

CAUSE NO. 2019CI09367

DONALD L. HILTON JR  
Plaintiff

VS.

NICOLE PRAUSE and LIBEROS LLC  
Defendants§  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

408<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**AFFIDAVIT OF ALEXANDER RHODES**

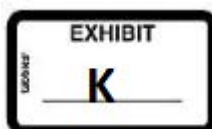
My name is Alexander Rhodes. I am older than 18 years of age, I am of sound mind, I have never been convicted of a felony, I am personally familiar with the facts stated herein, and I am fully capable of making this affidavit. I swear under penalty of perjury that the statements contained herein are based on my personal knowledge and are true and accurate.

In 2011, I founded *NoFap*® while I was a student at the University of Pittsburgh. *NoFap* is a website that helps people overcome compulsive Internet pornography use (often referred to as porn addiction). As of June 05, 2019, our online forum at NoFap.com has 241,766 members and our Reddit.com-hosted “subreddit” page has 446,220 subscribers. Our usership, social media following, and web traffic currently make us one of the most popular online destinations for people who struggle with compulsive porn use.

Dr. Nicole Prause appears to vehemently disagree with the concept of “porn addiction” and has expressed criticism of me and my website since as early as May 30, 2016. On July 8, 2016, in response to an article published in *The New York Times* about my work, Dr. Prause referred to me on Twitter as “some neckbeard on the internet.” Her criticisms and insults continued, such as on September 28, 2016 (calling me a “fake”) and October 5, 2016 (“goofiness/profitteering” and “anti-masturbation fake claims of ‘superpowers’ from stopping healthy habit”). A true and accurate copy of these statements is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A”.

Since then, Dr. Prause has escalated from occasional criticism or insults about me to unrelenting defamation. For example:

1. On October 4, 2016, I expressed doubt on Twitter about Dr. Prause’s dubious claims that another porn-skeptic, Gary Wilson of Oregon, physically stalked her outside of her residence. To poke fun at what I perceived, and continue to perceive, as a false allegation, I posted to Twitter in response to @YourBrainOnPorn a humorous photograph of a man hiding in a bush. Alongside the image, I asked @YourBrainOnPorn, “How did you get to another state so quickly to stalk? You also behind all of the mysterious clown sightings?” I retrieved the image, which was used in parody, via a web image search engine. In response, **Dr. Prause falsely claimed “under penalty of perjury” that she was authorized to act on behalf of the copyright holder, and submitted a DMCA takedown on the Twitter post, successfully censoring my criticism.** Dr. Prause has publicly mischaracterized my disbelief of her farfetched claims that Gary Wilson physically stalks her as sexism, encouraging stalking, and



threatening stalking. For example, she falsely characterized my skepticism of her allegations as **“encouraging stalking by Wilson”** in an infographic that she often shared online as an example of “Anti-Porn Activists Sexism.” A true and accurate copy of these statements is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit “B”.

2. On December 12, 2016, Dr. Prause published the following libel about my website on Twitter: **“@NoFap calendar (an untested anti-porn profiteer) drove gay teen to suicidal feelings,”** citing a story that had nothing to do with myself or my website and didn’t even mention “NoFap” in any instance/medium of media. A true and accurate copy of this statement is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit “C”.

3. In March of 2018, I believe that Dr. Prause or an associate of Dr. Prause **edited Wikipedia’s page about my website.** The editor’s accounts were all banned for “sockpuppetry,” which Wikipedia defines as improperly using multiple accounts to “deceive or mislead other editors, disrupt discussions, distort consensus ... or otherwise violate community standards and policies.” In addition to editing a very limited number of pages about porn addiction and the page about NoFap, these illicit accounts also made copious and highly flattering additions to Wikipedia’s page about Dr. Nicole Prause. The edits to the page about NoFap included **removing a positive reference that describes benefits of abstaining from pornography,** along with adding this grossly inaccurate representation of a graduate student research paper: **“Recent peer-reviewed data highlighted considerable misogyny and poor understanding of sexual relationships in this online community.”** In fact, this paper didn’t use the word “misogyny” to describe the website or its users once. It was an analysis of comments posted in just the first 10 threads (a tiny amount, considering there are 100,000s of threads in total) that appear under a search for “masculinity” on our social media subreddit, not the main website itself. It was not a quantitative (or as Dr. Prause put it, “systematic”) study. The paper itself states that “we wish to highlight that the data presented is not intended to be read as representative of NoFap as a whole, but to present how some users express a particular investment in masculinity and its constitution.” A true and accurate copy of these statements is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit “D”.

4. On October 27, 2018, Dr. Prause collaborated with somebody I believe to be her friend, Dr. David Ley, to promote a *Psychology Today* blog post article, authored by Dr. Ley, insinuating that I and other porn-skeptics have tangible ties to Neo-Nazis and fascists. An editor at *Psychology Today* later removed my name from the article. On Twitter, she falsely claimed that NoFap **“repeatedly promoted Proud Boys for years!”** This was especially upsetting for me, as it occurred the same day as the Pittsburgh *Tree of Life* synagogue mass shooting. I grew up in this community and still reside in the Greater Pittsburgh Area. Choosing that exact day to collaborate in defaming me with an antisemitism smear campaign was inappropriate and distressing. A true and accurate copy of this statement is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit “E”.

5. On October 28, 2018, Dr. Prause claimed that a “NoFap member threatened to rape a scientist - never disavowed by NoFap.” While Dr. Prause described the person as a “NoFap member,” it was actually a Twitter user unaffiliated with the website whose account incorporated our website name “NoFap” in their display name without authorization. In fact, the Twitter user that she was referring to was previously reported to Twitter by NoFap and has berated me repeatedly, as well. She continued, “Still no disavowal/apology to me for **promoting someone to**

**threaten to rape me.”** Obviously, neither NoFap nor I had done anything to apologize for or disavow, nor had we promoted anyone to rape anyone. Dr. Prause also falsely claimed that “[We] **directly incite and fai[l] to address misogyny, fascism, and rape threats**” and that **“NoFap is [a] hate group.”** A true and accurate copy of these statements is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit “F”.

NoFap hosts a very diverse and inclusive community and explicitly forbids hate speech, threats, or calls for harassment/violence across the platform. Any tangible threats posted by a user on our forum, although I cannot recall any occurring against Dr. Prause, would be relayed to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. We think our website is noteworthy in that it specifically unites people from various backgrounds and beliefs together to overcome a common issue. It’s absurd to attempt to smear this website as a “hate group.” Additionally, the volunteer moderation team on the forums strictly enforces a set of rules, regularly removes rule-breaking content, and bans accounts that register to spread the type of content that Dr. Prause falsely claims that NoFap supports, incites, and promotes. A true and accurate copy of the relevant sections of NoFap’s forum policies is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit “G”.

6. On October 29, 2018, in response to @NoFap responding to defamation published by Dr. Prause, Dr. Prause called me a **“serial, misogynist harasser”** and falsely claimed that she filed a report against me, stating that she **“now [has] an FBI cyberstalking report.”** A *Freedom of Information Act* (“FOIA”) request to the FBI revealed that no such report actually exists. For days afterward, Dr. Prause posted defamatory comments on Psychology Today, under Dr. Ley’s article, including the following phrases:

- **“Promoting discrimination against protected groups.”**
- **“If you visit this website, you will be supporting and further misogyny, above and beyond the antisemitism evidenced from Dr. Ley’s original piece”**
- **“[Alexander Rhodes] is stalking women online in violation of no-contact orders.”**
- **“NoFap is happy to support the misogyny”**
- **“NoFap threatens to rape and stalk women”**

A true and accurate copy of these statements, the FOIA request, and the FBI’s response, is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit “H”.

