

**Publication Letter to the Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy:
Justifying Pornography Use: An Exploratory Analysis of the Moderating Effect of
Relationship Satisfaction**

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R. Taylor Segraves, MD, PhD, Editor
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Dear Dr. Segraves,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our manuscript, titled *Justifying Pornography Use: An Exploratory Analysis of the Moderating Effect of Relationship Satisfaction*, for publication review. This article fills a gap in the literature to address whether religious pornography users justify their use when they are dissatisfied in their relationship. The major finding from this exploratory analysis was that frequency of pornography use is not conditional on relationship satisfaction. This manuscript also confirms prior research on moral incongruence and frequency of use. A noteworthy discovery, which we included as part of the discussion, is that moral disapproval decreased among women who use pornography and who were more satisfied in their committed relationship. This confound may help spur additional research in the area of pornography use and relationships.

The readers of *Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy* will appreciate this article because it offers helping professionals' additional considerations when working with individuals and couples who use pornography. For example, the authors theorized that clinicians may be able to moderate frequency of use by focusing treatment on improving relationships satisfaction. Unfortunately, the data does not show satisfaction to be correlated with pornography use.

Thank you for reviewing this article and I would be happy to answer any questions you have to help move this to publication.

Sincerely,
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