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Description:

This is a Subject Guide of facts, statistics and studies about prostitution and the demand for prostitution, with a focus on Canadian content. It is hoped that this will provide a reference guide to bring awareness to the harm caused by buyers of sex, pimps, human traffickers, and all those who facilitate the exploitation of women via prostitution.

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Canada's laws on prostitution

Canada's laws decriminalize women who are prostituted. Those who buy sexual access to women, or who facilitate prostitution are criminalized (e.g. pimps, recruiters, website owners who sell ads for prostitution). This shifts responsibility for exploitation away from the exploited onto the people taking advantage of the life circumstances that push women into prostitution.

Prostitution Criminal Law Reform: Bill C-36, the *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act*. [Department of Justice Fact Sheet](#)
https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/other-autre/c36fs_fi/

Full text of Canadian law on prostitution C-36: [Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act](#) (PCEPA)

<https://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/41-2/bill/C-36/royal-assent>

Preamble to the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act describes the government's intention for how the law is to be interpreted:

- Whereas the Parliament of Canada has grave concerns about the exploitation that is inherent in prostitution and the risks of violence posed to those who engage in it;
- Whereas the Parliament of Canada recognizes the social harm caused by the objectification of the human body and the commodification of sexual activity;
- Whereas it is important to protect human dignity and the equality of all Canadians by discouraging prostitution, which has a disproportionate impact on women and children;
- Whereas it is important to denounce and prohibit the purchase of sexual services because it creates a demand for prostitution;
- Whereas it is important to continue to denounce and prohibit the procurement of persons for the purpose of prostitution and the development of economic interests in the exploitation of the prostitution of others as well as the commercialization and institutionalization of prostitution;

- Whereas the Parliament of Canada wishes to encourage those who engage in prostitution to report incidents of violence and to leave prostitution;
- And whereas the Parliament of Canada is committed to protecting communities from the harms associated with prostitution;

[Canada's Prostitution Legislation](https://www.lawc.on.ca/canadas-prostitution-legislation/), as summarized by the London Abused Women's Centre
<https://www.lawc.on.ca/canadas-prostitution-legislation/>

[Exploration of Promising Practices in Response to Human Trafficking in Canada](#). International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy, Univ. of British Columbia. Barrett, Nicole A. 2010.

https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/human_trafficking.pdf

[Laws to Combat Sex Trafficking: An Overview of International, National, Provincial, and Municipal Laws](#) and Their Enforcement. Canadian Women's Foundation. Barrett, Nicole A., and Shaw, Margaret J. 2013.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Qnl6K6d-qPzIhrkZSkbSlupwaL5dxtq4/view>

Equality or Nordic Model approach

[The Nordic Model](#) approach to prostitution (sometimes also known as the Sex Buyer Law, or the Swedish, Abolitionist, or Equality Model)

<https://nordicmodelnow.org/what-is-the-nordic-model/>

[The Nordic model](#) (<https://nordicmodelnow.org/what-is-the-nordic-model/>) approach to prostitution (sometimes also known as the Sex Buyer Law, or the Swedish, Abolitionist, or

Equality Model) decriminalizes all those who are prostituted, provides support services to help them exit, and makes buying people for sex a criminal offence, in order to reduce the demand that drives sex trafficking. This approach has now been adopted in Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Northern Ireland, [Canada](#), France, [Ireland](#), and most recently, Israel. The Nordic model was pioneered in Sweden after years of research.

[Nordic Model Now's UK Campaign](#)

<https://nordicmodelnow.org/what-is-the-nordic-model/>

There are 6 areas of focus to the Nordic/Equality Model

1. The full decriminalization of those who are prostituted
2. High-quality services for those in prostitution
3. Buying sex to be made a criminal offence
4. The procuring, pimping and sex trafficking legislation to be strengthened
5. All the factors that drive people into prostitution to be addressed
6. A holistic approach

[Choosing the Nordic Model: Championing Women's Equality and Human Rights](#) from the London Abused Women's Centre (2017)

<https://www.lawc.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Choosing-the-Nordic-Model.pdf>

Evidence-based research project to study the outcomes of three prevalent approaches to prostitution: the Nordic Model, decriminalization and legalization. The goal of the research is to determine the most effective approach to promoting women's equality and human rights. The London Abused Women's Centre has worked with prostituted and sexually exploited women and girls since 1998. The agency has learned from comprehensive research and consultation, including listening to the voices of victims and survivors, that the Nordic Model is the most effective approach to promoting women's equality and human rights.

Doesn't the Nordic model push the sex trade underground making it more dangerous?

The German, Australian and New Zealand models include full decriminalization as well as legalization which have increased the dangers to women exponentially as those governments decided purchasing sex is a benign activity.

In contrast the Nordic model targets men who take advantage of these inequalities for either their own sexual benefit or economic gain. It is a form of societal blackmail if men claim that prostitution will reduce rape. This is a thinly veiled threat that if society won't give them a group of women for sex, then men will hurt everyone.

The Nordic model is more than criminal law. Done right, it includes a strong social safety net and a commitment to action that advances women's equality as well as a robust public education to support understanding about these changes in law and new standards for male behaviour. Without these other pillars, women remain vulnerable to men's demands.

