IMAGE-BASED ABUSE: PREDICTORS OF PROCLIMITY AND MYTH ACCEPTANCE

Jenna L. Harewell, MSc, University of Kent - jlh65@kent.ac.uk Supervised by:

Afroditi Pina, PhD, University of Kent - A.Pina@kent.ac.uk

Intimate image-based Abuse (IBA) is a collection of criminal behaviours on the continuum of sexual abuse that include the non-consensual creation, distribution or threat of distribution of private sexual images (McGlynn & Rackley, 2017). The law commission is in the process of reforming the law surrounding IBA.



INTRODUCTION

- This is a follow-up to previous research exploring predictors of IBA myth acceptance (IBAMA)
- Sexual consent attitudes, sexual double standards, ambivalent sexism and sexting behaviour independently predicted IBAMA (and RMA).
- Consent is a key component of IBA but attitudes towards consent have not yet been explored in relation to proclivity.
- Perpetration research is still in it's infancy.

AMS

- Investigate predictors of IBAMA using the predictive model from Study 1
- Adapt and test a sexual-consent beliefs scale that includes IBA behaviours.
- Explore the relationship between the predictors/IBAMA and IBA perpetration proclivity.



877 Comments 25 Shares







METHODOLOGY

- Participants (543; 288 male, 229 female and 15 other) were recruited using Reddit.
- Participants were asked to self report IBA victimisation and sexting activity using dichotomous 'yes' or 'no' questions.
- Predictors examined: ambivalent sexism (Glick & Fiske, 1996), sexual double standards (Muehlenhard & Quackenbush, 1998), sexual consent (Hust et al., 2014) and IBAMA (Powell et al., 2019).
- The consent scale (Hust et al., 2014) was adapted to include additional items that pertain to consent surrounding sexual images.
- IBA proclivity was measured using the RPPS (Pina et al., 2017).

Multiple regression	Predictors	β
model for IBAMA		
explains 41% of	Consent Seeking	178***
	Consent Refusal	043
variance	Consent Adherence	240***
F (5,498) = 69.63, p<.001	ASI	.307***
	SDSS	.174***

RESULTS

• IBA was experienced by more than 1 in 10



 More than 1 in 4 had witnessed the victimisation of someone close to them.



 Some degree of revenge porn proclivity was reported by 15.3% of participants.

15.3%

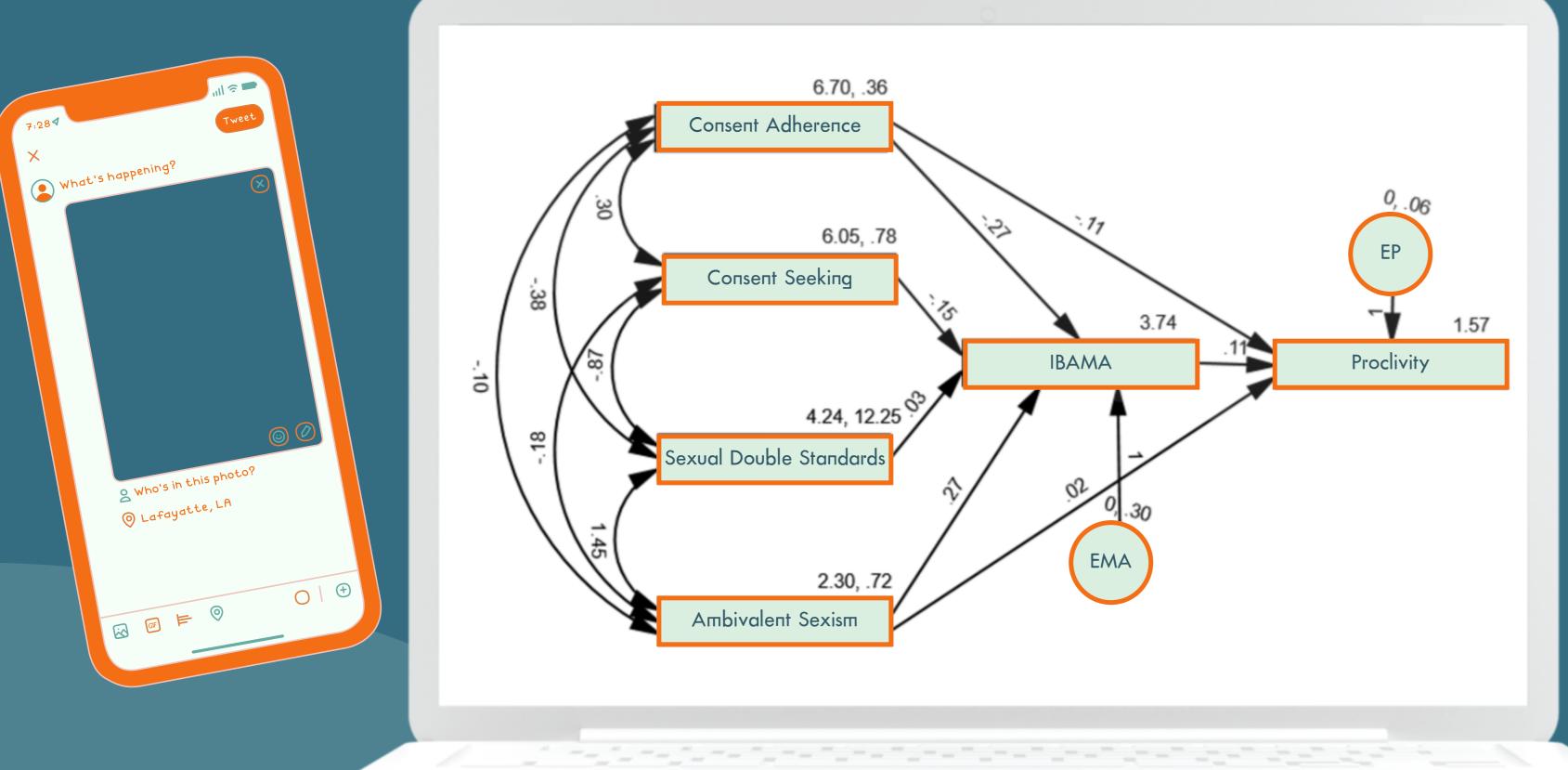
97.2% presented some degree of revenge porn approval.

