

# White-Women Specific Targeting

## Revenge Pornography

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### Current Legal Context:

Currently, there is no nationwide sex offender registry specifically for perpetrators of “revenge pornography” (non-consensual sharing of intimate images), unlike offenses such as rape, child exploitation, or sexual assault.

### Common Patterns Identified in Research:

- Perpetrators often exhibit traits associated with the “**Dark Tetrad**” (narcissism, Machiavellianism, psychopathy, sadism).
- Victims are frequently targeted by **intimate partners or former partners**.
- **LGBT individuals** experience higher rates of victimization.
- **White women** show higher rates of victimization in documented cases.
- Offenses are often **committed with intent to cause harm**.

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## 1 Federal Law: 18 U.S.C. § 1591 & Related Statutes

At the federal level, nonconsensual sexual exploitation falls under multiple statutes:

- **18 U.S.C. §§ 2251, 2252, 2252A** – Production, distribution, or possession of sexually explicit material involving minors.
- **18 U.S.C. § 1591** – Sex trafficking of children or adults by force, fraud, or coercion.

- **18 U.S.C. §§ 2421 & 2422** – Coercion of individuals into sexual activity or transporting them across state lines.

For adult victims, the federal **revenge pornography statute** is more recent:

- **18 U.S.C. § 2261A** – Criminalizes interstate harassment, including threats, coercion, or distribution of sexually explicit material with intent to harm.
- **18 U.S.C. § 1030 (CFAA)** – Can apply if images are distributed through computers or networks without consent.

#### **Key Considerations for Federal Jurisdiction:**

1. Material crosses state lines or is posted online.
  2. Perpetrator intends to harass, intimidate, or coerce.
  3. Conduct is willful and knowing.
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## **2 Elements of Federal Revenge Porn / Nonconsensual Pornography**

Courts typically evaluate the following elements:

1. **Sexually explicit content** – Images or videos depicting nudity or sexual activity.
  2. **Lack of consent** – The subject did not agree to distribution.
  3. **Intent to harm** – The perpetrator shared or threatened to share the material to harass, intimidate, or coerce.
  4. **Interstate or online transmission** – Federal jurisdiction requires crossing state lines or using electronic communications.
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## **3 State Laws Are Often Broader**

Many states have **revenge pornography statutes** that are more expansive and easier to enforce than federal law. These statutes can provide:

- Civil remedies (monetary damages)
- Criminal penalties
- Protective orders
- Enhanced penalties if the victim is particularly vulnerable

**Examples of states with explicit laws:** California, New York, Florida, Texas.

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## 4 Application to the Scenario

Based on the scenario described:

- Victim was **forcibly filmed repeatedly**.
- Filming was **retaliatory or punitive**.
- Footage may have been **distributed or threatened to be distributed**.

These circumstances satisfy core elements of nonconsensual pornography, particularly if:

- Material was transmitted **electronically or across state lines** (federal).
- Victim explicitly asked the perpetrator to stop, and the perpetrator refused.

Even without explicit sexual images, **coercive filming for punishment** can constitute:

- Intentional infliction of emotional distress
  - Invasion of privacy
  - Civil or criminal harassment
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## ✓ Key Takeaways

**Revenge pornography is a federal crime** when:

- The perpetrator knowingly distributes nonconsensual sexual images.
- Material is transmitted across state lines or online.
- There is intent to harass, intimidate, or coerce.

State laws may broaden protections and allow civil damages.

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## 5 Policy Recommendations (U.S.)

1. **Create a Federal Registry Category** for individuals convicted of revenge pornography.
  2. Increase **federal and state coordination** to track offenders, including interstate enforcement.
  3. Fund **research on demographic patterns** and risk factors, focusing on vulnerable populations, including white women.
  4. Encourage **educational programs** for potential victims and law enforcement on prevention, recognition, and prosecution.
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