7. On November 26, 2018, Dr. Prause **contacted a senior reporter at *The Huffington Post* to pitch a story about me**, falsely stating to the journalist in a public Twitter message that NoFap is an “anti-masturbation, anti-porn” group and that I **“long promoted” *Proud Boys***, and that **our followers threaten rape and stalking online**. (Note: I didn’t even know what the political group “Proud Boys” was until researching it after Dr. Prause falsely accused me of repeatedly promoting it “for years.”) A true and accurate copy of these statements is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit “I”.

8. On November 30, 2018, Dr. Prause on Twitter corresponded with a journalist at *NewStatesman.com* falsely stating that she had **“rape and stalking threats and harassment from NoFap and filed with FBI**. Will share report [number] [using Twitter’s private messaging

system]... **Founder Rhodes work w ProudBoys extremists, so worth getting on FBI radar. Scientists know NoFap misogyny well.**"

In response to a defamatory Twitter post by a pornography website *xHampster*, Dr. Prause reached out to them publicly: "NoFap followers also threatened to rape me. **Founder violated no-contact, joked about physically stalking me, & has FBI report for it. DM me if you want report number to add.**"

**Again, the FBI has confirmed to me through a FOIA request that the alleged report does not exist.** Nor does a no-contact legal order exist that I could possibly violate. A true and accurate copy of these statements is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit "J".

9. On March 11, 2019, in response to an article quoting me published in *The Guardian*, Dr. Prause publicly stated that the journalist Amy Fleming was "conned by fake experts" and **posted a photograph of me (with my full name included) alongside of "There are actual experts who study this topic & don't threaten to rape & stalk women"** (tagging the journalist and *The Guardian*, admonishing them to check their sources). A true and accurate copy of these statements is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit "K".

Dr. Prause's numerous allegations are false and defamatory. The allegations about rape threats and stalking are particularly offensive. A *FOIA* request to the FBI revealed that Dr. Prause didn't actually file any false or frivolous report about me, contrary to what she alleges and attempted to get published by media outlets. Any direct communication between Dr. Prause and myself has occurred publicly through the social media website Twitter.com. I have never met Dr. Prause in-person or attempted to communicate with Dr. Prause through any private medium such as email, text message, phone call, social media direct message, letter, etc. Furthermore, I have never initiated public Twitter communication with or about Dr. Prause outside of infrequent refutations to her escalating insults and defamation. I would never willingly subject myself to unnecessary communication with Dr. Prause. Therefore, any existence of or need for a "no-contact order" against me is entirely fictitious.

I have never supported or promoted misogyny, antisemitism, or other forms of discrimination against protected groups. I have never been affiliated with or promoted "Proud Boys". I have never supported, incited, or promoted anyone to send anyone else stalking threats or rape threats. I have never been subject to a no-contact or restraining order from anyone. I have never threatened to stalk anyone. I have never threatened to rape anyone. I have never stalked anyone online or offline.

Further affiant sayeth not.

VERIFICATION

STATE OF Pennsylvania §  
COUNTY OF Allegheny §

Before me, the undersigned Notary, Thomas Weifenbaugh, on this 10 day of June, ~~2020~~ <sup>2019</sup>, personally appeared Alexander Rhodes, known to me to be a credible person and of lawful age, who being by me first duly sworn, on his oath, deposes and says:

“My name is Alexander Rhodes. I am capable of making this verification. I have read the affidavit, and the facts stated in it are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.”

Alexander Rhodes  
Alexander Rhodes

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 10 day of June, 20 19.

Thomas Weifenbaugh  
Notary Public in and for  
the State of Pennsylvania

My commission expires: March 15, 2020

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NOTARIAL SEAL  
Thomas Weifenbaugh, Notary Public  
O'Hara Twp., Allegheny County  
My Commission Expires March 15, 2020  
MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES



Comment on **User's** answer to **Does pornography damage the brain? How does it affect them physically, psychologically, emotionally, hormonally, etc?**



**Nicole Prause**

May 30, 2016

This “anonymous” owns the Trademark to “NoFap” and is offering a number of “services” (i.e., make money off you). There is a reason his response is inconsistent with therapists and neuroscientists...it is not based on any facts.

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**David J. Ley PhD**

@DrDavidLey

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It's funny - past reports indicated **#no-fap** was started as a joke. Now, it's retroactively a compassionate mission?



**Internet Porn Nearly Ruined His Life. Now He Wants to Help.**

Alexander Rhodes, the founder of an anti-porn website, sets up shop in an abandoned church.

[nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com)

8:02 AM · 8 Jul 2016

1 Retweet · 5 Likes

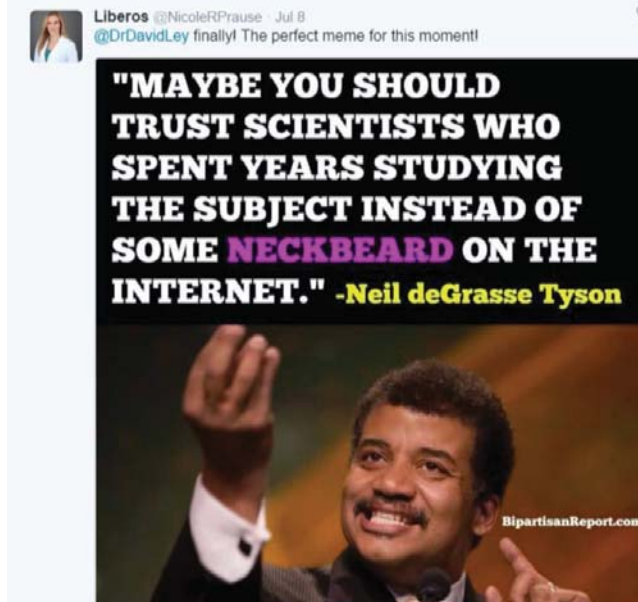


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**Liberos**  
@NicoleRPrause

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I'm picking up what Ur putting down, but rando person(/neckbeard) claiming prescient knowledge gets special distrust

**JayMan** @JayMan471

No, don't trust scientists either. But most people are too dumb to have a choice, so I get it. [twitter.com/nicolerprause/...](https://twitter.com/nicolerprause/)

10:55 AM - 8 Jul 2016

 Los Angeles, CA

**Alexander Rhodes** @AlexanderRhodes · 20h  
 @NicoleRPrause @DrDavidLey Maybe you should stick to your "science" rather than personal attacks against a person trying to help people?  
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**Liberos** @NicoleRPrause · 20h  
 @AlexanderRhodes @DrDavidLey I've welcomed any evidence of your proclaimed problem, but no one has ever furnished any. I stand by science.  
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**Alexander Rhodes** @AlexanderRhodes · 18h  
 @NicoleRPrause @DrDavidLey For evidence, what about all of these studies that @YourBrainOnPorn links to? [yourbrainonporn.com/studies-report...](http://yourbrainonporn.com/studies-report...)  
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**Liberos** @NicoleRPrause · 18h  
 @AlexanderRhodes @DrDavidLey You mean the unemployed blogger who has a police report threatening my lab and no-contact order for harassment?  
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**Alexander Rhodes** @AlexanderRhodes · 18h  
 @NicoleRPrause @DrDavidLey I know nothing about any of that stuff, but that doesn't refute the ~28 studies (conducted by others, not them).  
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**David Ley PhD** @DrDavidLey · Aug 21  
 One missed constituency of online trolls: the men formerly obsessed with porn, now obsessed w/ demonizing it.