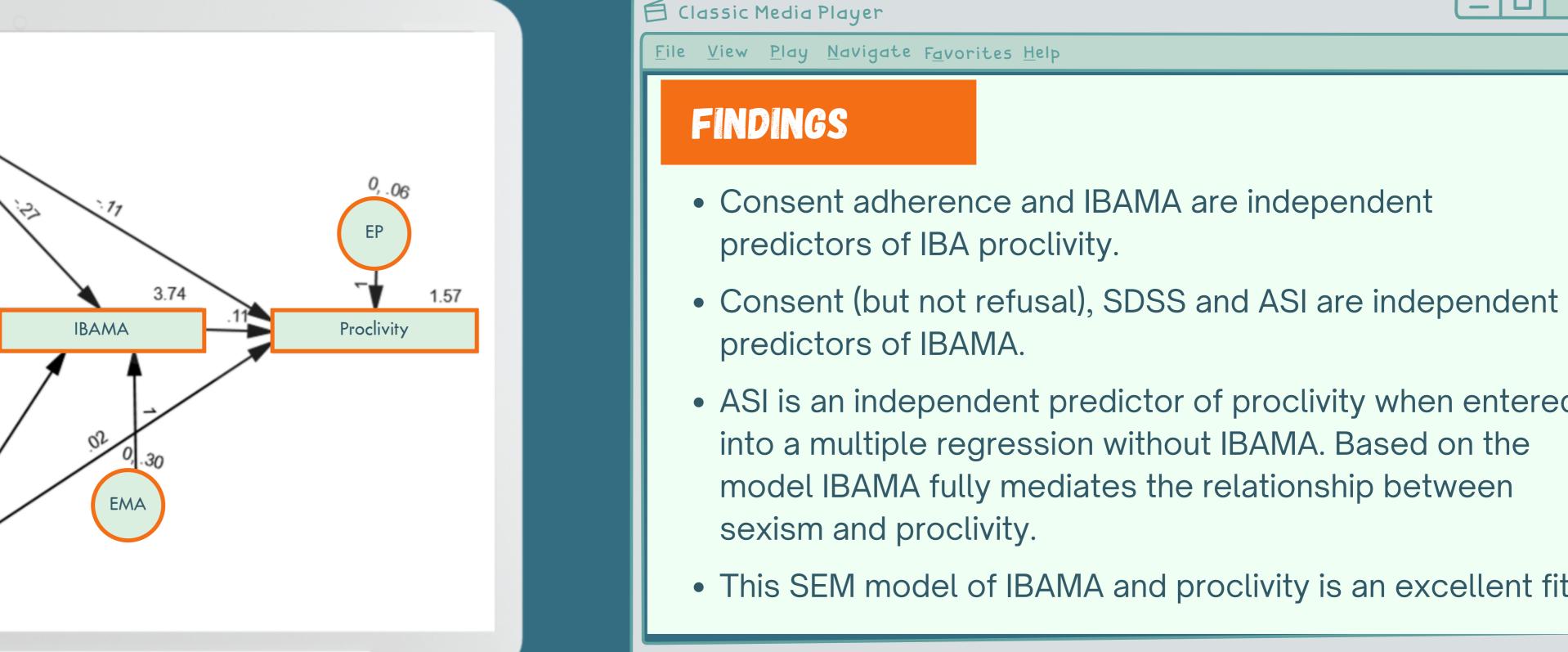
- There was a strong positive correlation between IBAMA and proclivity (r(540)=.41, p<.001).
- All predictor variables significantly correlated with IBAMA and proclivity with the exception of IBA victimisation and sexting activity.

