporting child rights abuses, such as sexual abuse and the spreading of child pornography on social media, online child pornography is another form of moral turpitude.⁴

Furthermore, one of the latest ways to enable child abuse is live broadcasting. Children are sometimes coerced into taking part in live sexual acts, often in front of paid spectators. This demonstrates how risky unsupervised online contacts may be, since it facilitates the development of connections between offenders and children and encourages them to take part in destructive behavior. The dissemination of exploitative information thrives on social media. In order to have access to children and form connections that seem benign in order to take advantage of them, many offenders use false accounts. Additionally, these platforms make it simple for criminals to distribute unlawful information, sometimes without other users' awareness. Furthermore, many children are unaware of the dangers of posting private photos and information online. There may be severe repercussions from this.

The use of content alteration as a kind of child pornography is also growing. Digital manipulation may create pictures of sexual encounters from photos of youngsters taken in regular, non-toxic settings. In addition to hurting the impacted kids, this approach makes online exploitation even more common. Easy access to technology and the internet, as well as a lack of parental monitoring, are factors that contribute to the growing prevalence of child pornography in cyberspace.⁵ Children need to learn from their parents the advantages and disadvantages of internet use.⁶ Nonetheless, a lot of parents are ignorant of the dangers their children confront while using the internet. Recognizing the significance of online safety and privacy protection is an essential, but sometimes ignored, first step.

Child pornography has detrimental and lasting effects. Psychological trauma often affects victims, leading to mental illnesses, confidence problems, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Early-life physical and psychological trauma increases a child's risk of developing depression. Child pornography victims may experience emotional trauma, mental illnesses, behavioral changes, social isolation, physical health issues, cognitive and emotional development issues, behavioral issues, school failure, violent behavior, and neglect risk.⁷ This problem calls for a multifaceted solution. It is imperative that parents, teachers, and children all get more educated and knowledgeable about the risks associated with cyberspace.

Overview of Islamic Law on Child Pornography.

Examining the viewpoint of Islamic law on child pornography is a very pertinent and intriguing topic, considering the significance of child protection in Islamic teachings. In this context, it is important to recognize that children are vulnerable individuals who need appropriate protection and

⁴Ida Bagus Wirya Dharma, "Perlindungan Hukum Anak Dalam Kejahatan Pornografi Dan Upaya Pemerintah Dalam Mencegah Kejahatan Pornografi Di Indonesia," *Jurnal Garnek Suara* 16, no. 2 (2022): 1534–35.

⁵Muhammad Saufi Ramdhani and Nur Amin Barokah Asfari, "Pornografi Pada Remaja: Faktor Penyebab Dan Dampaknya," *Jurnal Flourishing* 2, no. 8 (2022): 554.

⁶Muhamad Ngafifi, "Kemajuan Teknologi Dan Pola Hidup Manusia Dalam Perspektif Sosial Budaya," *Jurnal Pembangunan Pendidikan: Fondasi Dan Aplikasi* 2, no. 1 (2014): 33–47.

⁷Saepi et al., "Upaya Lembaga Perlindungan Anak (LPA) Jawa Barat Terhadap Anak Korban Kekerasan Dalam Rumah Tangga," *Journal of Social Science Research: Innovative* 3, no. 5 (2023): 10253–54.

care. Islamic beliefs place a strong emphasis on children's rights to safety, education, and appropriate care.⁸ Islamic law expressly forbids pornography because it has exploitative components that are very harmful to children, particularly when it involves youngsters.⁹ A number of basic factors contribute to the immoral and haram status of child pornography. First of all, the fundamental principles of Islam, which place a high priority on compassion and the defense of weaker groups, are incompatible with the cruel and barbaric practice of child abuse. Second, since it normalises destructive behavior and diminishes family values, pornography contradicts the principles and morals given in the Koran and Hadith.

The Koran has several passages that stress how crucial it is to safeguard children. According to Allah in the Qur'an:

وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَوْلَادَكُمْ حَشِيَّةً إِفْلَاقٍ نَحْنُ نَرْزُقُهُمْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ إِنَّ قَتْلَهُمْ كَانَ خِطْئًا كَبِيرًا

Meaning: "Don't murder your kids because you're afraid of being poor. We'll take care of you and them. It is a tremendous sin to kill them." (Q.S. Al-Isra': 31).

