

Crying Shame: The supply chain of NCII

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‘Supply chain’

Where the **non-consensual intimate imagery** (NCII) starts from, the paths it takes, where it ends up, is frequently fed back, and thus remains in circulation indefinitely.

Downstream distribution

The reposting of NCII done by entities that did not capture or create the NCII and did not originally post it on the internet or start its offline distribution. These entities enable the endless perpetuation of NCII even when it's removed from its original source on the internet, making it nearly impossible to permanently remove the NCII from the internet.

Types and modes

Types

Non-consensual capture

- a. Clandestinely captured images
- b. Images captured with the knowledge of at least one of the persons in the frame

Consensual capture but non-consensual distribution of images

Other non-consensual access and distribution of images

Modes

Online modes

Offline modes

Non-consensual capture

Clandestinely captured:

- Hotel rooms:
https://twitter.com/_saxenapratyush/status/1133222261291307008
- Airbnb (No conclusive evidence in India)
- Spas, massage centres, changing rooms at swimming pools, gyms, clothing stores, restrooms in restaurants and pubs, among others.
- Voyeurs
- Stalkers
- Current or former intimate partners

Non-consensual capture

Images captured with the knowledge of at least one of the persons in the frame:

Typically when a sexual partner records the act without the knowledge of the other person(s) in the act.

Consensual capture but non-consensual distribution

Meant for private use; no consent for distribution

- Individual, couple or more persons shooting intimate/ sexual acts
- Nude selfies

Example: Leaked surveillance footage from the Delhi Metro

Other non-consensual distribution

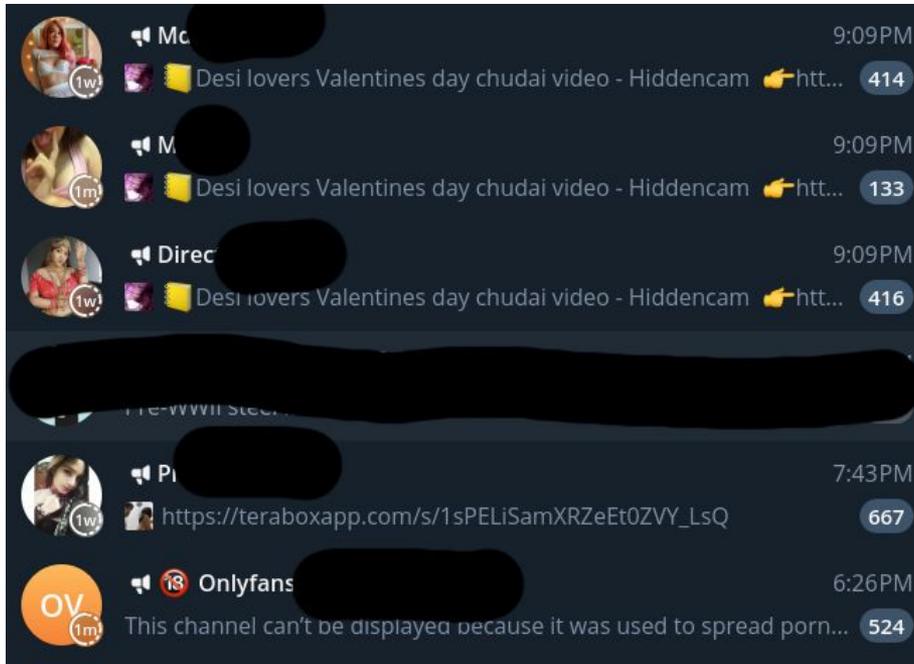
- Entities that extort (for money, sexual imagery etc.)
- Mobile phone/ laptop repair technicians
- Discarded/ junked devices
- Co-workers, roommates or anyone else who has physical access to the victim-survivors' devices

Online modes

- Pornographic websites, some exclusively post NCII.
 - Debonairblog -- now defunct
 - Make money of ads and subscriptions

Online modes

Telegram (groups and channels) - includes paid subscriptions



Online modes

- WhatsApp
- Discord, Reddit and other forums
- Twitter and other social networks
- Messaging boards
- File sharing websites - *E.g.*, Terabox
- Dark web

Offline modes

- DVDs/ Blu Rays sold off clandestine channels and sometimes physical markets (Now obsolete)
- Sideloaders
- Memory cards, USB drives -- free money, low investment
- Friends/ Social circles: Mobile device to mobile device (via Bluetooth etc)