

Ten Reasons for **NOT** Legalizing Prostitution

1. Legalization/decriminalization of prostitution is a gift to pimps, traffickers and the sex industry.
2. Legalization/decriminalization of prostitution and the sex industry promotes sex trafficking.
3. Legalization/decriminalization of prostitution does not contain the sex industry. It expands it.
4. Legalization/decriminalization of prostitution increases clandestine, illegal and street prostitution.
5. Legalization of prostitution and decriminalization of the sex industry increases child prostitution.
6. Legalization/decriminalization of prostitution does not protect the women in prostitution.
7. Legalization/decriminalization of prostitution increases the demand for prostitution. It encourages men to buy women for sex in a wider and more permissible range.
8. Legalization/decriminalization of prostitution increases the risks to women's health.
9. Legalization/decriminalization of prostitution does not enhance women's choice.
10. Women in systems of prostitution do not want the sex industry legalized or decriminalized.

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There is no evidence that legalization of prostitution makes things better for women in prostitution. It makes things better for governments who legalize prostitution and for the sex industry, both of which enjoy increased revenues. The popular fiction that all will be well in the world of prostitution once the sex industry is legalized/decriminalized, is repudiated by evidence that the harm, abuse, and violence to women still remain in state-sponsored prostitution.

- State-sponsored prostitution sanitizes and normalizes the realities of prostitution.
- Dirty money becomes clean.
- Illegal acts become legal.
- Pimps are transformed into legitimate businessmen and entrepreneurs.
- Men who would not consider buying a woman in prostitution are encouraged by legalization/decriminalization.

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