

Auditing Firm Grant Thornton Washes Hands of Pornhub

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As reported yesterday by the Sunday Times, "Auditors have severed their ties with the owner of Pornhub, the world's largest pornography website, as a scandal over illegal videos continues to grow.

The accountancy firm Grant Thornton said it would no longer work for MindGeek, a Canadian tech conglomerate, in the UK and Ireland amid claims that Pornhub hosts revenge porn and footage of rape and underage sex.

Mastercard and Visa have already cut ties with the company after the New York Times revealed this month that Pornhub was "infested" with abuse footage. The report claimed the site made money from videos showing "child rapes, revenge pornography, spy-cam videos of women showering, racist and misogynist content, and footage of women being asphyxiated in plastic bags".

Today the CEO of Mastercard Ajay Banga doubled down on the decision to cut ties with Pornhub telling the New York Times, "Porn's not illegal ... child porn is, and that's what we saw."

Last week 40 adult sex trafficking victims launched an \$80m lawsuit against MindGeek in California, claiming in detail the way in which the site knowingly benefited from Pornhub's partner sex trafficking operation GirlsDoPorn.

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