International Legal views on Prostitution and Trafficking

Swedish Laws, Policies and interventions on Prostitution and Trafficking Human Beings: A Comprehensive Overview

Swedish Laws, Policies and interventions on Prostitution and Trafficking Human Beings: A Comprehensive Overview by Ekberg, Gunilla. 2017. Ekberg is one of the authors of the law adopted by Sweden. She served as an expert witness to the government of Canada as law was being finalized and reviewed by parliamentary and senate committees.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/321254711_SWEDISH_LAWS_POLICIES_AND_INTERVENTIONS_ON_PROSTITUTION_AND_TRAFFICKING_IN_HUMAN_BEINGS_A_COMPREHENSIVE_OVERVIEW

Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology

Yen, Iris. 2008. Of vice and men: a new approach to eradicating sex trafficking by reducing male demand through educational programs and abolitionist legislation. *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* 98, no. 2:653. https://scholarlycommons.law.northwestern.edu/jclc/all_issues.html

International Prostitution

[How Netherland's Legalization of Prostitution has failed](#)

In 2000 the Dutch lifted the ban of brothel-keeping and by doing so they legalized prostitution. The intentions were good: improve conditions for women in prostitution and combat human trafficking. Almost twenty years later, the Dutch have to admit their policy, which they deemed progressive and pragmatic, has totally failed. Read more..

<https://endsexualexploitation.org/articles/the-failure-of-legalization-of-prostitution-in-the-netherlands/>

How Germany's legalization of Prostitution has failed

How Legalizing Prostitution Has Failed [A 5-Part investigative series by Der Spiegel Magazine](#)

<https://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/human-trafficking-persists-despite-legality-of-prostitution-in-germany-a-902533.html>

- Part 1: How Legalizing Prostitution Has Failed
- Part 2: Flat-Rate Horror
- Part 3: Germany's Human Trafficking Problem
- Part 4: Berlin's Erroneous Approach
- Part 5: Standing Pat

[Prostitution murders and murder attempts in Germany 2002 - today \(2019\)](#)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S027753951730239X>

[Legalized Prostitution In Germany Looks Like A Living Nightmare](#)

(PHOTOS) from Fight the New Drug website.

<https://fightthenewdrug.org/germanys-legalized-prostitution-industry-looks-like-a-real-life-horror-movie/>

[Germany is considering adopting the Nordic model.](#) [Translation](#) by Google translate.

https://www.cducsu.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/menschenhandel-effektiv-bekaempfen?fbclid=IwAR3OZvlo3Rr0WZYV9WwbvDnDtJglzsh7MSqper_ltdYmyAxzR_SLoD5ihBZU

Translation:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dJr32gHap0HcitDWpCdUTP6LPLbVvFsj19X-O0-yHC0/e/dit?usp=sharing>

How Australia's Prostitution model has failed

Background on the Australian Model demonstrates the lack of protection for women and government and criminal justice systems lack of knowledge about the industry. Police and govt are almost entirely reliant on the sex industry promoters for information. [Government website with overview of sex industry regulation citing pro-prostitution organizations.](#)

<https://aic.gov.au/publications/rpp/rpp131/australian-sex-industry>

[Licensing law to tighten screws on brothel chiefs](#) (2011 news article)

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/licensing-law-to-tighten-screws-on-brothel-chiefs-20111010-1lhm7.html>

[Legal brothels linked to international sex trafficking rings.](#) Sydney Morning Herald, 2011

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/legal-brothels-linked-to-international-sex-trafficking-rings-20111009-1lfxs.html>

How the New Zealand Prostitution model has failed

NZ decriminalized the men who buy sex and operate brothels and other businesses that sell sex in 2003. Women over 18 and who are permanent residents may legally participate in sex

industry. All others are illegal. If women operate as a group of 4 or more they must have a license. Responsibility for licensing and regulation were downloaded onto municipalities.

The vote to decriminalize [passed by only one vote](#).

<https://teara.govt.nz/en/video/29381/passing-of-the-prostitution-reform-bill> It was not a resounding majority and many people who supported it have publicly said that they regret doing so.

Police admit they now have [no systematic way of gathering intelligence about the sex industry](#).
https://d3n8a8pro7vhm.cloudfront.net/equalitynow/pages/219/attachments/original/1527091037/Legalizing_Prostitution_Fact_Sheet.pdf?1527091037

They are much less able or inclined to discover abuse including human trafficking which is often discovered in the course of investigating prostitution. (Source: EqualityNow.org)

The New Zealand Government's own review of the law showed prostituted women find it difficult to report abuse. The report was heavily influenced by a pro-prostitution lobby group. [See page 122 of the report](#)

<http://prostitutescollective.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/report-of-the-nz-prostitution-law-committee-2008.pdf>

The brothel owners allow the buyers to grope, bite, drug, and abuse the women. Owners and managers force women into sex with drunken customers. Even when owners file a report on behalf of an assaulted woman, it is reported by the women that police do not follow up.

Example: Chow Brothers own largest brothel in Auckland, NZ

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/nznews/girls-intimidated-by-chow-brothers-2014013116>

Myth of New Zealand employment benefits to prostituted women addressed by Gwendoline Allison (employment lawyer)

[Submission to Canadian Senate Committee reviewing Bill C-36](#)

https://sencanada.ca/content/sen/committee/412/lcjc/briefs/c-36/sm_c-36_brief_gwendolyn_allison_e.pdf

Shifting the Burden of Criminality, An analysis of the Irish sex trade in the context of prostitution law reform

Dr Monical O'Connor and Ruth Breslin, SERP The Sexual Exploitation Research Programme UCD, 2020.

https://www.ucd.ie/geary/static/serp/Shifting_the_Burden_Report.pdf

Indigenous Women and Girls

Statistics Canada's statistics on the murder of Indigenous women

1980, 9% of female homicide victims were Indigenous women.

2015, 24% of female homicide victims were Indigenous women.

Homicide rates for non-Indigenous women have gone down over the decades, while homicide rates for Indigenous women have been going up. TABLE: [Source Statistics Canada Source Webpage Statistics Canada](#)

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/89-503-x/2015001/article/14785/c-g/c-g11-eng.htm>

Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC):

[NWAC's position is that prostitution exploits and increases the inequality of Aboriginal women](#) and girls on the basis of their gender, race, age, disability and poverty.

https://www.nwac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/2012_NWACs_Position_on_Prostitution.pdf

Wouldn't legalized prostitution prevent the murder or abduction of indigenous women?