(((Joel Stein))) @thejoelstein  
 My @TIME cover story on Internet Trolls is free for a while:  
[ow.ly/6jzL303mjws](http://ow.ly/6jzL303mjws) (As you could guess, I won't be on Twitter for a while)

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@DrDavidLey @thejoelstein @TIME I think the key is "unemployed". I don't see any with jobs or education, so it's full time trolling.

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1:10 PM - 21 Aug 2016

Los Angeles, CA





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@NicoleRPrause



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[@newscientist](#) calls out fake: "The site has been criticised for exaggerating—front page promises people superpowers"



**'I felt like such a slave': Why one man gave up porn for goo...**

Anti-pornography campaigner Alexander Rhodes, founder of "porn addiction" site NoFap, says "we want people to make educated decisions about how to use their genitals"

[newscientist.com](#)

10:14 AM - 28 Sep 2016





**Liberos** @NicoleRPrause · Oct 5

@Independent calls out anti-masturbation fake claims of "superpowers" from stopping healthy habit



**'It gave me superpowers': The men who say sexual abstinence chang...**

A man who gave up masturbation for 700 days says his abstinence gave him "superpowers". He is one of 200,000 men who have joined the "NoFap" o...

[independent.co.uk](http://independent.co.uk)



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Elated to have @Neuro\_Skeptic call out this goofiness/profiteering

**Neuroskeptic** @Neuro\_Skeptic

"Not masturbating gave me superpowers" [independent.co.uk/life-style/lov...](http://independent.co.uk/life-style/lov...) NoFap a case study in placebo, wishful thinking and group psychology

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**Alexander Rhodes**  
@AlexanderRhodes

@YourBrainOnPorn @JamesTherapy How did you get to another state so quickly to stalk? You also behind all of the mysterious clown sightings?



Twitter Support &lt;support@twitter.com&gt;

to [REDACTED]

 @AlexanderRhodes

Hello,

The following material has been removed from your account in response to the DMCA takedown notice copied at the bottom of this email:

- Image uploaded with Tweet: <https://twitter.com/AlexanderRhodes/status/783470929770799104> - @YourBrainOnPorn @JamesTherapy How did you get to another state so quickly to stalk? You also behind all of the mysterious clown sightings? <https://t.co/hCoX3SWt0m>

If you believe the material has been removed as a result of mistake or misidentification, you may send us a counter-notification of your objection pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 512(g)(3).

Please include the following in your counter-notification:

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- Identification of the material that has been removed or to which access has been disabled and the location at which the material appeared before it was removed or access to it was disabled.
- The following statement: "I swear under penalty of perjury that I have a good faith belief that the material was removed or disabled as a result of mistake or misidentification of the material to be removed or disabled."
- A statement that you consent to the jurisdiction of the Federal District Court for the judicial district in which your address is located, or if your address is outside of the United States, the Northern District of California, and that you will accept service of process from the person who provided notice under 17 U.S.C. 512 (c)(1)(C) or an agent of such person.
- Your physical or electronic signature

Please send your counter-notification to us as a response to this message, or as a new email to [copyright@twitter.com](mailto:copyright@twitter.com).

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We will forward a copy of your counter-notification, including the information required in item 1 above, to the complainant and Chilling Effects. BY SENDING US A COUNTER-NOTIFICATION, YOU CONSENT TO THIS DISCLOSURE OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION.

Please note that repeat violations of this policy may result in suspension of your account. In order to avoid this, do not post additional material in violation of our Copyright Policy and immediately remove any material from your account for which you are not authorized to post.

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## DMCA Takedown Notice

== Copyright owner: Matt Kel  
 == Name: Nicole Prause  
 == Company: Liberos LLC  
 == Job title: CEO  
 == Email address: [rcsearch@liberoscenter.com](mailto:rcsearch@liberoscenter.com)

== Address: 7080 Hollywood Blvd  
 == City: Los Angeles  
 == State/Province: CA  
 == Postal code: 90028  
 == Country: USA  
 == Phone (optional): n/a  
 == Fax (optional): n/a

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== Description of original work: Personal photograph of man in the bush in Australia

== Links to original work: <https://wordsfromtheview.com/2011/10/07/melbourne-the-nullabor-perth/>

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== Reported Tweet URL: <https://twitter.com/AlexanderRhodes/status/783470929770799104>

== Description of infringement: User used the image to intimidate Twitter user @NicoleRPrause about stalking. Associating this photo with stalking is completely inappropriate and harassing.

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== 512(f) Acknowledgment: I understand that under 17 U.S.C. § 512(f), I may be liable for any damages, including costs and attorneys' fees, if I knowingly materially misrepresent that reported material or activity is infringing.

== Good Faith Belief: I have good faith belief that use of the material in the manner complained of is not authorized by the copyright owner, its agent, or the law.

== Authority to Act: The information in this notification is accurate, and I state under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to act on behalf of the copyright owner.

== Signature: Nicole Prause

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@delmonater When not coercing sex stories from children, @FightTheNewDrug promotes sexism against scientists

**Neuroscience**

Anti-porn zealots and neuroscientist Dr. Nicole Prause

**WHAT SCIENCE SAYS ABOUT GENDER DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FEMALE NEUROSCIENTISTS**

- "Results suggest that for women pursuing STEM, feminine appearance may erroneously signal that they are not well suited for science" Banchevsky et al (2016)
- "Variation in feminine appearance has the potential to negatively impact the current national strategic goal of creating a diverse, welcoming, and egalitarian STEM workforce" Banchevsky et al (2016)
- "Progress for women in the sciences, including neuroscience, is still slowed by personal, institutional, and cultural gender biases" Society for Neuroscience (2016)
- "Only one in five papers published in Nature Neuroscience has a female corresponding author" Nature Neuroscience (2006)

**ANTI-PORN ACTIVISTS SEXISM**

🔥 "Miss Prause", "nicki [sic]" Gary Wilson, obsessed blogger yourbrainonporn.com	🔥 "Look at those shoulders" PBS NOVA comment
🔥 "His sidekick Prause" Marnia Robinson, blogger pornstudycritiques.com, wife of Gary Wilson	🔥 "Freak of nature" TEDx comment
🔥 "Child molester" Donald Hilton, anti-porn LDS author/activist	🔥 "Was that thing on stage a transgender?" TEDx comment
🔥 "Outspoken, funded by pornography" Senator Todd Weiler, Utah	🔥 "She looks like a drunk bitch" TEDx comment
🔥 "That lady" National Public Radio caller, male self-identified "porn addict" explaining neuroscience	🔥 "Blond bimbo dyke" TEDx comment
🔥 "Unlikely antichrist" Martin Daubney, Guardian journalist	🔥 "If they're not men's legs I'll eat two cows" TEDx comment
🔥 "Nice labcoat" @J_Kane, Senator Weiler supporter	🔥 "All of the mysterious clown sightings" Alexander Rhodes of NoFap encouraging stalking by Wilson
🔥 "Porn star" poster, rebootnation.org	🔥 "Idiot feminist" @WhiteDragon2016 NoFap supporter with "anti-feminist" bio

9:44 AM - 19 Dec 2016 from Los Angeles, CA





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New episode: Jehovah's Witnesses have risked millions trying to keep the names of alleged child abusers secret.  
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**The NoFap® Team** [@NoFap](#) · Dec 13

[@NicoleRPrause](#) [@DrDavidLey](#) [@reveal](#) I don't hear the name of our platform mentioned once in that segment.

