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ADOLESCENTS, INTIMACY AND DIGITAL MEDIA

CHALLENGES AND TOOLS TO CREATE RIGHTS

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GENERAL SCENARIO

The internet important part of adolescents' life (boyd 2008, 2014; Livingstone 2009)

The borders between online and offline spaces are disappearing into a continuum

The internet: highly sexualized environment

Sexual material is perceived as more accessible to minors than in the past (Attwood and Smith 2014)

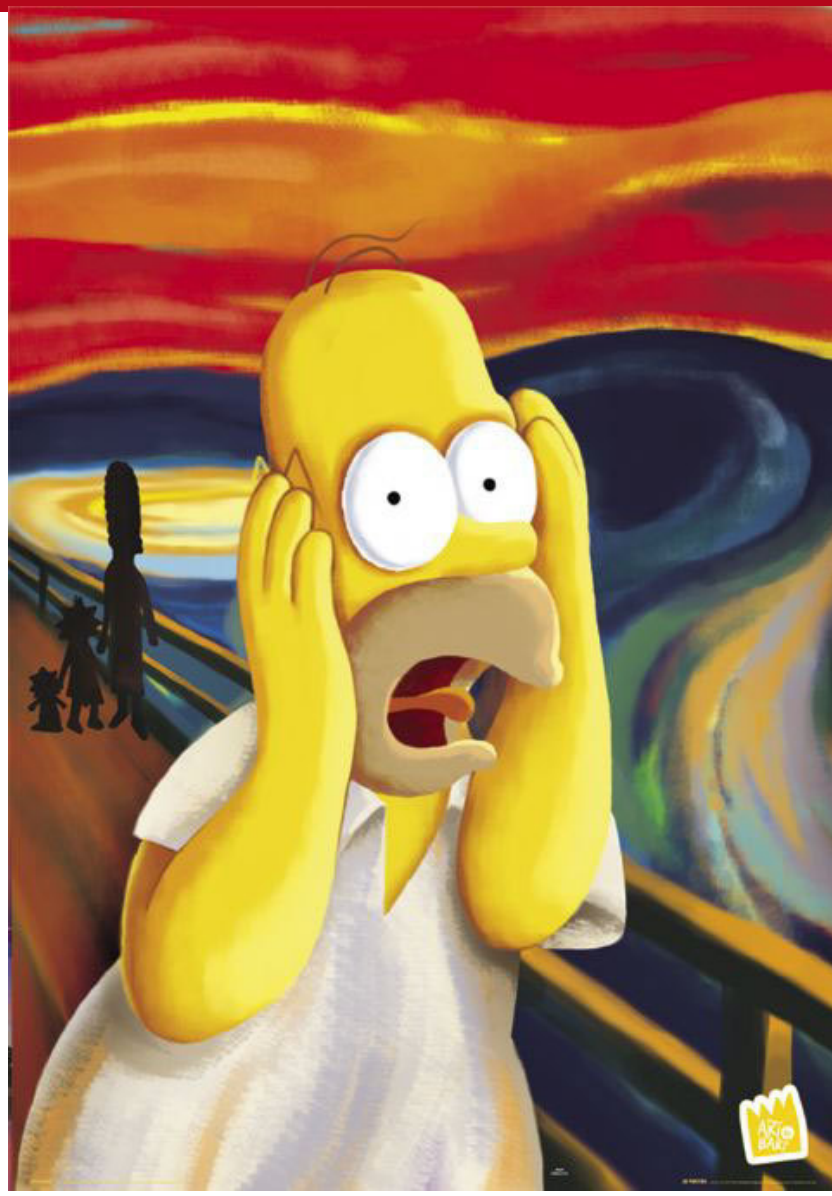
MORAL PANIC

From Socrates to the Internet

New forms of socialisation

Adolescent and agency

Researches and Effect-centred perspective



Social network sites, online games, video sharing platforms, etc. as instruments of youth culture. Every day youths grow up, fight for their autonomy and identity, in new words of communication, friendship and auto-expression (Ito et al. 2008)

Social differences and youth

Continuum online offline

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION

SCEPTICAL

Low trust about the Internet
Communication with family

EMBARASSED

No communication with the family and peer group
Reduced experiences

BALANCED

Digital and sexual skills

EXPLORER

Curiosity and "normality" borders

INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUALITY

Gender differences

To find information
Google: magic sphere

Enlarged peer group

Losing the face
"The mute friend"

Boys and peer group.

Ensuring function of the internet

INTERNET AND AROUSAL ACTIVITIES

Pornography

- Personal Pleasure
- Learning
- Discover Alter
- Gender borders

Triple 'A' Engine

- Accessibility
- Affordability
- Anonymity

INTERNET AND SEXUAL PRACTICES CONNECTED TO INTERACTION

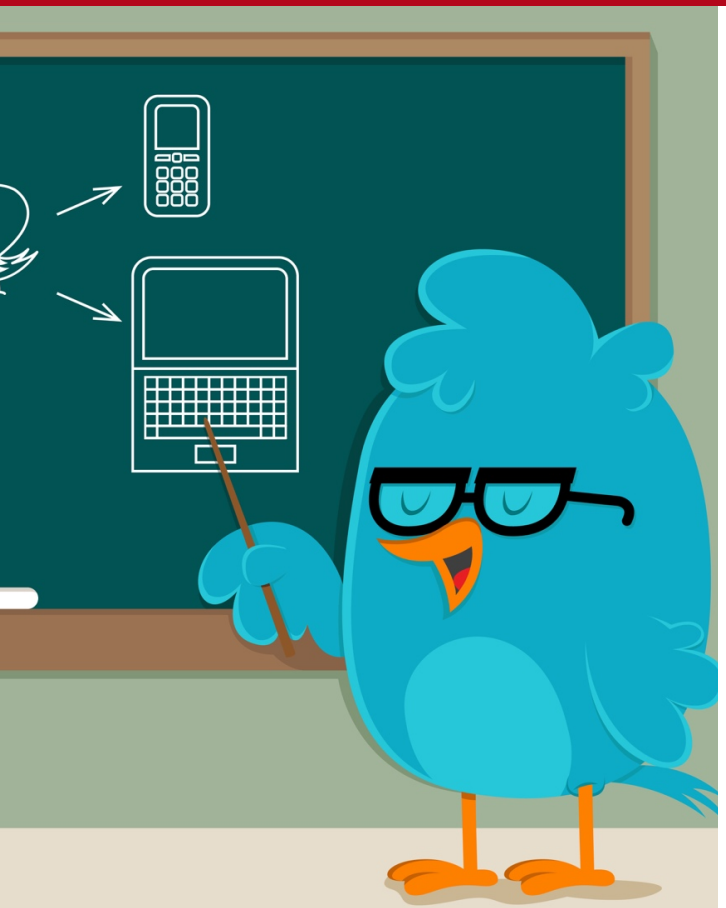
Cybersex
Unattractive practice

- **Their own space**
- **Losing the face**
- **Incomplete interaction**

Sexual interaction with unknown people/partner

Sexting

CONCLUSION



Continuum ON-LINE e OFF-LINE

Looking for a definition of "normality"

Working on identity
Digital media and bricolage work

Digital Literacy and sexuality

How to help adolescents to construct their own tools

CONCLUSION

Recognising rights
- **The right of sexual expression**

The importance of Youth's voices

Online/Offline risks – the connection with everyday life experiences and social factors

The role of education (differences, sex, digital media…)

The role of the parents
- **support the family**

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