Aboriginal women are grossly overrepresented in prostitution and among the women who have been murdered in prostitution. It is not helpful to divide women in prostitution into those who "choose" and those who are "forced" into prostitution. In most cases, Aboriginal women are recruited for prostitution as girls and/or feel they have no other option due to poverty and abuse. It is the sex industry that encourages women to view prostitution as their chosen identity.

Source: Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC). (2012). [Understanding NWAC's Position on Prostitution](#) November 2012.

https://www.nwac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/2012_NWACs_Position_on_Prostitution.pdf

Prostitution in Vancouver: Violence and the Colonization of First Nations Women.

Abstract: Interviewed 100 women prostituting in Vancouver, Canada. We found an extremely high prevalence of lifetime violence and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Fifty-two percent of our interviewees were women from Canada's First Nations, a significant

overrepresentation in prostitution compared with their representation in Vancouver generally (1.7–7%). Eighty-two percent reported a history of childhood sexual abuse, by an average of four perpetrators. Seventy-two percent reported childhood physical abuse, 90% had been physically assaulted in prostitution, 78% had been raped in prostitution. Seventy-two percent met DSM-IV criteria for PTSD. Ninety-five percent said that they wanted to leave prostitution. Eighty-six percent reported current or past homelessness with housing as one of their most urgent needs. Eighty-two percent expressed a need for treatment for drug or alcohol addictions. Findings are discussed in terms of the legacy of colonialism, the intrinsically traumatizing nature of prostitution and prostitution's violations of basic human rights.

SOURCE: Farley, Melissa, Jacqueline Lynne, and Ann J. Cotton. 2005. [Prostitution in Vancouver: Violence and the Colonization of First Nations Women](#). *Transcultural Psychiatry* 42, no. 2:242-271.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nXL1SmpL5spWE5YemOEkw5Z-lqFMJscz/view>

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry

Select testimony: Gender Specific Violence

Fay Blaney, Organizer, Advocate & Warrior Woman
Knowledge Keepers and Expert

VIDEO <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=963307137173638>

VIDEO <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/video-clips/>

Aboriginal Women's Action Network on Prostitution ([Statement](#))

Prostitution is inherently violent, merely an extension of the violence that most prostituted women experience as children. We should aim not merely to reduce this harm, as if it is a necessary evil and/or inescapable, but strive to eliminate it altogether. Those promoting prostitution rarely address class, race, or ethnicity as factors that make women even more vulnerable. A treatise can be written about Aboriginal women's vulnerability base on race, socio-economic status and gender...

https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/P03P02P0101_Quebec_Exh_A12_Blaney.pdf

The Business of Sex Trafficking

by Diane Redsky Executive Director of Ma Mawi Wi Chi Centre

VIDEO <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2420963828180595>

VIDEO <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/video-clips/>

Human Trafficking and Native Women

Information from the [Ma Mawi Wi Chi Centre](https://www.mamawi.com/sex-trafficking/)
<https://www.mamawi.com/sex-trafficking/>

List and links to [Six National Task Force Reports](https://www.mamawi.com/sex-trafficking/reports/):
<https://www.mamawi.com/sex-trafficking/reports/>

Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Aboriginal Women and Girls: [Literature Review and Key Informant Interviews: Final Report](#).

2014. Native Women's Association of Canada.

https://www.nwac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/2014_NWAC_Human_Trafficking_and_Sexual_Exploitation_Report.pdf

Curated Legal Articles on Indigenous Women and Girls

Inuit Vulnerabilities to Human Trafficking. 2013. Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada.

Bourgeois, Robyn. 2018. **Race, Space, and Prostitution: The Making of Settler Colonial Canada.**

Canadian Journal of Women and the Law 30, no. 3:371-397.

This article examines the fundamental role that prostitution has played in securing settler colonial domination over Indigenous peoples and lands in the historical and ongoing making of the Canadian nation-state. Available for purchase \$25

Bourgeois, Robyn. 2015. **Colonial exploitation: the Canadian state and the trafficking of indigenous women and girls in Canada.**

UCLA Law Review 62, no. 6:1426.

This Article argues that because of its historical and ongoing investments in settler colonialism, the Canadian state has long been complicit and continues to be complicit in the human trafficking of indigenous women and girls in Canada. In addition to providing indigenous bodies for labour and sexual exploitation, Canada's trafficking of indigenous people has been essential not only to securing the indigenous lands required for the nation's existence, but also in facilitating the speedy colonial elimination of indigenous people—whether through assimilation, forced emancipation, or death. Human trafficking, as such, has been essential to securing domination of indigenous peoples and territories throughout Canadian colonial history. This Article pays particular attention to the Canadian state's uses of law to enable the trafficking of indigenous women and girls (and indigenous peoples, generally).

Coy, Maddy, Cherry Smiley, and Meagan Tyler. 2019. **Challenging the “Prostitution Problem”: Dissenting Voices, Sex Buyers, and the Myth of Neutrality in Prostitution Research.**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3hrPteFAeTdSIM4d2JpcVc4dm1PUXViU3JBSzExaEdGZ3Zr/vi>
[ew](#)

Archives of Sexual Behavior 1-5.

We unpack what we discern as the two primary positions that undergird academic thinking about the relationship between inequality and prostitution: (1) prostitution is principally an institution of hierarchal gender relations that legitimizes the sexual exploitation of women by men, and (2) prostitution is a form of exploited labor where multiple forms of social inequality (including class, gender, and race) intersect in neoliberal capitalist societies.

Razack, Sherene H. 2016. **Gendering Disposability.**

Canadian Journal of Women and the Law 28, no. 2:285-307.