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**The NoFap® Team** [@NoFap](#) · Dec 13

[@NicoleRPrause](#) [@reveal](#) While "counting days" is a feature of our website, that doesn't link us to anti-gay "conversion" counting days.



**The NoFap® Team** [@NoFap](#) · Dec 13

[@NicoleRPrause](#) [@reveal](#) Nice defamation though. The NoFap platform is used by many happy, shame-free LGBTQ users. We support them.

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Trey Bundy:	There was no greater honor for a Jehovah's witness. Howie was just 19 when he said goodbye to his mother and headed for New York City. When he got to Bethel, he realized that spiritual cleansing was going to take a lot of work.
Howie:	There it is. Hillside Park is on that side, too.
Trey Bundy:	I meet up with Howie in Brooklyn, so he can show me around Bethel. As we walk around the street, he tells me what it's like for people who live and work here.
Howie:	It's cleaning, it's construction. It's the printing. It's working on the presses. It's working cleaning the presses, it's working in the kitchen to prepare the food. It's working in the laundries and during the heat and the large loads of laundry and doing the work.
Trey Bundy:	Bethel's not a closed off compound. It's a collection of buildings spread throughout Brooklyn Heights, prime real estate right along the East River.
Howie:	You see the statue of liberty, we see the beautiful skyline. That picturesque skyline with the new freedom tower. We see all the beautiful brown stones that are now worth millions and millions of dollars. This was my neighborhood, this was my home. This is where I lived. I felt so fortunate.
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- Jim Briggs, "new sessions 002"
- Jim Briggs, "new sessions 001b"

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Howie:	This is not a place for children, never has been. Bethel is intended to get the work don and there's no facility for children. That has been a big cause for couples to have to leave and it is a risk you take. Obviously the Bethel doctor prescribes contraceptives for all the sisters, because nobody wants to have to go home because of having a child.
Trey Bundy:	The Bethelites live in dormitory style housing and they sign a vow of poverty. The religion takes care of their basic needs. For a neighborhood with 3,000 Jehovah's Witnesses, we rely haven't seen many of them on the street. That's when Howie tells me that this is intentional.
Howie:	That building is connects by tunnel to the 107 Columbia Heights building. It's connected by tunnel to the 124 Columbia Heights building. All these are connected by underground tunnels.

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[00:33:30] Howie: This is not a place for children. Never has been. It is only intended, Bethel is intended to just get the work done. There's no facility for children. That has been a big cause for couples to have to leave. It is a risk you take. Obviously, the Bethel doctor prescribes contraceptives for all the sisters because nobody wants to have to go home because of having a child.

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- 03:48, 24 May 2018 (diff | hist) . . (+968) . . Pornography addiction (→Epidemiology: There is now one representative sample study. Updated section to include it as the best sample available.)
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- 03:19, 24 May 2018 (diff | hist) . . (-391) . . Pornography addiction (→Further reading: Carnes' books were cited three times without clear rationale. Removed two.)
- 03:17, 24 May 2018 (diff | hist) . . (+6) . . Pornography addiction (→Epidemiology: It is impossible to conclude someone is "clearly addicted" from a questionnaire.)
- 03:16, 24 May 2018 (diff | hist) . . (-1,180) . . Pornography addiction (→Diagnostic status: Todd Love is described as an "addiction researcher". He has zero research training and no data publications. He represents another false appeal to authority to create a false narrative. The reference describing him falsely as a scientist is removed.) (flag references removed)
- 03:14, 24 May 2018 (diff | hist) . . (-603) . . Pornography addiction (→Diagnostic status: Repetitive. Exact same ASAM claim was described in section above.)
- 03:14, 24 May 2018 (diff | hist) . . (-1,105) . . Pornography addiction (→Diagnostic status: Dr. Richard Krueger section represents an appeal to authority. He was the only member of DSM with that fringe opinion, which is why it was rejected. To quote Krueger alone is deceptive to give the appearance of consensus.)
- 03:11, 24 May 2018 (diff | hist) . . (+106) . . Pornography addiction (→Symptoms and diagnosis: ASAM is a fringe group that also advocates "tanning" addiction. Requires recognition that, just below, no other org shares ASAM view)
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- 17:20, 20 November 2017 (diff | hist) . . (+645) . . Talk:Sexual addiction (→Diagnosis)
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However, the German behavioral economist Alec Sproten from the University of Heidelberg conducted a survey which indicated that abstaining from pornography led to subjects feeling more altruistic, conscientious and willing to take more risky actions than they did before. <ref>Wolking, Sebastian (2016): http://www.unicum.de/de/studentenleben/liebe-sex/nofap-die-porno-verweigerer</ref> His results have yet to undergo the peer-review process, so they have not been scientifically approved.

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# 'I want that power back': Discourses of masculinity within an online pornography abstinence forum

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## Abstract

This article examines the ways that men actively construct masculinity within an online pornography-abstinence reddit forum, NoFap. Of central interest is how members of NoFap negotiate possible contradictions between abstinence and presenting themselves as masculine subjects. Utilizing discourse analysis, we illustrate the ways in which forum members employ idealized discourses of innate masculinity and the need for 'real sex' to justify their resistance to pornography use and masturbation. However, we also highlight the paradox of having to perform ostensibly innate characteristics, and the outright rejection of feminist critiques of pornography use as it pertains to masculine conduct. As such, this article offers an alternative approach to the popular 'user effects' paradigm that suggests that users reject pornography because of internal biological drives interfering in their lives. Instead, we suggest that some users reject pornography to reconcile pornography use with particular expectations of normative masculinity.

## Keywords

Abstinence, discourse, masculinity, feminism, pornography

As with the debates around pornography itself, the history of pornography research is characterized by extremes in positions and approaches, particularly around negative user effects. For example, some scholars suggest that men (almost exclusively) can be incited to commit violent sexual acts as a result of viewing misogynistic pornography (DeKeseredy, 2015; Foubert et al., 2011;

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Masturbation may well be one of the healthiest human sexual behaviors.