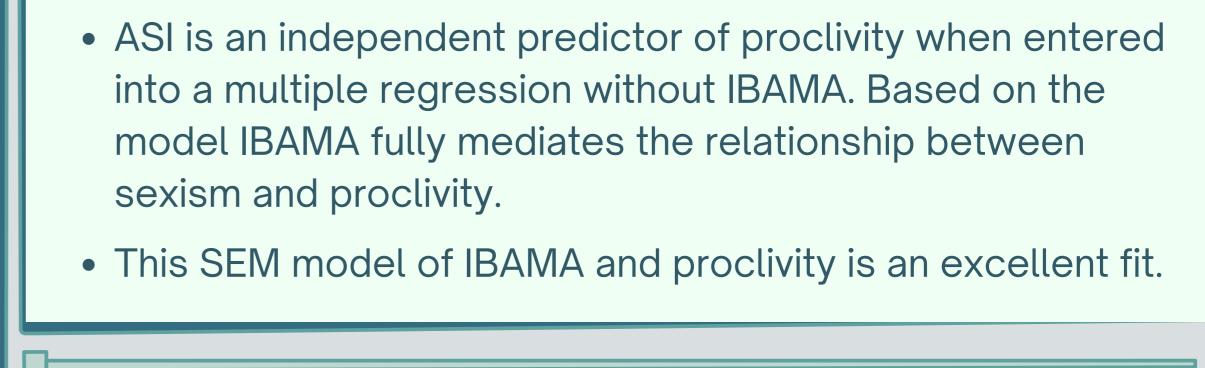
•	Multiple regression	
	model for Proclivity	
	explains 22% of variance:	
•	F (6,497) = 23.17, p<.001	