With more than 1,200 missing and murdered Indigenous women, there is compelling reason to focus on the violence Barton inflicted on Gladue, understanding it as a part of a history of the sexual brutalization and attempted annihilation of Indigenous women. To show that Gladue's death and the trial of Barton for her murder are part of a history of colonial terror, it is necessary to unpack the framework utilized by the court, a framework that revolved around the ideas of consent and contract. I propose that we utilize a framework of disposability instead, focusing on the Indigenous woman's expendability in settler colonialism.

Razack, Sherene H. 1998. **Race, Space, and Prostitution: The Making of the Bourgeois Subject.**

Canadian Journal of Women and the Law 10, no. 2:338.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hWK4VZloI2C6b9yzCv_sToHuhqMKEVub/view?usp=sharing

This article begins with the contention that prostitution secures a hegemonic masculinity constituted by interlocking relations of class, race, and gender. It is therefore as vital to white supremacy and capitalism as it is to patriarchy. Asking "how do modern capitalism, sexism, and racism simultaneously contribute to the production of women who sell their bodies, to men who buy these bodies, and to the tremendous violence of these practices?" author offers an alternative analysis, one that makes the argument that prostitution in liberal democratic nation states establishes zones of degeneracy, (and bodies marked as degenerate), into which bourgeois subjects can briefly journey and then return to respectability. [LINK](#)

Sikka, Anette. 2009. **Trafficking of Aboriginal Women and Girls in Canada.**

Institute on Governance.

Asian Women and Girls

[Asian Women for Equality](#)

<https://www.awcep.org/blog/categories/abolition-of-prostitution>

Asian Women for Equality is a grassroots feminist group working as a progressive force to change societal attitudes towards women, especially women of Asian descent; to advance equality for Asian women; and to create opportunities for Asian women to have meaningful participation and to take leadership roles in civil society. Asian Women sees prostitution as a form of male violence against women that can be eradicated.

[BC Commission on Money Laundering: Asian Women for Equality presentation](#)

<https://www.awcep.org/post/bc-commission-on-money-laundering-asian-women-for-equality-presentation>

Asian Women for Equality recommends that law enforcement and the Cullen Commission recognize that prostitution activities conducted out of massage parlors, nail salons, condos, and houses are probably operated by organized crime groups.

The fact that the people organizing prostitution, running drugs and gambling operations are connected to money laundering seems to be well recognized by law enforcement and media. It is therefore alarming that law enforcement seems to be turning a blind eye to prostitution, allowing these operations to function without preventative intervention. [READ FULL ARTICLE](https://www.awcep.org/post/bc-commission-on-money-laundering-asian-women-for-equality-presentation)
<https://www.awcep.org/post/bc-commission-on-money-laundering-asian-women-for-equality-presentation>

Why prevent Asian women from earning money through sex work when they need the money to support their families?

It is true that many Asian women (and Latina and black women) are in the sex industry out of need for money. Women anywhere in the world should have enough to live with dignity, while being able to care for and protect their families and also be able to have an effective influence on their communities and society. Allowing men to buy certain groups of women based on the neediness of those women only abandons women, their families and their communities to the control of the pimps, traffickers, and sex buyers.

Canada's laws decriminalize women who are prostituted. The men who buy sexual access to women, or who facilitate prostitution (e.g. pimps, recruiters, website owners who sell ads for prostitution) are recognized as the source of violence and threat to women and their prostitution activities are criminal.

The realities of prostitution

Are not the majority of prostituted persons consenting adults?

In fact the vast majority of people who are in prostitution would exit if they had more viable choices.

The majority of prostituted, trafficked and sexually exploited persons are women and girls (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime 2016: 27). [Webpage summarizing this point.](#)

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2016/12/report-majority-of-trafficking-victims-are-women-and-girls-one-third-children/>

Most Canadians do not support men's sex buying activity.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D2c6J0bFUBC3kZCuqGFDsluQJmI4rhMs/view>

[Ontario survey re prostitution](#) found:

- 77% of Ontarians feel that most women and girls do not want to have repeated sex with random men.
- 78% of Ontarians would not support their son, brother, husband or family member purchasing sexual services from a prostituted person.
- 58% of Ontarians oppose changes to the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act that would decriminalize pimps, brothel owners and sex buying.

Most women and girls are in prostitution because of a lack of options. Read more from the [Nordic Model Now Webpage](#)

<https://nordicmodelnow.org/facts-about-prostitution/fact-choice-is-complicated/>

Compliance is not consent. Supreme Court of Canada case.

Sex-buyer, Bradley Barton, argued the woman found dead in his hotel room consented to violence during sex that, by his own admission, caused Cindy Gladue's death. The SCC's decision has not yet decided if he will face a re-trial.

Women's Equality Coalition

Intervener's analysis about Barton's claim that Cindy Gladue consented to violence done to her.

- [Written](#) submission.
https://www.rapereliefshelter.bc.ca/sites/default/files/imce/FINAL_Intervener_Women-Equality_0.pdf
- [Oral submission](#) Video. Coalition's argument starts at 2:55:39
<https://www.scc-csc.ca/case-dossier/info/webcastview-webdiffusionvue-eng.aspx?cas=37769&id=2018/2018-10-11--37769&date=2018-10-11>
- [More information](#)
<https://www.rapereliefshelter.bc.ca/blog/women%E2%80%99s-equality-and-liberty-coalition-intervener-murder-cindy-gladue-case-supreme-court-canada>

Prostitution is not a job and never will be. Here's why.

By Dana Levy, Nordic Model Now! March 2020. Can prostitution be a normal job? Sex trade apologists claim that 'sex work is work.' Some of them say: "We just need a proper regulatory structure to make it safe. Prostitution has three inherent characteristics that make its framing as 'work' impossible. [Read the full article](#)

<https://nordicmodelnow.org/2020/03/12/prostitution-is-not-a-job-and-never-will-be-heres-why/>

The Hidden Victims of Prostitution

A group of hidden victims of prostitution has been brought to light by Ingeborg Kraus, a trauma therapist in Germany, and Andrea Heinz, a woman with experience in the sex trade in Canada

Hughes, Donna M. (2020) "Seeing the Shadow Women: The Hidden Victims of Prostitution," Dignity: A

Journal on Sexual Exploitation and Violence: Vol. 5: Iss. 3, Article 9.

