

Exodus Cry's Statement on Pornhub/MindGeek's False Accusations

In recent days, after being confronted by hundreds of thousands of people around the globe regarding Pornhub/MindGeek's complicity in the mass sex trafficking and exploitation of women and girls, the company has sought to gaslight and deflect from the crimes they have committed by making false accusations against Exodus Cry.

The accusations that the Pornhub/MindGeek executives are making in retaliation for exposing them to the global public are factually and categorically false. They are an obvious and nefarious attempt to distract from the evidence that this company is enabling and profiting from the worst kinds of abuse—including sex trafficking, rape, and the exploitation of women and children—and that they must be held accountable for their actions.

Exodus Cry is an organization built on a foundation of love, inclusion, and the protection of people from all backgrounds, religious or non-religious beliefs, ethnicities, and sexual orientations and identities. **We uphold the value that human rights stem from the inherent human dignity and value all humans possess, and we do not discriminate based on sex, race, class, political views, religious or non-religious views, or sexual orientations.**

Exodus Cry believes that every person deserves to be free from sexual exploitation and our work aims to make freedom a reality for every human being. Our advocacy, outreach, and legal reform efforts work to uplift and bring justice to all who have been exploited.

Join us in the fight to hold Big Porn accountable for the mass exploitation of the most vulnerable in our society. traffickinghub.com

"For too long pornography has been framed as a moral issue, but from over forty years of empirical research, we know that it is an issue of harm. Pornhub is in the business of commodifying and monetizing violence against women and children. There is no place for Pornhub in a world committed to sexual equality, dignity, and social justice."

Dr. Gail Dines
Professor Emerita, Wheelock College
CEO and Founder, [Culture Reframed](https://culturereframed.com).

"Every day, Pornhub is host to pornographic material that features racism, incest, and violence against women. The site is also known to have hosted videos of child sexual abuse and sex trafficking victims on several occasions. Human beings of all ages, races, genders, and sexualities are being abused while Pornhub pockets profits from selling said abuse and exploitation online. It's nearly impossible to stress strongly

enough the fact that these cases are far from anomalies. Pornhub and its parent company, MindGeek, must be held accountable for facilitating, promoting, and profiting from sexual abuse and exploitation. The grassroots outcry against Pornhub which is spreading around the world is long overdue and represents a powerful statement on behalf of the victims and survivors who have been—and continue to be—exploited for profit by MindGeek.”

Patrick Trueman, President & CEO, National Center on Sexual Exploitation

Dawn Hawkins, Sr. Vice President & Executive Director, National Center on Sexual Exploitation

“The blatant disregard in failing to protect the vulnerable is unconscionable—we must respond by asking questions underpinned by a critical analysis. If porn companies fail to adopt measures to verify the age and consent of those in their videos, what should be the legal recourse when content is found on their site(s) of children, teens and adults being raped or sexually violated? What might be the motives of porn companies who fail to verify the age of those accessing their sites? The industry produces abusive and exploitative content—how does this conflict with achieving genuine equality and validating the experiences of sexual abuse victims, particularly women? This petition is well overdue. It is quite astounding that an industry as big as porn continues to evade the most basic principles that underpin human freedoms as outlined by the World Association of Sexual Health Declaration of Sexual Rights (#5): The right to be free from all forms of violence and coercion.”

Liz Walker, Founder, The Youth Wellbeing Project

"Rather than judge any group by its religious affiliation (or its lack of religious affiliation) those of us at Prostitution Research & Education assess the quality of NGOs by their 1) ethics and honesty, 2) commitment to the facts, not ideology, and 3) their awareness and attention to the sex, race, and class inequalities in the sex trade which includes pornography, prostitution, and trafficking. PRE has worked with Exodus Cry in the past and we have found that they meet all of these qualifications. We would be happy to collaborate with them again."

Melissa Farley, PhD, Founder, Prostitution Research & Education