

Questions on Langton, “Speech acts and unspeakable acts”

1. “Pornography, on this view, depicts subordination and causes it. A closer look at the words of the ordinance shows us that MacKinnon is saying something more.” What more? Would Cohen disagree?
2. Give your own examples of a *locutionary* act, an *illocutionary* act, and a *perlocutionary* act.
3. Why does Langton think that pornography (might) silence women?
4. Is the right to freedom of speech (if there is one) a right to perform locutionary acts, illocutionary acts, or perlocutionary acts?

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