DOI: 10.23860/dignity.2020.05.03.09

Available at:

<https://digitalcommons.uri.edu/dignity/vol5/iss3/9>
<https://digitalcommons.uri.edu/dignity/vol5/iss3/9>

Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter Data on Prostitution, November 2020

Data based on Vancouver Rape Relies and Women's Shelter's work with 100 women who called their crisis line in the last two years and told them that they were at the time, or in the past, in prostitution.

https://rapereliefshelter.bc.ca/sites/default/files/imce/VRR%20Data%20on%20Prostitution%20Nov%202020_0.pdf

The sex buyers / johns

[Men's Responsibility: Ending Demand for Sex Trafficking - YouTube March 2010](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHL9mXbyW0g&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR259bqhtEUTnFmStacz84a39Jmjf9VC-wBJx-f_AzJixal1IAtja4ITUI

March 4th CATW presented a panel titled Mens Responsibility: Ending Demand for Sex Trafficking featuring acclaimed writer Victor Malarek, author of *The Johns* and Ted Bunch, Executive Director of A Call To Men, an organization that works with young men to prevent all forms of violence against women. They both talked of mens accountability in the demand for commercial sexual exploitation and the lack of enforcement of laws designed to combat sex trafficking. They also spoke of the responsibility men hold in ending all forms of violence against women including sex trafficking.

CATWInternational. "Men's Responsibility: Ending Demand for Sex Trafficking." *Men's Responsibility: Ending Demand for Sex Trafficking*, YouTube, 19 march 2010, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHL9mXbyW0g&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR259bqhtEUTnFmStacz84a39Jmjf9VC-wBJx-f_AzJixal1IAtja4ITUI. Accessed 08 October 2020.

What are sex buyers thinking?

[Blog includes 350+ citations of German, Austrian and Swiss sex buyers from years of legalized sex buying](#) – almost exclusively concerning legal prostitution establishments.

Warning: Contents include explicit descriptions of sexual violence. (Content available in English and German). <https://dieunsichtbarenmaenner.wordpress.com/analysis/>

Sex purchasing pits individual freedom against social interest:

No act exists in isolation or apart from a communal context. Each person's actions contribute to a future social pattern. Everyone shapes culture and bears that responsibility. Thus, every decision must be weighed in terms of the overall effect on the community, even at the cost of impingement on personal freedom.

An individual who purchases the body of another for sexual gratification is participating in, and fueling, an industry that is overwhelmingly destructive not only to hundreds of thousands of sellers, but also to society as a whole. The industry attracts profit-motivated traffickers, incentivizes organized crime, feeds an appetite for illicit sex, and perpetuates an unjust gender-imbalanced society.

Swanee Hunt. 2013. [Deconstructing Demand: The Driving Force of Sex Trafficking](#). The Brown Journal of World Affairs 19, no. 2:225-241.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X4OIZRqcMLIkEtttevFEvLf4QZkbyWTn/view>

Why “prostitution” and “prostituted woman” instead of “sex worker”?

Language and words are important. We use “prostituted woman” because it is a more honest and accurate description of the woman’s situation. The vast majority of women are prostituted by the men who buy them, the men who sell them and the conditions that give those men power over women.

Many people are convinced to use “sex worker” because we want to convey respect for women. But the phrase was invented and is promoted by pimps and prostitution promoters because it helps hide the ugly reasons why women are in prostitution and sanitizes men’s efforts to create, promote and maintain sexual access to women on demand.

How language protects perpetrators and shames victims

Dr. Allan Wade, Family Therapist and Researcher

[VIDEO](#) (other pro sex trade videos on this page)

<https://www.facebook.com/MMIWG/videos/634127340347801/?v=634127340347801>

<https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/video-clips/>

Full testimony [VIDEO](#) <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/videos-part-2-3-winnipeg-day-5/>

How judges transform language to give violent men leniency and cover while blaming victims.

Dr. Allan Wade (1 at 1:30) (2 start -19:20) describes Linda Coates' work in this area. [LINK](#)

<https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/videos-part-2-3-winnipeg-day-5/>

See page 59 and 81 for description of how police and media frame children as responsible party when men rape or buy sex access to them.

[TRANSCRIPT](#)

https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/20181005_MMIWG_Winnipeg_Child_Family_Parts_2_3_Vol_14.pdf

Pornography

Is viewing pornography an acceptable alternative to buying sex?

Pornography has always harmed women and girls. Real women are choked, gagged, slapped, bound, threatened, and gang raped to produce pornography. While a viewer may not have participated in the acts done to women in a video, he adds power to the demand for pornography.

Former pornography performer Mia Khalifa [speaking about her experience of the pornography industry.](https://www.collectiveshout.org/mia_khalifa_on_porn_industry?fbclid=IwAR1Q3k-m7yFozIMWP7mOeKSYqqGwsR7PYy4k951Lw2kylspO80m11TY76sE)
https://www.collectiveshout.org/mia_khalifa_on_porn_industry?fbclid=IwAR1Q3k-m7yFozIMWP7mOeKSYqqGwsR7PYy4k951Lw2kylspO80m11TY76sE

Khalifa performed in pornography over a three month period in 2014-2015, becoming Pornhub's most highly ranked performer. Khalifa is known for filming a scene wearing a hijab.

Human Trafficking

Aren't you conflating the sex trade with human trafficking?

The sex trade is dependent on human trafficking as a supply line for women and girls. When we talk about human trafficking and the sex trade, we are identifying the interdependence and connection between prostitution and trafficking.

[Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime \[Palermo Protocol\], United Nations, General Assembly, 2000\).](#)

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/ProtocolTraffickingInPersons.aspx>

For the most part, prostitution as actually practiced in the world usually does satisfy the elements of trafficking. It is rare that one finds a case in which the path to prostitution and/or a person's experiences within prostitution do not involve, at the very least, an abuse of power and/or an abuse of vulnerability. Power and vulnerability in this context must be understood to include power disparities based on gender, race, ethnicity and poverty. Put simply, the road to prostitution and life within "the life" is rarely one marked by empowerment or adequate options" (UN Commission on Human Rights 2006: 42).
United Nations General Assembly, 2000).

Canada is a signatory to several international conventions that recognize the interconnection of the sex industry with human trafficking.

Canadian Male Violence Against Prostituted Women - Abolitionist Responses

Enforcing prostitution laws could have saved Marylène Lévesque

By Janine Benedet

Contributors

Isabel Grant

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Tues., Feb. 11, 2020

Marylène Lévesque was killed by a man in Quebec City last month, not by a law, as some sex industry supporters claim. The idea that her killer would have been less of a danger if he was legally entitled to buy sex is wrong.

To the contrary, the failure of police to enforce the law against pimps, brothels and sex buyers and the complicity of the parole officials, who allowed this man to commit a crime while on day parole, together ensure that women like Lévesque will remain acutely vulnerable to men's violence.

In 2014, Parliament amended the Criminal Code to make it an offence to buy or attempt to buy sexual services, in any location, from a person of any age. This act was classified as an "offence against the person," which means that it is an act of violence. [READ FULL ARTICLE](#)

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/2020/02/10/enforcing-prostitution-laws-could-have-saved-marylne-lvesque.html>

Quebec City murder underscores the need to abolish prostitution

Canada has only partially adopted a legal model for prostitution, an activity inherently violent toward women. Ending prostitution should be the goal.

Trisha Baptie, Cherry Smiley

February 12, 2020

Can prostitution be made safe? The question has landed again in our national conversation following the murder of a woman in Quebec City. The short answer is no. Those who support the full decriminalization of prostitution as a way to make the industry safer fail to acknowledge the inherent violence of prostitution and ignore the context in which prostitution occurs. The only way to end the violence of prostitution is to end prostitution. One of the ways we can work toward this is by strengthening the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act (PCEPA). [READ FULL ARTICLE](https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/february-2020/quebec-city-murder-underscores-need-to-abolish-prostitution/)
<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/february-2020/quebec-city-murder-underscores-need-to-abolish-prostitution/>

Canadian Resources & Reference Articles

[Canadians are five times more likely to support than oppose Canada's current prostitution legislation](#) Conducted by Nanos for London Abused Women's Centre, July 2020. Submission 2020-1689

<https://seureservercdn.net/198.71.233.47/823.910.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-1689-LAWC-July-Populated-Report-FINAL-Updated-with-Tabs.pdf>

[Prostitution law in Canada: The Nordic Model](#) from the London Abused Women's Centre

<https://www.lawc.on.ca/canadas-prostitution-legislation/>

[Choosing the Nordic Model: Championing Women's Equality and Human Rights](#) from the London Abused Women's Centre

<https://www.lawc.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Choosing-the-Nordic-Model.pdf>

[An Exploration of Promising Practices in Response to Human Trafficking in Canada.](#) Barrett, Nicole A. 2010. International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy, Univ. of British Columbia.

https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/human_trafficking.pdf

[Laws to Combat Sex Trafficking: An Overview of International, National, Provincial, and Municipal Laws and Their Enforcement.](#)
Barrett, Nicole A., and Shaw, Margaret J. 2013. Canadian Women's Foundation.

<https://www.mamawi.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/National-Task-Force-Research-Report-Laws-to-Combat-Sex-Trafficking.pdf>

[Getting out: A national framework for exiting human trafficking for sexual exploitation in Canada.](#) Noble, A., Coplan, I., Neal, J., Suleiman, A., & McIntyre, S. (2020). Toronto, ON: Covenant House Toronto & The Hindsight Group.

[Prostitution: Violating the Human Rights of Poor Women](#) by Shelagh Day (2008).

<https://www.buyingsexisacrime.org/images/docs/Ressources-publications-prostitution-ENG.pdf>

[Action ontarienne contre la violence faite aux femmes](#)

<https://aocvf.ca>

This article predates the Protection of Communities Act, but has excellent arguments that are relevant today, including “Prostitution is Violence Against Women”, “Should Women in Prostitution be recognized as workers”. “Is there consent in Prostitution?” “Is entering into Prostitution a Choice”. “Aboriginal Women and Prostitution” as well as the section on Trafficking and Prostitution.

[Ontario Superior Court of Justice between Terri Jean Bedford, Amy Lebovitch , Valerie Scott \(Applicants\) and Attorney General of Canada \(Respondent\), Affidavit of Dr. Melissa Farley, 2008](#)

<https://www.buyingsexisacrime.org/images/FarleyBedford-Affidavit4-08.pdf>

The affidavit describes Dr. Farley's conclusions on the harmful effects that prostitution has on the physical and psychological health of women that are engaged in it.

Canadian Books:

[The True Story of Canadian Human Trafficking: Boge, Paul H.](https://www.amazon.ca/True-Story-Canadian-Human-Trafficking/dp/1988928095)

<https://www.amazon.ca/True-Story-Canadian-Human-Trafficking/dp/1988928095>

After spending a career on Parliament Hill fighting to stop human trafficking in Canada, and over 10 years helping victims and survivors, Joy Smith is now featured in a book that sheds a light on the deadly trade in Canada.

