# MPs push to ban choking in pornography to tackle violence against women



Legislative efforts are underway to ban choking in pornography as part of a broader initiative to address rising concerns regarding violence against women and girls. An amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill aims to redefine extreme pornography to include ‘non-fatal strangulation’, as discussions among MPs highlight the dangers of glamorising such behaviour.

The proposed amendment comes in response to findings from Baroness Gabby Bertin’s Independent Pornography Review, which argued that the portrayal of choking in adult content has contributed to rising male misogyny. Shadow victims minister Alicia Kearns emphasised the importance of addressing this issue, stating, “To tackle violence against women and girls, we must tackle porn that promotes violent and misogynistic behaviour towards us.” Kearns pointed out that the glamorisation of strangulation may lead young people to believe that being non-consensually choked is a normal expectation in sexual encounters.

The initiative is also prompted by educational materials reportedly provided to teenagers in Wales, which included advice on seeking consent for such acts. This content, funded by Bridgend County Borough Council, received criticism from London’s victims’ commissioner Claire Waxman, who called it "deeply concerning."

The amendment is expected to be discussed in the committee stage of the Bill, with Tory MP Harriet Cross stating, “Strangulation should never be normalised. Too often, pornography blurs the lines between what is and can be consented to, and when this slides into dangerous or even abusive acts.” Cross echoed concerns regarding the negative impact of extreme pornography, particularly on younger viewers, highlighting the need to address distorted perceptions of what constitutes normal sexual behaviour.

As the legislative discussions progress, the focus remains on the potential implications of banning choking in pornography, with supporters arguing that it could help reshape societal attitudes towards consent and violence in sexual relationships. The outcome will be closely watched as campaigns against misogynistic portrayals in media continue to gain momentum.

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