

**Question for written answer E-005605/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Shifting from a 'victim-blaming' mentality to a caring society

New terms, such as 'non-consensual pornography', 'revenge porn' and 'victim blaming', have been invented precisely because nude photos or intimate videos of individuals are being shared on the web, even though those concerned have never given their consent for this is frequent phenomenon<sup>1</sup>. Many citizens are affected by this kind of abuse. People's sexuality should not be 'punished' by humiliation, traumatising through attacks on personal dignity or deprivation of the sovereignty over their own body. Moreover, the victims are often teenagers, who are even more vulnerable and at risk of even committing suicidal acts.

In view of this, does the Commission plan to:

1. Draft a recommendation on sex education aiming to change the mentality of new generations on sexuality?
2. Take the necessary initiatives, and also encourage and assist the Member States, to design intervention programmes to be implemented in schools ensuring that pupils are taught from an early age not only how to safeguard their own personal data in order to protect themselves, but also how to use social networks responsibly and with sensitivity and respect for others?
3. Encourage Member States to organise education and prevention campaigns to promote a shift from a 'victim-blaming' mentality to a caring society?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.politico.eu/article/how-europe-privacy-laws-are-failing-victims-of-sexual-abuse/>