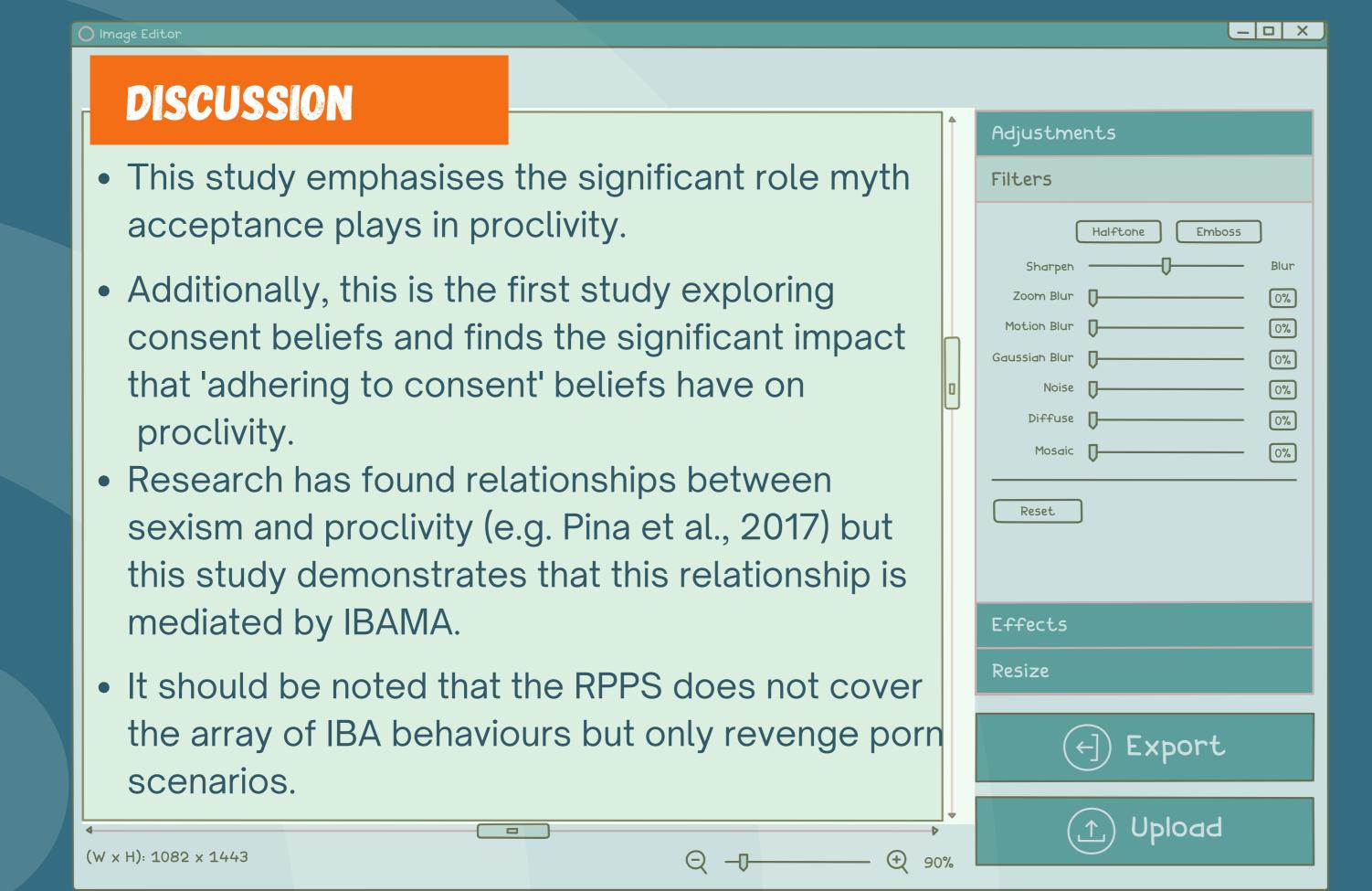
Predictors	β
Consent Seeking	.024
Consent Refusal	.011
Consent Adherence	243***
ASI	.056
SDSS	008
IBAMA	.300***

_ | _ |









FUTURE DIRECTIONS

✓I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I
I

- Further explore IBA proclivity by exploring more predictors and more IBA behaviours.
- Test an IBA proclivity scale that expands on the RPPS with other types of IBA behaviours.
- Include personality measures like the Dark Tetrad.
- Following this, research will explore actual perpetration and compare with proclivity.

References Glick, P., & Fiske, S. T. (1996). The Ambivalent Sexism Inventory: Differentiating Hostile and Benevolent Sexism. Journal of Personality and Social

Psychology, 70(3), 491-512. https://doi.org/10.1037/0022-3514.70.3.491 Hust, S. J. T., Marett, E. G., Ren, C., Adams, P. M., Willoughby, J. F., Lei, M., Ran, W., & Norman, C. (2014). Establishing and Adhering to Sexual Consent: The Association between Reading Magazines and College Students' Sexual Consent Negotiation. The Journal of Sex Research, 51(3), 280–290. https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2012.727914

McGlynn, C., Rackley, E., & Houghton, R. (2017). Beyond 'Revenge Porn': The Continuum of Image-Based Sexual Abuse. Feminist Legal Studies, 25(1) 25-46. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10691-017-9343-2 Muehlenhard, C., & Quackenbush, D. (1998). Sexual Double Standard Scale. In Handbook of Sexuality-Related Measures (pp. 186–188).

Pina, A., Holland, J., & James, M. (2017). The malevolent side of revenge porn proclivity: Dark personality traits and sexist ideology. International Journal of Technoethics, 8(1), 30–43. https://doi.org/10.4018/IJT.2017010103

Powell, A., Henry, N., Flynn, A., & Scott, A. J. (2019). Image-based sexual abuse: The extent, nature, and predictors of perpetration in a community sample of Australian residents. Computers in Human Behavior. 92, 393–402. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chb.2018.11.009

