TABOO OPINIONS #11

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6-14-04 I am continuingly and happily amazed at how pornography is conquering the world.

Today, for instance, I received the latest catalog from Direct Video and DVD, which offers the famous Paris Hilton homemade porno video (or DVD) for free if I buy \$100 of their products.

Here is a wealthy, upper class young woman in her early 20's whom nobody had heard of a year ago, whose homemade XXX porno video was suddenly offered to viewers on the internet, who became famous via that video, who was starred in a "reality" TV show about her (and her girl friend's first-time experiences on a farm) which was a ratings success, and who is now in a 'sequel' "reality" show which is a success...

Proving to all young girls in America (maybe most of the world) that nudity, sex-on-camera, and no shame are ok and may be the road to riches and celebrity.

I read stories of grammar school and middle-school girls who find nothing wrong with giving oral sex to their boy friends and dates.

I note that maybe ten years ago Tracy Lords, who was a porn star, became a lead in a few low-budget 'mainstream' films. At that time she had to renounce her porn past in order to become clean enough for regular films. The public morality and the 'decency' brigades demanded that.

Now, obviously, the Godsters, while thundering about the latest sex 'outrages' from their pulpits and cable channels, are so marginalized and powerless they cannot touch 'mainstream' secular entertainment.

And, believe me, the premium cable channels, especially HBO with its prime-time series---"Six Feet Under," "The Sopranos,"

"Deadwood," and "Sex and the City," are setting the rules and standards for popular culture.

And the 'free' commercial-filled TV networks are suffering from declining viewership as a result. They can show occasional 'dramatic' ass nudity and occasional side-view glimpses of tits, and their comedy shows can wallow in double-meanings and mildly blue sex jokes, but the government will allow them to go only so far under the unspoken and unwritten rule they adhere to: It's ok for an elite, intelligent audience to see and hear 'sophisticated' drama and documentaries, on premium pay cable channels, but the lower classes with their ignorance and stupidity and immaturity and easily aroused passions must be protected from nudity, ugly reality and free thought on the 'free' channels.

I could get into sex and 'basic cable,' and sex on the internet, but I weary of this topic at the moment. You see my point. Porno sex is becoming more and more common and acceptable and 'normal' to every level of the public...of all ages.

As Paris Hilton has proved, porno is a path to riches and celebrity---a lesson kids are learning. She is a role model for countless pretty girls.

And I approve.

My only problem is that I was born sixty-five years too soon!

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