



*Challenges
encountered by
Telcos in
dealing with
ICT related
Violence
Against Women*

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Content flows from various sources

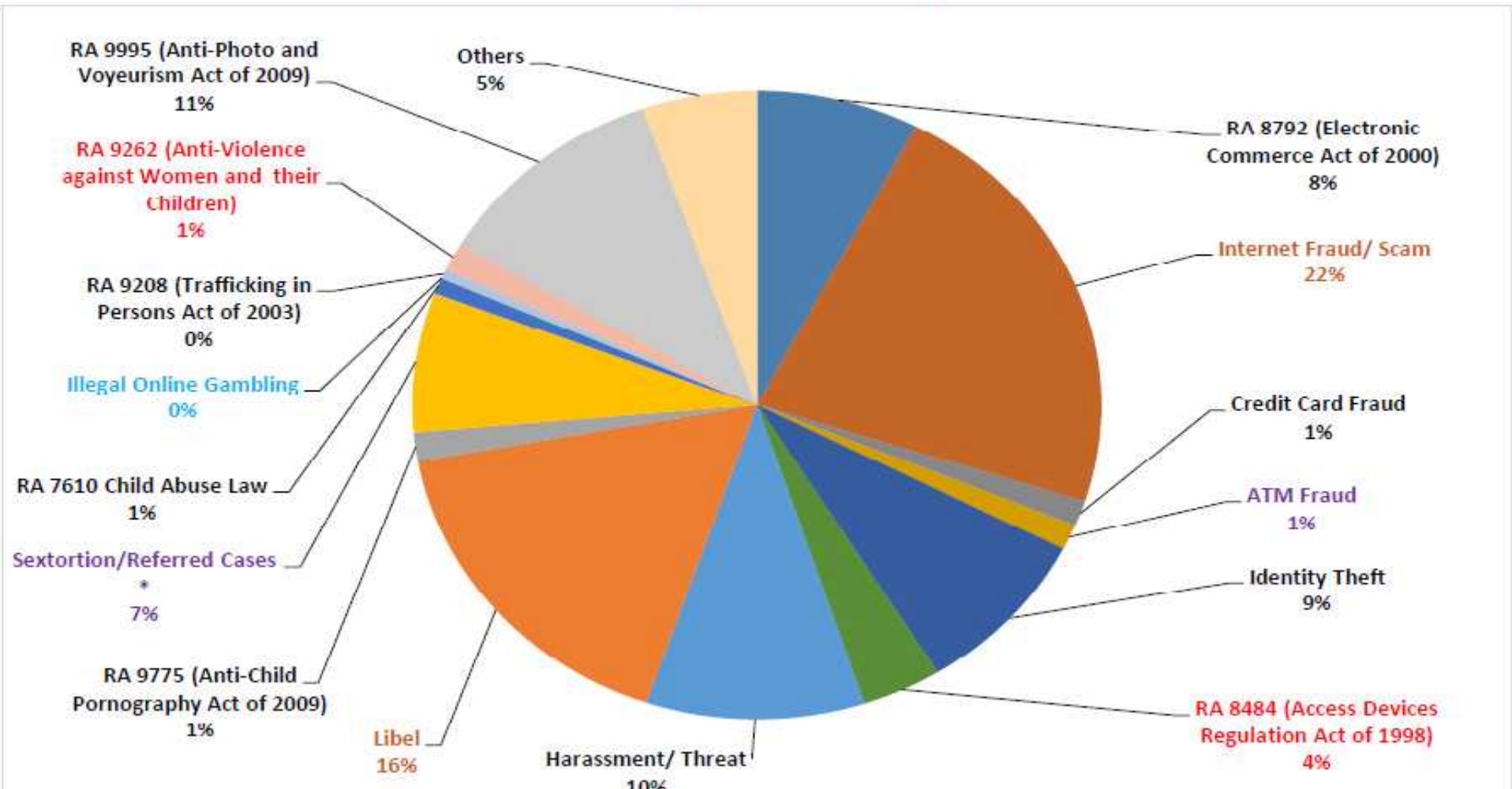
Choice of content to access is based on the internet user's

- Lifestyle
 - Habits
 - Needs
 - Wants.
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Content may be offensive and may depict violence against women

- Physical
 - Psychological
 - Emotional
 - Economic
 - Sexual
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Distribution of Cybercrime for the year 2014



Most pervasive ICT related VAW includes the following:

CYBER BULLYING



Teen girl Prabhy invents program to help story of cyber bullying, [GirlTalkHQ.com](http://girltalkhq.com)
<http://girltalkhq.com/teen-girl-trisha-prabhu-invents-program-to-help-stop-cyber-bullying/>

CYBER SEX (Dens, Trafficking, Voyeurism)




Cybersex, media, privacy and the cybercrime law, by **Aries Rufo**
<http://www.rappler.com/newsbreak/52082-cybersex-media-privacy-cybercrime-law>

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY



How to avoid Internet Dating Scams, by **WikiHow.com**
<http://www.wikihow.com/Avoid-Internet-Dating-Scams>

GOVERNMENT AND TELCOS ACTION

- Telcos comply and cooperates with law enforcement agencies to preserve evidence but release the information only upon a court order.
 - Power of DOJ to issue an order blocking or restricting access to computer data (Sec. 19 of Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012), declared unconstitutional, with more reason that telcos may not block or restrict access to computer data.
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CHALLENGES

The law on anti-child pornography and its IRR requires telcos to:

- Report to the PNP or NBI within 7 days from discovery that child pornography is being committed using its servers or facilities
 - Preserve evidence for purposes of investigation or prosecution
 - Upon request, furnish proper authorities of the particulars of users who gained or attempted to gain access to sites which contain any form of child pornography
 - Install available technology, program or software to ensure that access to or transmittal of any form of child pornography will be blocked or filtered.
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CHALLENGES

But Section 9 of R.A. 9775 provides that

“Nothing in this section may be construed to require an ISP to engage in the monitoring of any user, subscriber or customer, or the content of any communication of any such person” which effectively nullifies its obligation to block and filter


Filtering software is:

- **Expensive and ineffective**
 - **Censorship**
 - **Slows down the internet**
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Telco remedies against ICT related VAW

- Cooperation with law enforcement agencies to preserve evidence but release the information only upon a court order.
 - Telcos manually block/redirect access to child pornography websites or specific IP addresses upon the request of **NTC**.
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Preventive measures against ICT related VAW

- Acceptable Use Policy is a contractual obligation of subscribers
 - Educate users, subscribers or customers
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POTENTIAL ADVOCACY

- Anti-VAW Hacktivism
 - Awareness campaign like protect101
 - Photo DNA
 - Amendment of the ICT related VAW laws
 - Support Association for Progressive Communication recommendation on the “empowerment of women and girls through skills, knowledge, advocacy and community building”
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THANK YOU.