The significance of safeguarding a child's life is emphasized in this passage, and this may be expanded to include all types of exploitation, including pornography. The Prophet Muhammad's (SAW) hadith lends credence to this interpretation. specifically:

كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ الْإِمَامُ رَاعٍ وَمَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ وَالرَّجُلُ رَاعٍ فِي أَهْلِهِ وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ وَالْمَرْأَةُ رَاعِيَّةٌ فِي بَيْتِ زَوْجِهَا وَمَسْئُولَةٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهَا

Meaning: "You are all carers, and you will all be held responsible for the things that you are in charge of: Because he is responsible for his actions, a leader is a carer. In addition to being the carer for his family, a man will be held accountable for his actions. Additionally, if a woman takes care of her husband's home, she will be held liable for the upkeep of that home." (HR. al-Bukhari)¹⁰

This hadith highlights how parents have a need to protect their children from abuse, even when it comes to pornography. Child pornography may be considered a significant offense in Islamic law, which calls for harsh punishment. One crucial element in safeguarding children and fostering a feeling of security in society is the strict punishment of those who engage in child pornography. Educating communities and parents on the risks of child pornography is also essential.¹¹

Children may benefit from educational programs by learning more about the dangers they encounter and how to avoid unfavorable outcomes. Islam also emphasizes the need for rehabilitating exploitation victims. Every child pornography victim should get help to regain their emotional and physical well-being. Society may actively contribute to safeguarding children and assisting them in growing up in a safe, wholesome, and caring environment by comprehending and putting these concepts into practice.

The Role of Education in Raising Public Awareness of the Dangers of Pornography.

Access to pornographic material is becoming easier in our fast-paced digital age, which presents a significant problem for people, particularly children and teenagers. It's critical to educate the

⁸Hani Sholihah, "Perlindungan Anak Dalam Perspektif Hukum Islam," *Journal for Islamic Studies: Al-Afkar* 1, no. 1 (2018): 47–51.

⁹Hernia et al., "Perlindungan Anak: Mencegah Dan Menanggulangi Pelecehan Seksual Terhadap Anak Di Bawah Umur," *Jurnal Ilmu Hukum* 1, no. 2 (2024): 103–7.

¹⁰Ibnu Hajar Al-Atsqalani, *Fathul Bari Syarh Shabihil Bukhari*, II (Riyadh, 2001), 380.

¹¹Helmi Kurniawan and Afida Salsabila, "Pandangan Remaja Dari Segi Agama Islam Dan Kesehatan Mengenai Pornografi Anak," *Jurnal Pendidikan Dan Anak Usia Dini: Ta'rim* 4, no. 4 (2023): 128–30.

public—parents and kids in particular—about the dangers and detrimental effects of pornography as it becomes more commonplace online. Pornography has an impact on children's mental and emotional well-being in addition to their views towards sex. Consequently, it's critical to create efficient teaching strategies. Incorporating pornographic material into the curriculum, especially in health and sex education classes, is one method of teaching children.

Students may learn about the significance of healthy relationships and the biological and emotional components of sexual development from this program. When it comes to teaching this content, teachers are also crucial. Therefore, in order to handle delicate subjects like pornography, teacher training is required. The goal of including healthy living skills in the curriculum is to provide children with the information, mindset, and abilities they need to live long, healthy lives. Teachers get training in creating engaging and hands-on teaching strategies to assist students in applying healthy living practices in relevant contexts. This integration approach entails a meticulous curriculum design in which the competency requirements and learning indicators methodically include elements of healthy living skills.¹²

Children's character education is crucial in informing parents about the negative effects of pornography. In addition to providing a positive example, parents should protect their children from negative social situations. Along with educating children to be honest and to set a good example, parents are also crucial in helping to shape the character of a decent nation's youth.¹³ Parents may mold their children's character in terms of independence, discipline, and responsibility by modeling these behaviors.¹⁴ Furthermore, community discussion groups may serve as a useful forum for parents to exchange stories and get assistance. Information may also be distributed via media and technology, and social media campaigns can reach a larger audience. It is possible to convey the negative consequences of pornography in an understandable manner using educational movies and instructive infographics.