The True Story of Canadian Human Trafficking , written by Paul Boge, tells the true story of high school student Abby Summers as she is groomed and eventually sold into the sex trade by a boy she was dating. While this is occurring, Smith, at the time, Member of Parliament for Kildonan-St. Paul, fights on Parliament Hill to pass bills that will help end human trafficking in Canada. [Read full review from the Winnipeg Sun](#)

<https://winnipegsun.com/news/local-news/human-trafficking-book-sheds-light-on-luring-grooming-children-for-sex-trade>

[The Johns: Sex for Sale and the Men Who Buy It, Victor Malarek](#)

[\(2009\)](#)

[https://www.amazon.ca/Johns-Sex-Sale-Men-Who/dp/155470157](https://www.amazon.ca/Johns-Sex-Sale-Men-Who/dp/1554701570)

[0](#)

Following up on his scathing indictment of the international sexual enslavement of women in The Natashas, investigative journalist Victor Malarek lays bare the other side of the crisis?the men who fuel the demand.

[The Pimping of Prostitution, Julie Bindel.](#)

<https://www.thejuliebindel.com/books>

80 minute video of [Bindel in Vancouver in 2017 for the book](#)

<https://www.rapereliefshelter.bc.ca/learn/resources/julie-bindel-pimping-prostitution>

Canadian Informational Videos:

[Protect Canada's Prostitution Laws](#) Defend Dignity

<https://defenddignity.ca/pcepa/>

[I was sex trafficked for years. Brothels are in plain sight.](#)

[Cassandra Diamond TEDx Toronto](#) 2020

<https://youtu.be/Rg6xCRemYw4>

Sex trafficking may be happening behind the walls of businesses you pass daily - including the some of the massage parlours and holistic centres in your community. Casandra Diamond shares a harrowing story of her experience inside these modern day brothels: in this raw and honest talk, learn about the systemic issues that enable businesses to operate in plain sight and how you can help to advocate for change.

[I saw myself as someone who didn't have any value": Trafficking](#)

[survivor tells her story](#) Rebel News, 2020

Human trafficking is a huge problem; it's a massive industry, that effects children, women, men and even babies. People of all walks of life and of all ages.

https://www.rebelnews.com/i_saw_myself_as_someone_who_didnt_have_any_value_trafficking_survivor_tells_her_story?fbclid=IwAR35fNPgFFqJ53nsDvEZJKsGuD-BDTalHla0U4ytoyx_iDCs5Xoy2x-l4tw

[Humphrey', Drea. "I saw myself as someone who didn't have any value."](#) Rebel News, 18 September 2020,

https://www.rebelnews.com/i_saw_myself_as_someone_who_didnt_have_any_value_trafficking_survivor_tells_her_story?fbclid=IwAR35fNPgFFqJ53nsDvEZJKsGuD-BDTalHla0U4ytoyx_iDCs5Xoy2x-l4tw. Accessed 8 October 2020.

[Human Trafficking: Too Close to Home](#). Peel Regional Police, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlFjynbOhGw>

Powerful testimony from a survivor, counsellor, politician, parent, and those working to help victims exit being trafficked.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlFjynbOhGw>

[The Sex Trade. Eve Lamont. 2015. National Film Board.](#) https://www.nfb.ca/film/sex_trade/

This feature documentary is a study of the sex trade...Part investigative report and part editorial, the film is a foray into a brutal world whose key players trivialize the impact of their actions by claiming that prostitution is simply a service like any other. But who's really benefiting? With incisive comments from experts and enlightening interviews with people who have left or are still in the sex trade, the film takes a behind-the-scenes look at this industry to reveal a modern form of slavery. In French with English subtitles [LINK to buy or rent](#) https://www.nfb.ca/film/sex_trade/

[Buying Sex by Theresa MacInnes and Kent Nason](#)

https://www.nfb.ca/film/buying_sex/

This feature documentary explores the state of prostitution laws in Canada. It captures the complexity of the issue by listening to the frequently conflicting voices of sex workers, policy-makers, lawyers, and even the male buyers who make their argument for why prostitution is good for society. NOTE: the film was completed shortly before Canada adopted the Nordic model to decriminalize women and focus attention on deterring sex-buyers and prostitution profiteers. [LINK to purchase.](#) https://www.nfb.ca/film/buying_sex/

[Buying Sex. MacInnes, Teresa, and Nason, Kent. 2013. National Film Board.](#)

<https://youtu.be/CH-PL54MNbY>

This feature documentary explores the state of prostitution laws in Canada. It captures the complexity of the issue by listening to the frequently conflicting voices of sex workers, policy-makers, lawyers, and even the male buyers who make their argument for why prostitution is good for society. Very clear explanation of why to arrest men not women (equality) and the involvement of organized crime. 2:30 minute video with Det. Inspector Simon Haggstrom of Sweden. VIDEO <https://youtu.be/CH-PL54MNbY>

[Trafic: le pimp, la jeune fille et, surtout, son client.](https://trafic.telequebec.tv/)

<https://trafic.telequebec.tv/>

Trafic is a 6 part series documenting a director's quest to understand the workings of the sexual exploitation of young girls in Montreal. Through privileged access, she interviews pimps, police, social workers and victims of the juvenile prostitution industry. (Released in 2019. French only. No English subtitles) VIDEOS and AUDIO interviews: <https://trafic.telequebec.tv/>

[L'Imposture by Eve Lamont for National Film Board of Canada](https://www.onf.ca/film/imposture/)

The current trend to render prostitution a profession "as any other" is belied by women who were themselves prostitutes. With clarity and courage, the women in this film reveal the hidden face of that so-called "sex work". They are 22, 34 or 48 years old; they live in Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa - They have recently given up prostitution, or are trying to escape it. These women are leading the bitter fight to turn their lives around and it is a long and lonely struggle fraught with difficulties. French with English subtitles [LINK to Buy or Rent](https://www.onf.ca/film/imposture/)
<https://www.onf.ca/film/imposture/>

International Resources & Reference

[Prostitution, the Sex Trade, and the COVID-19 Pandemic](https://prostitutionresearch.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Farley-Prostitution-Sex-Tra-de-COVID-19-pandemic.pdf)

Farley, 2020 First published in Logos - a journal of modern society & culture Spring 2020 Volume 19 #1

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Prostitution's Hierarchy of Control and Prostitution 2008

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Swedish Laws, Policies and interventions on Prostitution and Trafficking Human Beings: A Comprehensive overview Ekberg, Gunilla. 2018.