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In recent years, we've seen the return of a strange, antiquated belief system that claims that masturbation results in weakness, loss of manhood, and psychological damage. There's nothing really new about this belief – Swiss physician Samuel Tissot promoted the idea in 1760, arguing that semen was an essential oil, the loss of which resulted in decreased strength, memory, reason and morality. Benjamin Rush, a physician and signer of The Declaration of Independence, treated masturbation with leeches and claimed it caused blindness and mental disturbance. Graham and Kellogg, 19th Century physicians invented bland foods like corn flakes and graham crackers to curb the desire to masturbate (I think that Graham didn't anticipate s'mores, which are actually pretty sexy). Kellogg advocated a host of punitive, restrictive measures to prevent children from masturbating, and was an early advocate for circumcision, arguing that it would reduce male masturbation. Christian arguments against the sin of onanism are now understood as a misinterpretation of the story of Onan, which is truly a condemnation of selfishness and depriving a widow and children of inheritance, not actually a condemnation against masturbation. The DSM-I, published in the 1950's by the American Psychiatric Association offered the diagnostic code of 317.1 for the "mental health disorder" of masturbation. But, modern society seemed to have moved away from open condemnation of the dangers of self-pleasure. At least it did, for a few decades.

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Just in the past couple of years, we've seen the explosive rise of numerous groups and figures also advocating against the dangers of masturbation:

- Your Brain on Porn and Reboot Nation are also online groups who argue that masturbation to pornography results in neurological changes which desensitize a person's brain to real sex, cause [erectile dysfunction](#), and instill an addiction to Internet pornography. They promote the idea of a 90-day period of abstinence from sex and masturbation, in order to "reboot" the brain, like resetting it back to the original specs before you started watching porn (In case you were wondering this isn't actually how brains work – we never go back, only forward in or neurological development).
- Numerous modern religious communities have condemned masturbation, especially to pornography. Brigham Young University, a Mormon school, spent what appears to be a great deal of money to produce a [public service advertisement](#) against the dangers and "darkness" of masturbation. For decades, Mormon bishops have conducted "[worthiness interviews](#)" of adolescents, centered on detecting and punishing masturbation, a practice now under scrutiny and challenge.
- Texas Senator Ted Cruz has taken on the dangers of masturbation, [arguing](#) in 2007 that US citizens "have no substantive due process right to stimulate their own genitals."
- Conservative psychologist and Youtube sensation Jordan Peterson, PhD., has suggested "[there's nothing noble about masturbating to pornography](#)."
- The Proud Boys is a group of young, nationalist males, self-described "Western Chauvinists," who have recently been connected to numerous hate crimes, including public [assaults](#) on gay men. A central tenet of the Proud Boys' belief system is the value of [#NoWanks](#), claiming that masturbating makes men less likely to get dates and a way to push back against modern liberal culture.
- David Duke, associated with the KKK and white supremacy, suggested that pornography was a Jewish conspiracy, intended to serve as a "weapon of revenge" against European (white) men and societies. Duke argues that masturbation in fiction and films is a "[metaphor for Jewish behavior](#)" and cites Breitbart, and alleged masturbation by "[asylum seekers](#)" as a way to argue against immigration. Duke implores his followers to watch a video by Gary Wilson, founder of Your Brain on Porn.



You may notice that, overwhelmingly, all of these concerns, both historical and modern, about masturbation are primarily focused on male masturbation. Rarely were these arguments concerned with female masturbation. Why? And why, with almost no exceptions, are the leaders of these movements all conservative, religious white men? Conservative media outlet Breitbart [sneers](#) at liberals who "boast of masturbating," apparently because they'd grown "bored of LGBTQI."




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Wilhelm Reich was an early 20th Century [psychoanalyst](#) who wrote [The Mass Psychology of Fascism](#) analyzing and criticizing the Nazi Party of 1930's Germany. Reich's book was so controversial that he was kicked out of the Communist Party that he had joined, due to concerns about angering the growing German power. Reich suggested that sexual suppression was a tool of fascism, a way to train young people to

submit to authority, even in something relating to their own body. (Note, Reich went on to have some kooky beliefs of his own, about, for instance, the mystical power of the [orgasm](#).)


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Turns out, #nofap #ProudBoys #ybop and #Fascism really are all connected. Who knew?




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Amazing. "We have NOTHING to do with fascist, racist Proud Boys!" Except our founder did an interview with their founder and we repeatedly promoted Proud Boys for years! 🤔 #ProudBoy #NoFap




**Dylan Reeve** @DylanReeve · Oct 13

It's fucking wild that The Proud Boys are a group centered around alt-right politics, chauvinism, racism and... Not warring.

NoFap was one of their founding principles.

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
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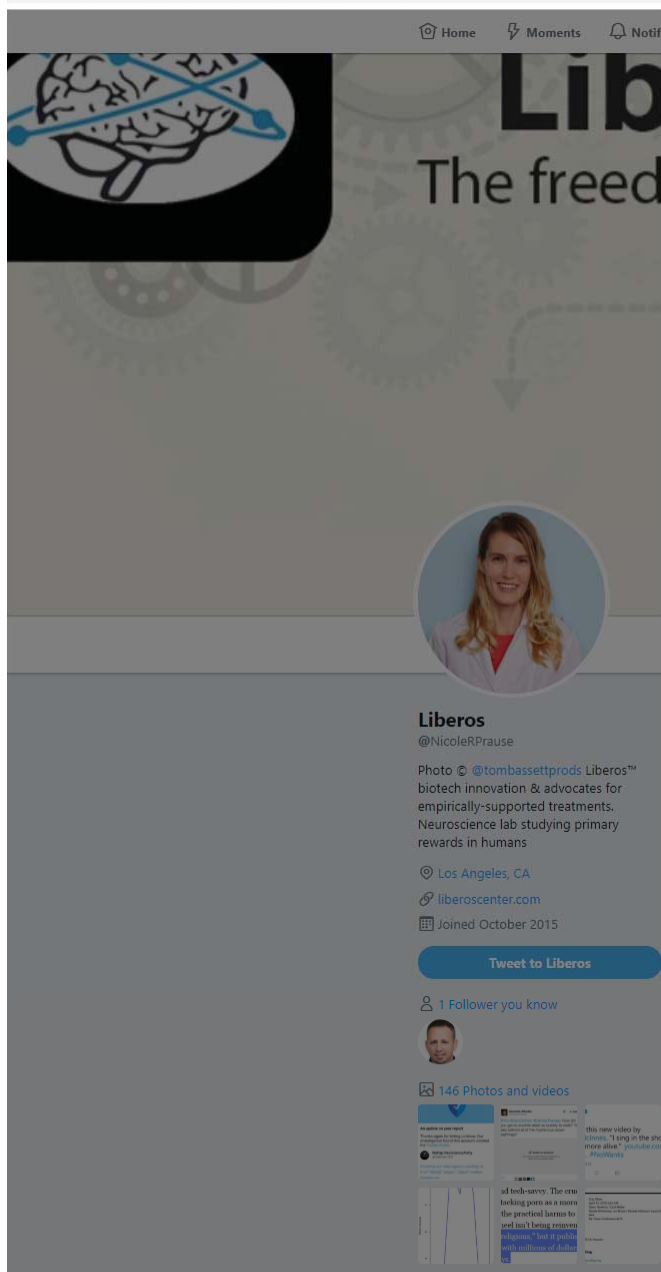