By getting participant input on the program's content, delivery strategies, and perceived efficacy, evaluation is a crucial stage in determining its efficacy. Public education on the dangers and detrimental effects of pornography is a difficult but crucial task.¹⁵ Combining several teaching strategies, such as community-based learning, social campaigns, and formal instruction in schools, may make children's surroundings safer and more encouraging. It is crucial to include all stakeholders, including parents, educators, and communities, in order to guarantee that these messages are successfully conveyed and widely accepted. With the correct strategy, the future generation may safeguard themselves from the negative impacts of pornography, form wholesome relationships, and get a healthy perspective of sexuality.

Collaborative Efforts between Government and Community in Pornography Prevention.

Research on stopping the transmission of child pornography has been extensive and has included a wide range of players, including the government, non-governmental organizations, and IT corporations. Law No. 44 of 2008, which forbids the creation and dissemination of child pornographic material, is one of the stronger rules and regulations that Indonesia has put

¹²Ika Zakiah and Aslan, "Mengembangkan Keterampilan Hidup Sehat Melalui Kurikulum Sekolah," *Journal of Health and Medical Research: Zabra* 4, no. 4 (2024): 407–10.

¹³Sudaryanti, "Pentingnya Pendidikan Karakter Bagi Anak Usia Dini," *Jurnal Pendidikan Anak* 1, no. 1 (2012): 15–18.

¹⁴Rosikum, "Peran Keluarga Dalam Implementasi Pendidikan Karakter Religius Anak," *Jurnal Kependidikan* 6, no. 2 (2018): 296–99.

¹⁵Ramdhan Witarso, Nuralina, and Mufarizuddin, "Penyuluhan Pendidikan Dalam Mencegah Adiksi Pornografi Pada Anak," *Community Development Journal* 4, no. 2 (2023): 3917–20.

in place to protect children from sexual exploitation. Frameworks at the international level, such as the UN Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, provide nations recommendations on how to improve the legal protection of children. Technology is also a significant factor. To identify and stop child pornography on their networks, major digital corporations like Google and Facebook utilize hash matching technology and artificial intelligence (AI). Digital platforms' content moderation mechanism also makes it possible to keep a closer eye on questionable online activity. There has been a notable decrease in the dissemination of this unlawful material due to cooperation between digital platforms and law enforcement, such as the WePROTECT Global Alliance. In the meantime, increasing public knowledge is a crucial component of preventative initiatives. Nonprofit organizations like ECPAT International conduct public awareness campaigns regarding the risks of child pornography and the significance of reporting suspicious behavior.¹⁶ Another successful strategy for preventing internet dangers is teaching parents and children about digital safety. Additionally, parents and schools are crucial in ensuring that children get the right kind of supervision and instruction on safe internet usage.

One crucial strategy to deal with this problem is cross-sector cooperation between governments, non-governmental organizations, IT firms, and law enforcement. In the face of digital problems, legal protection and the function of legal institutions are also becoming more and more significant. It's also critical to increase public awareness of cyberthreats and strengthen international collaboration.¹⁷ International agencies, including Interpol¹⁸ is collaborating with local law enforcement to apprehend those who engage in child sex exploitation and disrupt the global child pornography distribution network. The Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (Kominfo) of the Indonesian government is constantly updating and blocking websites that contain dangerous information. In order to protect children from the danger of sexual exploitation in the digital age, these preventative initiatives collectively call for international collaboration and the active participation of the community, particularly parents.

Challenges in Preventing Pornography.

Few rules, a sluggish legal system, a lack of resources, and technological difficulties in law enforcement are only a few of the significant elements that make up the debate on the legal and technical barriers to tougher policies and the need to clamp down on criminals. Below is a detailed explanation of them:

1. Legal constraints in prosecuting criminals.
 - a. Deficiencies in legislation.

Lack of suitable legislation is one of the biggest challenges in fighting criminals, although certain model laws, like the Model Law, may assist States in reviewing and amending current laws: States may evaluate and alter current laws more easily with the use of model laws. In some instances, particularly when considering contemporary crimes such as human trafficking and cybercrime. By offering member nations training and capacity

¹⁶Amanda Viola Ashary, *Peran Cepat Dalam Penanganan Eksploitasi Seksual Anak Pada Sektor Pariwisata Di Indonesia Dibutuhkan Dengan Convention on The Right of The Child 1989* (Serang: Universitas Sultan Ageng Tirtayasa, 2024), 24–26.

