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Playboy Takes Down Online Article, After Public Outcry
“Hate” Sex Takes Things Too Far
Statement of NOW-NYC President Sonia Ossorio, Read on ABC’s *The View*

“*Playboy’s* article is nothing less than the promotion and acceptance of violence against women. This is only the latest offensive and disturbing public display of sexualized violence that is increasingly directed to women in our culture. The truth is we live in a rape culture.

We see it everyday, in the music we listen to, the films we watch. Because it’s wrapped up as entertainment, this hate speech makes the public less questioning and more desensitized to violence against women.

The fact that the company promoted this piece on its website, illustrates that management, along with the article’s writer, don’t think much about the real empowerment of women. They want silent sex objects, and when confronted with women whose opinions differ from theirs, want them humiliated.”

The National Organization for Women is the nation’s largest organization working to advance women’s rights and improve women’s lives. The New York City Chapter of NOW, founded in 1966, is one of the largest chapters in the country with over 5,000 members locally and 35,000 statewide. NOW-NYC works to protect women’s reproductive choices, end violence against women and eliminate sex discrimination in our schools, workplaces, and the justice system in New York.

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