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


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Don't even get started on the NoFap misogyny and anti-semitism promoted on Gab. NoFap is a hate group.
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- NoFap.com** @NoFap · Oct 28  
We don't even use that website. But it's disturbing to see people use our site's popularity as a hashtag to spread hateful messages. I think it's important to differentiate NoFap from those who use NoFap's hashtag or name to spread messages that we would never agree with.
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- David J. Ley PhD** @DrDavidLey · Oct 28  
The sex addiction industry is morally culpable for the misuse of the concept by religious conversion therapists. They rarely publicly refute them, preferring to benefit silently. My point with this piece was to point out the dangers of your questionable allies.
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- PornHelp** @PornHelpdotorg · Oct 28  
Your article paints anyone who helps others recover from #pornaddiction as a supporter of violent anti-Semitism and racist hatred. That is ignorant, false, and deeply offensive. 1/
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As for moral culpability: (1) "There are wrongdoers harboring in your midst, so you're one of them" is a dangerous false logic that's led to the victimization of millions over the course of human history, including the very communities you claim to be defending in your screed. 2/
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(2) You took advantage of a deadly attack on a religious community to post an article deriding religious beliefs and trafficking an outrageous and disgusting conspiracy theory. Who has moral culpability?
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Actually he didn't. He was gathering information weeks ago. I know, because he asked me if I knew about the connections he was finding. He posted at the perfect time: hate from NoFap will lead someone to attack us, and it will be on you. Stop this now.

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


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**An update on your report**

Thanks again for letting us know. Our investigation found this account violated the [Twitter Rules](#):




**NoFap ResistanceArmy**  
@Valerian122

Violating our rules against posting `<a href="{link}" target="_blank">violent threats</a>`.

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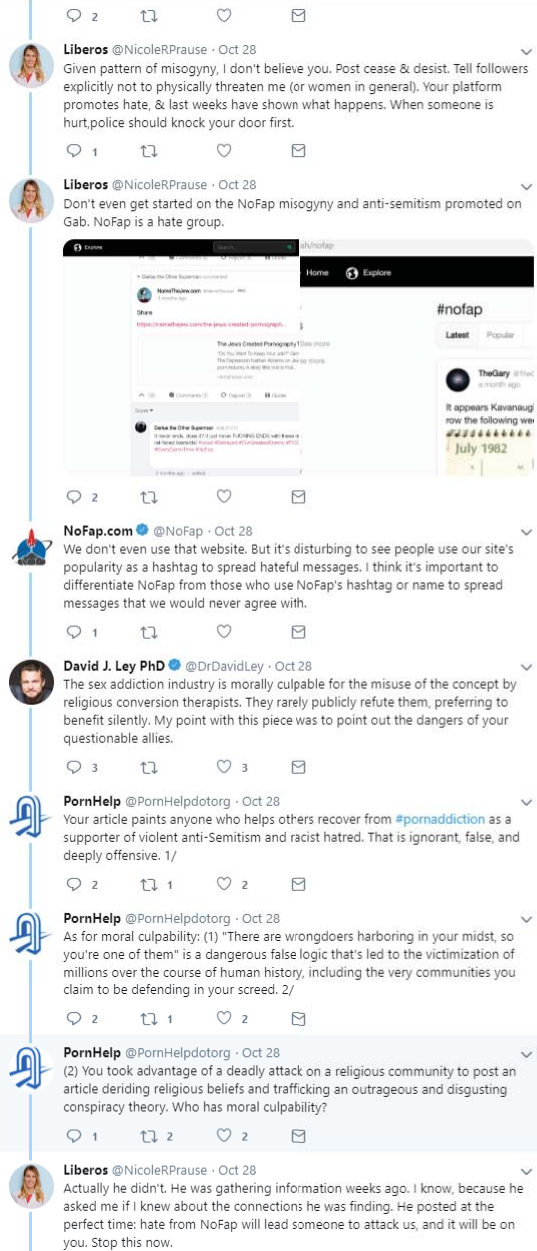
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
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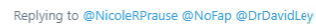
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We understand that there ongoing disputes between you & Wilson. He is a known porn critic. Live for now. & denied claim for business.com website





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Discussion in 'New to NoFap' started by TQ89, Dec 16, 2017.

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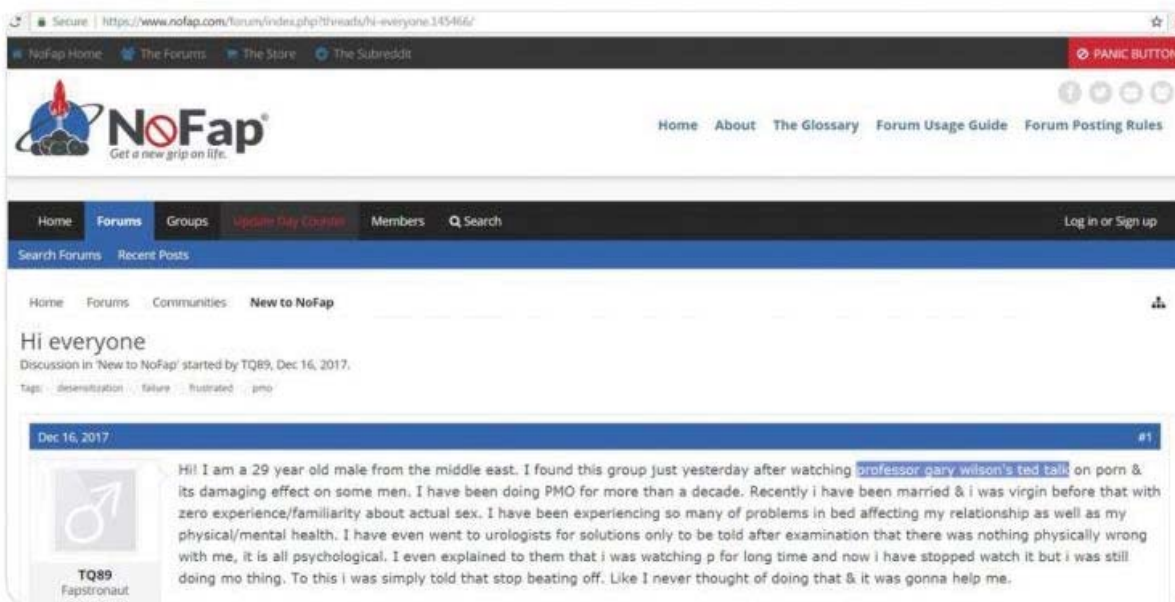
Hi! I am a 29 year old male from the middle east. I found this group just yesterday after watching professor gary wilson's ted talk on porn & its damaging effect on some men. I have been doing PMO for more than a decade. Recently i have been married & i was virgin before that with zero experience/familiarity about actual sex. I have been experiencing so many of problems in bed affecting my relationship as well as my physical/mental health. I have even went to urologists for solutions only to be told after examination that there was nothing physically wrong with me, it is all psychological. I even explained to them that i was watching p for long time and now i have stopped watch it but i was still doing mo thing. To this i was simply told that stop beating off. Like I never thought of doing that & it was gonna help me.



Replying to @NicoleRPrause @NoFap @DrDavidLey

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- Complete removal of your ability to post on NoFap (muting/banning) for any period of time, including permanently
- In the case of advertising or spam, the URL may be blacklisted from our network

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NoFap hosts one of the most supportive user-bases on the internet. Please help us keep it that way. Be nice to other users of our website, be helpful and supportive, be positive, and although you may not agree with somebody, always assume they are operating in good faith until proven otherwise.

