

Regulating online spaces

Image based sexual abuse



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In today's lecture I'll discuss

1. The internet as a liberatory space: hopes and disillusionments
2. Image-based sexual abuse
3. Social media regulatory efforts
4. Legislator regulatory efforts

The internet: a revolutionary space for gender equality?

See: Haraway, Light, Plant



Thinkstock, 2015



Online harassment *types*...share *non personal* examples in chat
I'll start with doxing (aka doxing)

Terminology

Image-based sexual abuse

- McGlynn and Rackley





Dara Quigley's experience

 

Introduction

- > I. Violence and criminal behaviour
- > II. Safety
- > III. Objectionable content
- 12. Hate speech
- 13. Violent and graphic content

14. Adult nudity and sexual activity

Policy rationale

We restrict the display of nudity or sexual activity because some people in our community may be sensitive to this type of content. Additionally, we default to removing sexual imagery to prevent the sharing of non-consensual or underage content. Restrictions on the display of sexual activity also apply to digitally created content unless it is posted for educational, humorous or satirical purposes.

Our Nudity Policies have become more nuanced over time. We

Remedies

Four broad remedies emerging
(O'Connell, 2020)

1. Criminal Law
2. Privacy law
3. Copyright law
4. Image-rights

Remedies in Ireland

- Current remedies
 - Right to have one's data erased
 - Under 18: Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017. s12
 - Data Protection Commissioner
- Opposition bills
 - Digital Safety Commissioner Bill 2017
 - Harmful Communications and Digital Safety Bill 2017
 - Children's Digital Protection Bill 2018

The meaning of ‘harmful’.

Freedom of expression concerns



Government Online Safety Plan

- Debate and stakeholder consultation
- Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill 2019
 - Compliance and sanction powers
 - Criminal offences
 - Cyberbullying
 - Eating Disorders
 - Self-harm
- Harassments, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Bill 2017
 - distribution of intimate images without consent



Unanswered regulatory questions

- CCTV
 - Security measures must be in place to ensure that CCTV recordings are safe and secure, both technically and organizationally
- Reframing Irish Policing
 - to ground it in principles of human rights that include online and gendered considerations

Mother of journalist Dara Quigley calls for stronger laws on online harassment

Brian Mahon

Wednesday October 23 2019,
12.01am, The Times



Dara Quigley's mother Aileen Malone said legislation was urgently needed "to protect all vulnerable people"

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The mother of a journalist who took her own life after a video of her was shared



Thank you!

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