

**FIGURE 13.8****Pornography, Provocation, and Aggression**

As part of an alleged learning study, male participants were given the chance to shock a female confederate (who had either insulted or not insulted them) after watching one of four movies. The data show three effects of interest: (1) nonviolent pornography did not increase aggression toward women; (2) violent pornography that depicted a woman enjoying forcible sex did increase aggression among men, regardless of whether they were angry or not; but (3) violent pornography that depicted the victim suffering led to increased aggression only among men who had been provoked. These data suggest that violent pornography that shows a woman enjoying forcible sex is particularly apt to incite men to be aggressive.

Source: Donnerstein and Berkowitz (1981).