

## **Pornographic Trends in Media**

WHEREAS in recent years the tolerance of suggestive and licentious material in public media has increased; and

WHEREAS this trend toward more open lewdness has been seen especially in television where even so-called family programs are interspersed with vile language, suggestive remarks, and offensive content; and

WHEREAS there are those who are campaigning for more license so that television viewers may have access to even greater displays of human depravity; and

WHEREAS the television is joined by some newspapers, magazines, radio programs, and movie theaters in serving to the public an enlarging diet of the abominable and perverted;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Annual Conference at Winona Lake, Indiana, June 23–27, 1975, go on record as opposing this trend toward public vileness, and that we urge the media to consider carefully their responsibility to the children and youth of this country as well as all citizens, and to refrain from emphasizing the sordid and seamy in human society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, as God's people, recognize that despite our protests, and, in accordance with Biblical prophecy, evil men shall become worse and worse (2 Tim. 3:13), and that we must take adequate measures to protect our own minds, and the minds of those for whom we are responsible, from the contamination that pervades our modern society; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we commend those within the news media who have established the policy of refusing advertising for pornographic material, and that we encourage Christian people to protest in writing to business firms who sponsor television programs which contain the lewd and licentious.

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