¹⁷Muhammad Bahram, "Transformasi Masyarakat Di Era Digital: Menjaga Kaidah Hukum Sebagai Landasan Utama," *Jurnal Riset Ilmiah: SENTRI* 2, no. 5 (2023): 1738.

¹⁸Jen Rivaldi Sjamsudin, "Kerjasama Interpol Dalam Penanganan Internasional Crime Menurut Undang-Undang Kepolisian Nomor 2 Tahun 2002," *Lex Privatum* IV, no. 7 (2016): 22–27.

development, as well as international rules and standards, UNODC also contributes to the fight against human trafficking offences.¹⁹

Current rules and regulations often lack specificity or do not address the novel tactics used by criminals. This legal void gives criminals a way to go around the law. Law enforcement personnel find it challenging to suspect offenders who exploit regulatory gaps due to the lack of stringent restrictions on this matter.

b. Inconsistent interpretation of the law.

Various legal interpretations by judges, judicial authorities, and even attorneys often result in gaps in law enforcement. These varying interpretations may lead to contradictory court rulings, which ultimately hurt victims of crime and may even allow offenders to get away with it or get reduced terms.²⁰ This is particularly true in situations of sexual assault and domestic abuse, when law enforcement officers may use biased criteria while assessing the evidence and assessing the guilt of the offender.

c. Lack of impartiality towards victims.

Furthermore, victims of asymmetrical crimes, such as those who have been victims of gender-based violence, domestic abuse, or human trafficking, are often not supported by the present judicial system. A lot of victims don't get enough legal help, including procedural support and legal protection.²¹ This deters victims from reporting criminal conduct and enables offenders to continue their illegal activities.

2. Technical Constraints in Law Enforcement.

a. Lack of law enforcement resources.

The lack of funding, manpower, and technological resources is one of the main issues facing law enforcement in many nations. In many regions, law enforcement organizations lack experts equipped to handle contemporary crimes, such as international or technology-based crimes. This deficiency slows down and even makes case processing more difficult. One of the most important tools for contemporary law enforcement is technology.²² But not all law enforcement personnel can utilize or have access to this equipment. Inadequate forensic laboratory facilities at many police stations in their respective areas result in subpar case investigations, particularly when digital or other forensic evidence is crucial.²³

b. Complicated bureaucracy.

Complex bureaucratic procedures often cause criminals to go unpunished. Due to a number of drawn-out and intricate administrative procedures, case settlement often takes a lengthy time.²⁴ In addition to harming victims who are waiting for justice, this gives offenders the chance to hide evidence or escape punishment. Furthermore, because of this drawn-out procedure, there is a chance that corrupt officials would use their power or money to sabotage the legal system or even have the case dismissed.

¹⁹Priska Feronica, Devy K. G. Sondakh, and Natalia Lana Lengkong, "Peran United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Dalam Menangani Kasus Kejahatan Perdagangan Manusia Menurut Hukum Internasional," *Jurnal Fakultas Hukum UNSTRAT: Lex Privatum* 13, no. 5 (2024): 3–8.

²⁰Afif Khalid, "Penafsiran Hukum Oleh Hakim Dalam Sistem Peradilan Di Indonesia," *Al-'Adl* VI, no. 11 (2014): 10–24.

²¹Hutpa Ade Pangesti, "Perlindungan Hukum Terhadap Korban Kejahatan Dalam Penegakan Hukum Pidana Di Indonesia," *Lex Crimen* VIII, no. 10 (2019): 57–62.

²²Alife Dwily Hamana, Eskandar, and Raja Harianto Suka, "Pemberantasan Tindak Pidana Perdagangan Orang Melalui Media Sosial: Kasus Eksploitasi WNI Ke Kamboja," *Jurnal Pendidikan, Sosial Dan Humaniora: Aufklarung* 3, no. 1 (2023): 77–79.

²³Ahmad S. Daud, "Kebijakan Penegakan Hukum Dalam Upaya Penanggulangan Tindak Pidana Teknologi Informasi," *Lex Crimen* II, no. 1 (2013): 101–7.

²⁴Kt. Diara Astawa, "Sistem Hukum Internasional Dan Peradilan Nasional," *Jurnal Pendidikan Pancasila Dan Kewarganegaraan: Astawa* 27, no. 1 (2014): 33–41.

c. Difficulties in evidence collection.

