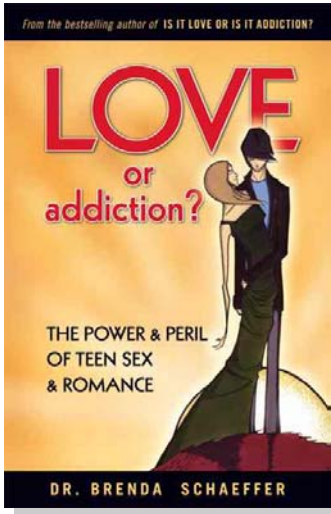




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FACT: 1 in 2 teens who have been in a serious relationships say they've gone against their beliefs in order to please their partner (Teenage Research Unlimited / Love Is Not Abuse Organization, March 2006)

FACT: 1 in 3 girls who have been in a serious relationship say they've been concerned about being physically hurt by their partner (Teenage Research Unlimited / Love Is Not Abuse Organization, March 2006)

FACT: 1 in 4 teens who have been in a serious relationship say their boyfriend or girlfriend has tried to prevent them from spending time with friends or family; the same number have been pressured to only spend time with their partner (Teenage Research Unlimited / Love Is Not Abuse Organization, March 2006)

FACT: 1 in 3 girls between the ages of 16 and 18 say sex is expected for people their age if they're in a relationship; half of teen girls who have experienced sexual pressure report they are afraid the relationship would break up if they did not give in (Teenage Research Unlimited / Love Is Not Abuse Organization, March 2006)

FACT: 1 in 5 teens who have been in a serious relationship report being hit, slapped or pushed by a partner (Teenage Research Unlimited / Love Is Not Abuse Organization, March 2006)

FACT: In a survey conducted by the Intelligence Group, Dateline questioned 500 teenagers across the country, ages 14-18, about their computer habits...When asked if someone they've met online has wanted to meet them in person, 58 percent said "yes" and 29 percent said they've had a "scary" experience online ("Most Teens Say They've Met Strangers Online", MSNBC Interactive, April 26, 2006.

FACT: More than 11 million teens regularly view porn online ("Protecting Kids Online." Editorial. *The Washington Post*, July 1, 2004).

FACT: 81% of parents of online teens say that teens aren't careful enough when giving out information about themselves online and 79% of online teens agree with this (Family, Friends & Community: Protecting Teens Online, Amanda Lenhart, March 17, 2005, Pew Internet & American Life Project, December 12, 2005. www.pewinternet.org/PPF/r/152/report_display.asp).

FACT: 65% of all parents and 64% of all teens say that teens do things online that they wouldn't want their parents to know about (Family, Friends & Community: Protecting Teens Online, Amanda Lenhart, March 17, 2005, Pew Internet & American Life Project, December 12, 2005 <http://www.pewinternet.org/PPF/r/152/report_display.asp>).

FACT: The Kaiser Family Foundation found that among teens online, 70 percent have accidentally come across pornography on the Web (Kaiser Family Foundation).

FACT: 32.8% of 9th graders have had sex (CDC, 2003)

FACT: About 9 million teens and young adults (ages 15 to 24) got an STD in the year 2000 (CDC, 2004)

FACT: 34% of boys 15 and younger think it's okay for a boy to pressure a girl to have sex if they have had sex before (NCPTP, 2003)

FACT: About 40% of 12th graders had had sex outside of a romantic relationship (National Institute of Child Health)

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