NoFap is a porn recovery and sexual health platform. For this reason, NoFap's forums are more heavily moderated than other forums that you might find online. This is to keep NoFap porn-free and conducive to our goals of fostering an environment friendly to a recovering porn addict.

Do not post pornographic images or links to pornography. This will result in an immediate ban from the NoFap forum.

Please treat other NoFap users with respect. Avoid name calling, insults, and degrading comments. Do not personally attack other users. While everyone is welcome to express their opinion on the forum, please do so constructively. If you do not agree with something that someone has said, you are welcome to question it or challenge it. However blatant attacks on other users because of differing opinions or morals will not be tolerated. This includes spreading your opinions of a particular user publicly on the forum, and/or using the forums to incite negative opinion against a particular user in hopes the moderation team will ban them. Questioning the morals or postings of another user is equivalent to publicly shaming them and will be subject to moderation action or warning. If you have concerns about a particular user, please contact a moderator privately through the Private Messaging (PM) system and/or report the user's posts with the report button.

If you choose to report a user, make your report privately. Publicly announcing that you are making a report or encouraging others to make a report will be considered trolling or a personal attack and will be subject to moderation action, especially if the user is not in violation of the rules.

Misogyny, misandry, racism, anti-LGBT, or any sweeping statements pertaining to every member of a demographic of people are not permitted. Although we may have differing viewpoints, we're all here to provide an inclusive place to help each other abstain from PMO. Particularly, threads attacking women and threads based in hatred toward a specific group of people are not permitted on the forum and subject to moderation action or warning.

If you reveal the identity of another user without permission, you will be banned. More commonly known as "doxing," it is against the rules to post personal information publicly about another user without permission from that user. Threats to reveal the identity of another user are also grounds for being banned from the NoFap platform. Personal information includes real name, address, family information, career information, date of birth, or other information about themselves, whether gathered via personal messaging or from outside of NoFap, in a bad faith attempt to harm the person in some way. If somebody wants to remain anonymous, let them remain anonymous.

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## What Were You Thinking?

Submitted by PornHelp Team on October 28, 2018 - 12:43pm

This is disgraceful. Of all of the weekends to publish a conspiracy theory equating wanting to quit porn to fascism and anti-Semitism, this isn't the one (really, there's never a good time for this kind of half-baked nonsense, but especially not now).

Let's be clear. People seek help with out-of-control porn use for lots and lots of different reasons. Many have no religious motivation at all, but rather look for help because of tangible impacts porn use is having on their lives. For others, religious belief (including, for some, the teachings of Judaism, fwiw) does play a role.

Implying porn skepticism amounts to a Nazi plot is not only morally abhorrent, it's also demonstrably false. Dr. Ley should know better than to make such irresponsible claims.

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## NoFap could be next; Hate group

Submitted by Nicole Prause on October 28, 2018 - 3:29pm

His timing is perfect. Hate speech results in hateful acts. NoFap has been promoting hate speech for years, including against specific women. There are scientific papers published about the misogyny in NoFap groups. Incel's have murdered. I fully expect one of these murders will someday be from these anti-masturbation anti-porn groups. HLeY is calling attention to their hate speech while they still have time to try to correct. It is past time to stop promoting hate speech on your platforms...or this is what one of your followers will do next. Stop promoting fascism, misogyny, and antisemitism.

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## Incel apt

Submitted by Nicole Prause on October 29, 2018 - 1:59pm

There is a peer-reviewed article on some of the misogyny in the NoFap community. Search:

"I want that power back': Discourses of masculinity within an online pornography abstinence forum"

This means it was reviewed by independent scientists confidentially. There is nothing wrong with choosing for yourself not to masturbate, but they spread intentionally fake news and are a for-profit. For example, I study the effects of porn on the brain and have some of the largest samples in this area in high-impact journals. If they mention my research at all, it's usually stating we found the opposite of what we actually found. These are not trustworthy sources and are promoting discrimination against protected groups.

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## Science documenting the misogyny from these groups

Submitted by Nicole Prause on October 29, 2018 - 2:05pm

"I want that power back': Discourses of masculinity within an online pornography abstinence forum"

This was a systematic review of the content in those forums. I believe Ley's point is not to say everyone must masturbate at some regular schedule. If you choose not to masturbate, just don't promote for-profit groups that support misogyny and advertise Proud Boys and other antisemitic groups. As far as I am aware, the only celebrity fan of YourBrainOnPorn is David Duke, which he described as preventing race mixing.

There are many ways to reach your goals that don't line the pockets of hate groups.

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## Peer-reviewed misogyny

Submitted by Nicole Prause on October 29, 2018 - 4:47pm

The fake-name account appears to want some of the quotes from the systematic-review paper posted. These will make very clear that extensive content on the NoFap website is misogynist. If you visit this website, you will be supporting and furthering misogyny, above and beyond the antisemitism evidenced from Dr. Ley's original piece.

## Scientist vs. anonymous blogger

Submitted by Nicole Prause on October 29, 2018 - 5:24pm

Scientist every time

There's was a peer-reviewed article. You probably wrote all of those yourself. I just discovered that the NoFap company account actually was being run by Alexander Rhodes himself, in violation of his no-contact request. So your actual founder is stalking women online in violation of no-contact orders.

You provide no evidence that their review was not balanced. As your cannot pass peer-review, I think it's clear where the problem is.

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## Peer-reviewed: you don't have it

Submitted by Nicole Prause on October 30, 2018 - 10:38pm

They reported their systematic approach, a point you proved yourself by posting their method. You disclose nothing, were subject to no standards, made no attempt to observe in any systematic way...that is the difference between peer-review.

So yes, get it published or stick to your blogs, but there's a reason you'll never be able to publish your ramblings: They are poorly reasoned. I suspect this is because you have a conflict of interest. NoFap is a for-profit site; they make money by scaring people into having a problem they don't actually have.

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## Avoiding the point to personally attack again

Submitted by Nicole Prause on October 31, 2018 - 12:22am

They passed a scientific bar in peer-review at a reputable journal. You can try to pass that bar. As-is, anecdotes likely written by you are not good counter-points to a peer-reviewed paper.

I am not coming here to be called names. Women can be misogynist the same as anyone else, unfortunately. I expect nothing less from a group with a documented history of misogyny. The comments from their paper are all still present on the website, so it seems NoFap is happy to support the misogyny, even when it's been identified by independent third parties with no conflict of interest.

## **NoFap threatens to rape and stalk women**

Submitted by Nicole Prause on October 31, 2018  
- 10:51am

As the misogynist,  
misrepresentations of this  
anonymous troll make clear, this is  
why I get rape threats and am  
stalked by NoFap followers.

I do not owe anyone an education  
on published science they refuse to  
publish themselves, so would  
encourage you to stop threatening  
female scientists online.

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## **Debating merits of a study makes me a misogynist/rapist/troll?**

Submitted by bart on October 31, 2018 -  
12:47pm

Wow. When confronted with  
study excerpts that refute your  
claims about the study you  
devolve into character  
assassination, name calling, ad  
hominem and playing the victim  
(even though you are no victim in  
this thread).

It has been very enlightening to  
observe your tactics and internet  
demeanor.

