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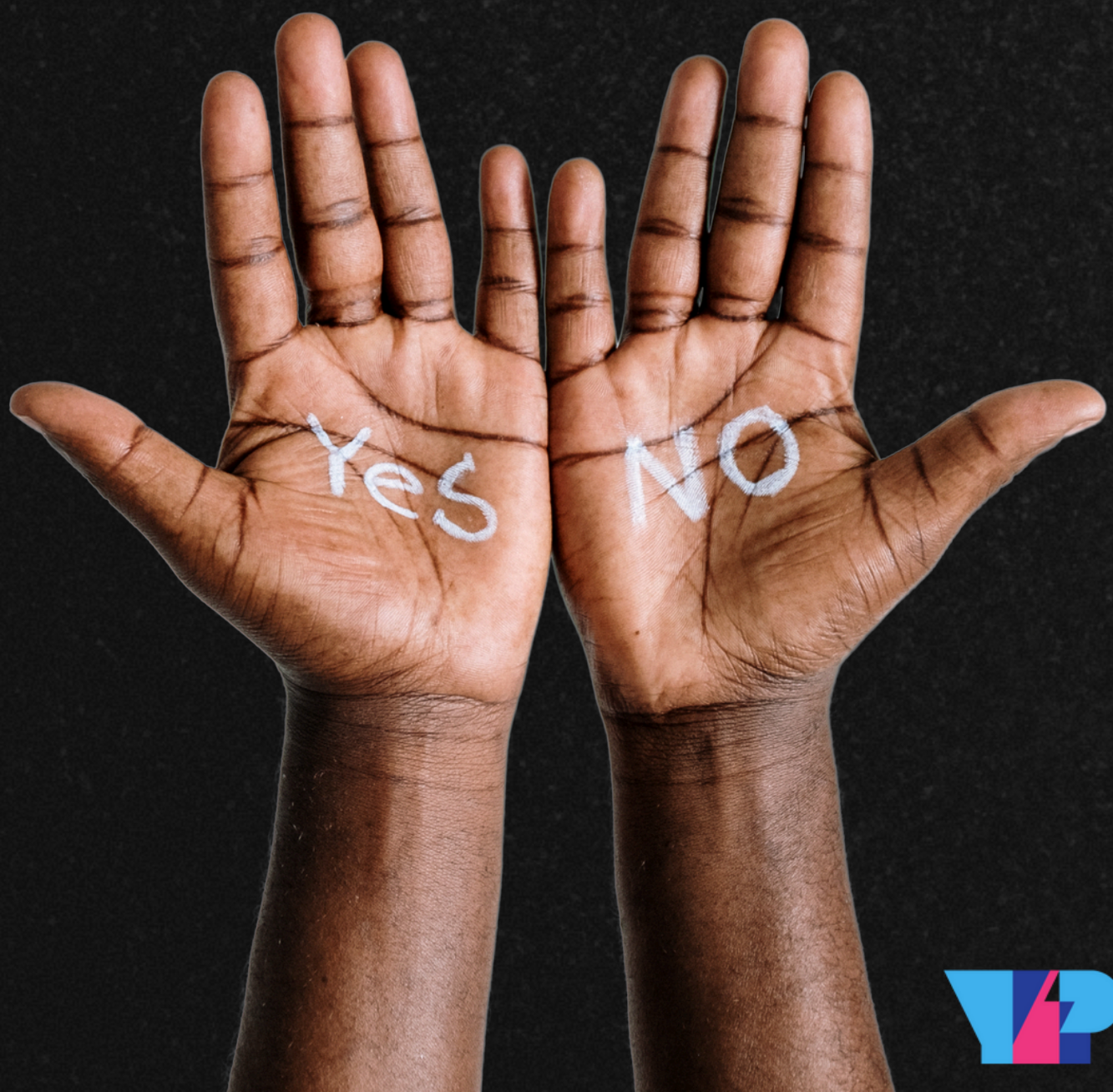
Most porn videos do not show consent.

Sometimes in porn, people say no to sex and sex still happens.



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REAL SEX

Consent is important in all sex. It should be clear and include verbal <u>and</u> non-verbal language.

Consent can be taken back at any time.

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Caption:

Consent doesn't have to be unsexy or awkward. The majority of pornography does not show consent being asked for, given, or respected. The lack of consent is often portrayed as normal and desirable. Many young people have not received good sex education and have learnt some aspects of sex through porn. Because of this, consent may seem awkward, not normal or undesirable. This could not be further from the truth. What is sexier than someone telling you they want to make you cum?

Not everyone who watches porn knows that porn isn't real sex, and even if we do know that it's fake, people want to try out what they've seen. Behind the camera, most porn actors are following a script that all parties have agreed to, and are doing things they've consented to.

Consent must be:

- Freely given without pressure, threat or coercion
- Reversible. You can change your mind or take back consent at any time.
- Informed. Everyone deserves to know what they're signing up for. For example, with their be a condom, STI status, contraception, etc.
- Enthusiastic. Who wants to have sex with someone who doesn't want to have sex with you?
- Specific. Saying yes to one sexual act doesn't mean you are for another. E.g. saying yes to kissing isn't saying yes to sex. Each new sexual activity needs consent.

Consent, whether that is asking for, giving or taking back can exist anytime before or during sexual activity. It can sound like:

Asking for consent❓, "You good to keep going?", "Does this feel good?", "Can we try this?", "Wanna hook up?" or "Send nudes?".

Giving consent✅ "Yes!", moving their hands to where you want them, "Sure, I'm down", "Don't stop" or nodding.

Not giving or taking back consent❌ "No", "I don't like that", "Can we take a break?", "I'm not ready", "Not tonight" or "Hell f*cking no".

Some porn genres and videos are centered around sex with people who did not give consent or cannot give consent. This is seen in titles that market the video as the person being barely of legal age or unconscious. When porn materials are captured and/ or uploaded to porn websites without the consent of everyone involved, it is called 'Image Based Abuse'. This is illegal. A service called Take It Down can help to remove online pornographic content from porn websites as well as social media platforms. You can also make a report to the eSafety Commissioner.

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