The challenge of obtaining evidence may sometimes be one of the most significant technological challenges encountered. For example, evidence of cybercrime and crimes involving global networks is sometimes spread over many nations or in digital locations that are difficult for law enforcement to reach. Law enforcement faces significant obstacles due to the sluggish pace of international cooperation and the difficulty to obtain data kept abroad.²⁵ The absence of accessible or obtainable evidence is often the technical obstacle in cases involving traditional crimes. This is because of unfavorable scene circumstances or a lack of technology that makes it possible to identify offenders quickly and accurately.

3. The need for stricter policies.

a. Law reform.

It is necessary to update rules to reflect recent advances in order to overcome the many challenges outlined above.²⁶ To address complex crimes like pornography, cybercrime, human trafficking, and money laundering, stricter and more targeted legislation is required. These revisions have to include more stringent guidelines for gathering evidence, keeping an eye on online transactions, and facilitating international collaboration throughout the course of an investigation.

b. Capacity building of law enforcement officials.

The professionalism and abilities of the on-duty police officers are crucial to effective law enforcement.²⁷ Thus, it is necessary to increase law enforcement's competence via rigorous training in international law, technology, and contemporary criminal investigation. Appropriate technology, including advanced crime detection systems, data analysis tools, and contemporary forensic labs, should also be available to assist law enforcement personnel.

c. Transparent and accountable law enforcement.

Increased accountability and openness in the law enforcement process should also be part of stricter regulations. To guarantee that there is no prejudice or manipulation in the legal system, that all offenders get the appropriate penalty, and to avoid abuse of authority, the government must establish a more efficient supervision mechanism.²⁸ Better protection and complete recognition of victims' rights are two other ways that the legal system might better respond to their demands.

d. Combating corruption in the legal system.

In many nations, one of the main challenges to the rule of law is corruption. Governments must firmly commit to eliminating corruption in the legal system in order to establish a more stringent and efficient legal system.²⁹ Stronger internal control of judicial institutions, severe penalties for corrupt officials, and the development of an anti-corruption culture within law enforcement organizations may all help accomplish this.

Parental Strategies in Supervising Underage Use of Social Media.

²⁵Dio Frananda, "Strategi Penyidik Mengatasi Kendala Dalam Mengumpulkan Alat Bukti Tindak Pidana Pornografi Melalui Media Elektronik," *Svara Justisia* 5, no. 3 (2021): 212–14.

²⁶Nunung Nugroho, "Urgensi Pembaruan Hukum Kitab Undang-Undang Hukum Pidana Dalam Dinamika Masyarakat Indonesia," *Jurnal Spektrum Hukum* 14, no. 1 (2017): 51.

²⁷Rahmat Aiman, "Hukum Dan Korupsi: Tantangan Dan Solusi Dalam Pemberantasan Korupsi Di Indonesia," *Peradaban Journal of Law and Society* 3, no. 1 (2024): 23.

²⁸Rian Ismi Wardana, Aldri Frinaldi, and Roberia, "Peran Hukum Administrasi Negara Dalam Penyelesaian Penyalahgunaan Wewenang Yang Menimbulkan Kerugian Negara," *Polyscopia* 1, no. 3 (2024): 115–18.

²⁹Aiman, "Hukum Dan Korupsi: Tantangan Dan Solusi Dalam Pemberantasan Korupsi Di Indonesia," 21–26.

Children are becoming more used to the internet at a young age due to the development of digital technologies. They often utilize communication applications, play online games, and use social media to stay in touch with the outside world. But there are also a lot of problems with the digital world, particularly when it comes to exposure to inappropriate information and online safety. It is the responsibility of parents to protect their children from these dangers. When it comes to teaching kids about internet safety and reporting offensive information, parents should take an active role. This endeavor may use the following tactics, among others:

1. Educate parents about digital literacy.

Educating parents about the digital environment their kids are growing up in is the first step in involving them. Due to their own lack of familiarity with contemporary technology, many parents may be uncomfortable about keeping an eye on their kids' online activities. Thus, it is essential that communities, schools, or other relevant organizations provide parents with digital skills training. These courses educate parents on the fundamentals of internet use, online safety, and the risks that kids may encounter. It's also important to educate kids about the safety aspects of the applications, games, and platforms they regularly use, such as privacy settings, parental controls, and the option to report offensive information.³⁰

