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## PORNHUB EXPOSED: Whistleblower moderators speak out about being forced to watch 1200 videos per shift--an impossible task.

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Pornhub and its parent company Mindgeek are being exposed from the inside. Three whistleblower moderators revealed to Business Insider the way in which the company operated a moderation system set up for criminal sexual exploitation.

Pornhub has aggressively pointed to its human moderators in its defense against the discovery of a site infested with sexual crime, yet the whistleblowers revealed company practices that would amount to criminal gross negligence and reckless disregard for the safety of those being featured in the videos, many of whom have been discovered to be victims of sexual crime including child rape and abuse. Moderators revealed that they had to watch 1200 videos per eight hour shift, a task that is mathematically impossible. If moderators did not meet these strict quotas there were repercussions. "Our job was to find weird excuses to keep videos on our sites," Brian said. "And the rules could change." The stress of the job brought one employee to the point of "having panic attacks every week."

The moderators decided to speak out just days after an explosive report in the New York Times called The Children of Pornhub exposed the ways in which Pornhub has been enabling, promoting, monetizing and profiting from child rape and abuse. The in-depth report by two-time Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Nicholas Kristof, who has been called "the North Star of journalism" prompted Visa, Mastercard and Discover to investigate the claims by Kristof that Pornhub is "infested" with illegal crime scenes of children being sexually abused. Mastercard only days later withdrew the ability of the card to be used on Pornhub and all Mindgeek sites stating that the company's investigation confirmed sexual crime.

"Today, the use of our cards at Pornhub is being terminated," Mastercard said in a statement to The Washington Post. "Our investigation over the past several days has confirmed violations of our standards prohibiting unlawful content on their site. As a result, and in accordance with our policies, we instructed the financial institutions that connect the site to our network to terminate acceptance."

Shortly after, both Visa and Discover followed suit. Last year Paypal cut ties with Pornhub after the Sunday Times investigation revealed "dozens" of illegal child exploitation videos and images on Pornhub "within minutes" with some of the children "as young as three years old."

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Since February 2020 over two million people from 192 countries have signed the Traffickinghub petition to shut down Pornhub for aiding sex trafficking. Over three hundred of the world's leading child protection, anti-trafficking and women's rights organizations endorse the Traffickinghub movement as well as some of the most famous names in the porn industry.

The Traffickinghub movement is a non-partisan, non-religious effort to hold the world's largest and most popular porn site accountable for enabling and profiting from the mass rape and trafficking of women and children.

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