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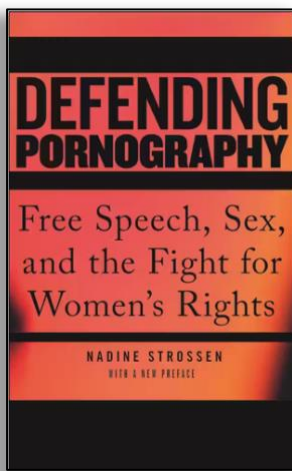
A new edition of a groundbreaking feminist defense of free speech for pornography.

Defending Pornography

Free Speech, Sex, and the Fight for Women's Rights

by Nadine Strossen

NYU Press | Paperback | 9781479829903 | 376 Pages | 6.00 x 9.00 in | \$28.00 USD | Women's Studies | On Sale March 5, 2024



Named a Notable Book by *The New York Times Book Review*, ***Defending Pornography*** examines a key question that has divided feminists for decades: is censoring pornography good or bad for women? Nadine Strossen makes a powerful case that increasing government power to censor sexual expression, beyond the limits that the First Amendment sensibly permits (for example, outlawing child pornography) would do more harm than good for women and others who have traditionally been marginalized due to sex or gender.

Strossen explains how the very anti-porn laws pushed by some feminists have led to the censorship of LGBTQ+ and feminist works, and she examines the startling connections between anti-porn feminists and right-wing fundamentalists. In an illuminating new Preface, Strossen lays out the multiple current assaults on sexual expression, which continue to come from across the ideological spectrum. She shows that freedom for such expression remains an essential prerequisite for the equality, safety, and dignity of women and sexual/gender minorities.

About the Author: Nadine Strossen is Professor Emerita at New York Law School and past national President of the American Civil Liberties Union (1991-2008). She is a Senior Fellow with FIRE (the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression) and an internationally acclaimed free speech scholar, activist, speaker, and media commentator. She is the author of several books, including *Free Speech: What Everyone Needs to Know*® and *HATE: Why We Should Resist It with Free Speech, Not Censorship*



Praise for the original edition:

“Anti-porn feminists have been cruising for a forensic bruising since the early eighties. *Defending Pornography* lands quite a blow.” ~*Entertainment Weekly*

“A passionately argued, cogently written, lively discourse on the increasingly peculiar politics of sex.”
~*New York Times Book Review*

“Proves without a doubt that free expression is an essential foundation for women's liberty, equality, and sexuality.” ~*Betty Friedan*

“Strong medicine for all those who would censor sexual expression in cyberspace.”
~*Jerry Berman, Executive Director, Center for Democracy and Technology*

“*Defending Pornography* is valuable precisely because of its lucid, broad exploration of the long debate over pornography.” ~*The Washington Post Book World*

“A triumphant (and sensual) view of women that stands in stark contrast to the bleak version of powerlessness and paternalism offered by her critics.” ~*Wall Street Journal*