2. Establish rules for social media use.

Parents should establish consistent and unambiguous guidelines for their children's use of social media, including time limitations and account monitoring. These actions will educate kids about good morality, time management, and not being careless during worship. They will also teach them about the benefits of using mobile phones as a communication tool and the drawbacks of using them as online media.³¹

3. Teaching digital literacy and risk awareness.

A key component of assisting kids in understanding the advantages and dangers of social media is teaching them digital literacy. Implementing parent education and training programs, offering digital literacy tools and information, and fostering cooperation and education among schools, parents, and the community are some strategies to raise children's digital literacy.³²

4. Be a role model in the use of social media.

Teaching children digital literacy is essential to helping them understand the benefits and risks of social networking. Strategies to improve children's digital literacy include implementing parent education and training programs, providing digital literacy resources and information, and encouraging collaboration and education between schools, parents, and the community.³³ Additionally, parents need to act responsibly on social media and share both positive and negative social media experiences.

5. Strengthen open communication.

When it comes to social media usage, parents and children should have open and cooperative communication. When kids feel confident sharing their experiences, they are more inclined to post about their issues on social media. Parents must clearly explain to their children

³⁰ Desi Novianti, Yogi Bachtiar, and Dewi Anjani, "Pelatihan Literasi Digital Bagi Orang Tua: Langkah Menuju Keluarga Cerdas Digital," *Jurnal Hasil Karya Pengabdian Masyarakat: Kegiatan Positif* 1, no. 4 (2023): 252–56.

³¹ Cucu Komariah et al., "Peran Orang Tua Dalam Pembinaan Akhlak Anak Melalui Media Internet," *Edukatif* 7, no. 1 (2021): 27–31.

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the value of forming human connections in the digital world as well as online safety and privacy.³⁴

CONCLUSION

Online child pornography is a complicated and alarming problem that includes many types of online and technological abuse. Technological advances that enable organizations to distribute illicit information and profit from their activities are contributing to an increase in child pornography cases. Sexual violence, which is prevalent on social media and other online platforms, is a kind of assault against children's rights in addition to being a moral transgression. It takes a complete strategy to address these problems, one that involves teaching educators, parents, and kids about cybersecurity so that everyone involved is aware of the risks and dangers associated with the internet.

According to Islam, children are deserving of compassion and care, as well as appropriate education, safety, and attention. Children's exploitation also goes against the principles and values emphasized in the Koran and Hadith, which stress the need of shielding children from all types of abuse and exploitation. Quranic and Hadith verses highlight the need of all people, particularly parents and authorities, to protect children from internet dangers, including sexual exploitation. As a result, implementing Islamic principles in child protection may contribute to the creation of a community that is safe and caring for coming generations.

It is crucial to inform the public—parents and children in particular—about the dangers of pornography and its detrimental effects on mental and emotional well-being as well as views on children's sexuality in order to resolve this issue. Teachers who are prepared to teach this delicate subject may assist students in forming a positive conception of sexuality. Furthermore, social media campaigns and community discussion groups may aid in the dissemination of knowledge on the detrimental effects of pornography. using a comprehensive strategy that involves communities, educators, and parents to educate the next generation healthy sexuality, how to form healthy relationships, and how to defend themselves against the harmful impacts of pornography.

At the national and international levels, governments, non-governmental organizations, tech corporations, and law enforcement agencies are working to stop the spread of child pornography in the digital era. Through programs like the WePROTECT Global Alliance, major digital corporations are working with authorities to discover unlawful material using artificial intelligence and surveillance technology. Public awareness is crucial as educational initiatives run by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) like ECPAT International raise awareness of the risks associated with child pornography.

Therefore, in order to solve these issues, stricter rules are required. Legally speaking, the biggest challenges are the absence of suitable legislation, the uneven application of the law, and the dearth of assistance for crime victims. Increasing the capability of law enforcement officials via specialized training and suitable technology, updating laws to reflect the difficulties of contemporary crime, and making laws open and responsible are all necessary to overcome these barriers. Law enforcement is one of the stronger measures we need.

In today's digital world, parents are essential in shielding their children from inappropriate information and internet safety hazards. Increasing parents' digital literacy, establishing guidelines for social media usage, and using parental controls on kids' gadgets are some viable tactics. Strengthening children's digital literacy is also necessary to help them understand the advantages and dangers of social media.

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