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First Name Alexander

Middle Name [REDACTED]

Last Name Rhodes

Suffix

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

Place of Birth [REDACTED]

## Additional Information

Hello,

It has come to my attention that an individual by the name of Dr. Nicole Prause may have submitted a fraudulent online complaint claiming that I'm involved in "cyberstalking" her to the **FBI**. I'm concerned that if a report exists, it would certainly contain false information, as I have never participated in any such thing. Furthermore, if a report does not exist, Dr. Nicole Prause is publicly stating on Twitter.com (<https://twitter.com/NicoleRPrause/status/1057018921574776837>) that she submitted a **FBI** report about me and is using this claim, along with other various smears, to libel me repeatedly.

For background, I created a website called NoFap.com. It primarily serves as a forum for people to discuss internet pornography addiction. I am regularly criticized, insulted, and now defamed by a sexual health researcher Dr. Nicole Prause.

Dr. Nicole Prause is alleged to have engaged in various types of defamation, cyber-stalking, and harassment towards a large number of individuals. Another person who works in the porn-skepticism industry, Gary Wilson of Oregon, has detailed a number of these incidents on his website YourBrainOnPorn.com.

<https://www.yourbrainonporn.com/relevant-research-and-articles-about-the-studies/critiques-of-questionable-debunking-propaganda-pieces/nicole-prauses-unethical-harassment-and-defamation-of-gary-wilson-others/>

My Freedom of Information Request is for the following:

- A confirmation about whether or not a report was submitted to the **FBI** complaining about me "cyberstalking", or any other similar claim, by Dr. Nicole Prause or any associate directed by her.
- If this report exists, for a copy of it to add to my documentation of Dr. Prause's continued harassment of me, and to provide a copy of it to an attorney for review.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

## Expedite

## Expedite Reason

Dr. Nicole Prause is continually engaging in behavior towards me which has been characterized as harassment. Furthermore, Dr. Nicole Prause is actively trying to get defamation related to this request published by mainstream media outlets.



U.S. Department of Justice

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
Washington, D.C. 20535

November 30, 2018

MR. ALEXANDER JULIAN RHODES  
POST OFFICE BOX 81015  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15217

FOIPA Request No.: 1423196-000  
Subject: RHODES, ALEXANDER JULIAN

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. The FBI has completed its search for records responsive to your request. Below you will also find informational paragraphs relevant to your request. Please read each item carefully.

Based on the information you provided, we conducted a search of the Central Records System. We were unable to identify any main file records responsive to your request and; therefore, your request is being administratively closed. If you have additional information pertaining to the subject of your request, please submit a new request providing us with such details, and we will conduct an additional search.

Please be advised per standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

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Liberos

@NicoleRPrause

NoFap's @AlexanderRhodes is on #TGMS with @Gavin\_McInnes to talk about how abstaining from PMO (rebooting) impacts life

3:30 AM · 4 Apr 2016

1 Like

1 Reply

marcus swayze @seattleproudboy · 4 Apr 2016

Replying to @NoFap

@NoFap @AlexanderRhodes @Gavin\_McInnes great show...my wife and I listened to the segment together and loved it, you have two new fans.

1:00 PM · 26 Nov 2018

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Tweet your reply

Andy Campbell @Andy8Campbell · Nov 26

Replying to @NicoleRPrause @Martina


Dr. Prause! Long time no chat! Let's definitely talk more about this sometime this week. You around tomorrow?

1 Reply

Liberos @NicoleRPrause · Nov 26

Yep, afternoon tomorrow is easy. You would have other good sources for a pitch too.

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**Is One Sexual Behavior Triggering Certain Groups?**  
Masturbation may well be one of the healthiest human sexual behaviors.  
[psychologytoday.com](http://psychologytoday.com)

1 Reply

Andy Campbell @Andy8Campbell · Nov 26

I'll bug you then! thank you!

1 Reply



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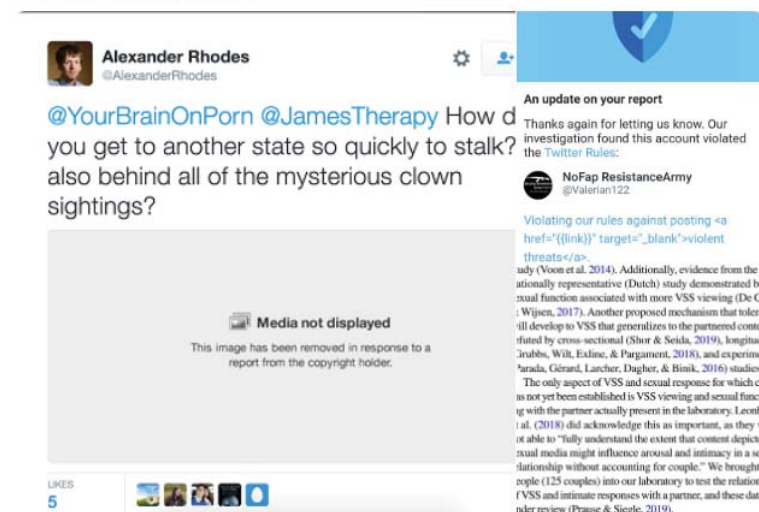


Replying to @Planographer @DrDavidLey

If @amy\_fleming wants to promote NoFap that threatens to rape female scientists, jokes @ stalking women (LAPD & FBI reports available), known for misogyny, & promotes pseudoscience, perfect piece.

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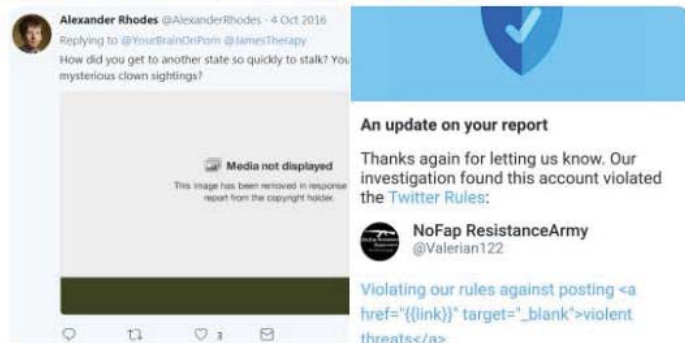
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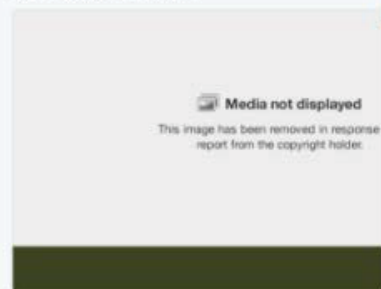
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Replying to @YourBrainOnPorn @JamesTherapy

How did you get to another state so quickly to stalk? You mysterious clown sightings?



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**An update on your report**Thanks again for letting us know. Our investigation found this account violated the [Twitter Rules](#):**NoFap ResistanceArmy**

@Valerian122

Violating our rules against posting [violent threats](#).

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**Alex Bayley** @alexbayleaf · Mar 12

Thought you meant eating disorders, and was like "huh, that's an interesting take" 🤔

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Replying to @alexbayleaf @HistoryOfPorn and 2 others

Author @amy\_fleming knows she was conned by fake experts.

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