



Ofcom Faces Backlash Over Controversial Porn Job Post

Description

A charity has criticized a recent LinkedIn post from a senior staff member at Ofcom, the UK communications regulator. The post was described as "reprehensible" for promoting a job overseeing the porn industry. It caused controversy for seemingly trivializing violence against women and girls. The post said, "Always wanted to work in porn but don't have the feet for an OnlyFans? Now is your chance."

CEASE, an organization combatting sexual exploitation, condemned Ofcom for treating dealing with pornographic sites as a perk and failing to comprehend the impact of porn on children. Ofcom responded, acknowledging that the post was a mistake from a well-intentioned colleague trying to attract attention to a recruitment post. They apologized for the misjudgment.

Critics, including Baroness Kidron and Gemma Kelly from CEASE, slammed the post for making light of an industry that normalizes violence against women. They emphasized the importance of having responsible adults in roles that regulate harmful online content. The Ofcom staff member later edited the post on LinkedIn, apologizing for its tone and clarifying the serious nature of the work involved in engaging with online pornography services to protect users, especially children. Ofcom is gearing up for new responsibilities under the Online Safety Act, including enforcing regulations on pornographic sites.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Reprehensible** /ˌrɛprɪˈhɛnsəbl/ (adjective): Deserving condemnation or blame.
2. **Controversy** /ˈkɒntrəˌvɜːrsi/ (noun): A prolonged public dispute or debate.
3. **Condemned** /kənˈdɛmd/ (verb): Expressed complete disapproval of; censure.
4. **Normalizes** /ˈnɔːr.mə.laɪz/ (verb): Makes something standard or typical.
5. **Clarifying** /ˈklærɪfaɪɪŋ/ (verb): Making a statement or situation less confused and more comprehensible.
6. **Responsibilities** /rɪˌspɒnsɪˈbɪlɪtiz/ (noun): The state or fact of having a duty to deal with something.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What organization criticized the LinkedIn post from a senior staff member at Ofcom?

Option: CEASE



- Option: Ofgem
- Option: Baroness Kidron
- Option: Gemma Kelly

2. What was the reason for the criticism of the LinkedIn post by the charity?

- Option: Promoting a job overseeing the porn industry
- Option: Encouraging equal job opportunities
- Option: Raising awareness about online safety
- Option: Discussing industry trends

3. Who acknowledged that the post was a mistake?

- Option: Ofcom
- Option: CEASE
- Option: Baroness Kidron
- Option: Gemma Kelly

4. Who emphasized the importance of having responsible adults in roles that regulate harmful online content?

- Option: Baroness Kidron
- Option: Gemma Kelly
- Option: CEASE
- Option: Ofcom

5. What new responsibilities is Ofcom gearing up for under the Online Safety Act?

- Option: Enforcing regulations on pornographic sites
- Option: Promoting adult content online
- Option: Creating new social media platforms
- Option: Banning access to online content

6. What did the Ofcom staff member do to apologize for the controversial post?

- Option: Edited the post on LinkedIn
- Option: Deleted the LinkedIn account
- Option: Ignored the criticism
- Option: Blamed the charity

True-False

7. CEASE praised Ofcom for promoting a job overseeing the porn industry.



8. The Ofcom staff member clarified that the work involving online pornography services is not serious.
9. Ofcom is preparing to enforce regulations on pornographic sites under the Online Safety Act.
10. Baroness Kidron criticized the post for trivializing violence against women and girls.
11. The charity CEASE fights against sexual exploitation.
12. Gemma Kelly from CEASE did not express any concerns about the controversial post.

Gap-Fill

13. CEASE is an organization combatting _____ exploitation.
14. Ofcom responded, acknowledging that the post was a mistake from a well-intentioned colleague trying to attract attention to a _____ post.
15. The Ofcom staff member later _____ the post on LinkedIn, apologizing for its tone.
16. Ofcom is gearing up for new responsibilities under the Online Safety Act, including enforcing regulations on _____ sites.
17. Baroness Kidron and Gemma Kelly emphasized the importance of having responsible adults in roles that regulate harmful online _____.
18. The post caused controversy for seemingly trivializing violence against women and girls by promoting a job overseeing the _____ industry.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. CEASE 2. Promoting a job overseeing the porn industry 3. Ofcom 4. Baroness Kidron 5. Enforcing regulations on pornographic sites 6. Edited the post on LinkedIn

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. True 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. sexual 14. recruitment 15. edited 16. pornographic 17. content 18. porn



Answer

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