<https://feminismandhumanrights.files.wordpress.com/2019/01/overview-swedish-laws-and-policies-thb-gunilla-s.-ekberg-180224-.pdf>

Shadow's Law: The True Story of a Swedish Detective Inspector Fighting Prostitution. Haggstrom, Simon. 2016. Bullet Point Publishing. [Goodreads link](#)

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/33147323-shadow-s-law>

Do laws affect attitudes? An assessment of the Norwegian prostitution law using longitudinal data. Kotsadam, Andreas, and Niklas Jakobsson. 2011. *International Review of Law and Economics* 31, no. 2:103-115.

https://gupea.ub.gu.se/bitstream/2077/22823/1/gupea_2077_22823_1.pdf

The myth of male loneliness. [Nordic Model Now website](#)

<https://nordicmodelnow.org/myths-about-prostitution/myth-punters-are-lonely-single-men/>

Who Buys Sex? Research Report Understanding and Disrupting Illicit Market Demand.

Demand Abolition. 2018.

<https://www.demandabolition.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Demand-Buyer-Report-July-2019.pdf>

Men who buy sex: Who they buy and what they know. Farley, Melissa, Bindel, Julie, and Golding, Jaqueline M. 2009.

[Very inconvenient truths: sex buyers, sexual coercion, and prostitution-harm-denial.](http://prostitutionresearch.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Very-inconvenient-truths-sex-buyers-sexual-coercion-and-prostitution-harm-denial_Farley-in-Logos1.pdf) Farley, Melissa (2016)

http://prostitutionresearch.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Very-inconvenient-truths-sex-buyers-sexual-coercion-and-prostitution-harm-denial_Farley-in-Logos1.pdf

Normative sex buyer behavior includes a refusal to see one's own participation in harmful activities such as dehumanizing a woman, humiliating her, verbally and physically sexually harassing her, and paying her money to coerce her to perform sex acts that she otherwise would not. Objectification and commodification are at the root of the violence in prostitution. Sex buyers don't acknowledge the humanity of the women they use for sex. Once a person is turned into an object, exploitation and abuse seem almost reasonable. In interviews with sex buyers in different cultures, some chilling examples of commodification were provided:

- Prostitution was understood as "renting an organ for ten minutes." [5]
- Another US sex buyer stated that, "Being with a prostitute is like having a cup of coffee, when you're done, you throw it out." [6]
- Sex buyers commodify and select women on the basis of race/ethnic stereotypes via ethno-sexualization. [7] "I had a mental check list in terms of race," said a London sex buyer, "I have tried them all over the last five years but they turned out to be the same." [8]
- In Cambodia, prostitution was understood this way: "We men are the buyer, sex workers are goods, and the brothel owner is a vendor." [9]
- A woman who had prostituted in Vancouver for 19 years explained prostitution the same way that sex buyers did, "They own you for that half hour or that twenty minutes or that hour. They are buying you. They have no attachments, you're not a person, you're a thing to be used." [10]

["Bitch, You Got What You Deserved!": Violation and Violence in Sex Buyer Reviews of Legal Brothels.](#)

Jovanovski, Natalie, and Meagan Tyler. 2018. *Violence Against Women* 24, no. 16:1887-1908. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1077801218757375>

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Roe-Sepowitz, Dominique, et al. 2016. *Journal of Human Trafficking* 2, no. 4:272-280.

<https://www.researchgate.net/publication/291347670> Invisible Offenders A Study Estimating Online Sex Customers

Deconstructing Demand: The Driving Force of Sex

Trafficking. Swanee Hunt. 2013. *The Brown Journal of World Affairs* 19, no. 2:225-241.

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International Documentary Videos

Combating Sex Trafficking: The Nordic Model

with Brigett Perrier and Autumn Burris [VIDEO](#) <https://youtu.be/fJWHE5N3tWQ>

Expert Organizations

OSCE Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

Valiant (Val) Richey is the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings. He represents the OSCE at the political level on anti-trafficking issues, and assists the 57 OSCE participating States in the development and implementation of anti-trafficking strategies and initiatives. His Office also has a co-ordinating function among OSCE structures and institutions involved in combating trafficking in human beings. Prior to his appointment as Special Representative, Val served as deputy co-ordinator and "Acting Special Representative and Co-ordinator" for 15 months.

National Center on Sexual Exploitation, NCOSE

The **National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE)** is an American [non-profit](#) organization with the goal of "exposing the links between all forms of [sexual exploitation](#)". The organization advocates legislation to reduce the exposure of children and teenagers to "sexually violent content", including all forms of pornography.

<https://endsexualexploitation.org>

Joy Smith Foundation

The Joy Smith Foundation works to ensure that every Canadian man, woman and child is safe from manipulation, force, or abuse of power designed to lure and exploit them into the sex trade or forced labour.

<http://www.joysmithfoundation.com>

Nordic Model Now!

<https://nordicmodelnow.org>

The Nordic Model (sometimes known as the Sex Buyer Law, or the Swedish, Abolitionist, or Equality Model) is an approach to prostitution that has also been adopted in Sweden, Norway, Iceland,

Northern Ireland, Canada, France, Ireland and Israel. Founded in March 2016, Nordic Model Now! is a secular, feminist, grassroots women’s group based in the UK that is campaigning for the abolition of prostitution and related practices

Culture Reframed - Dr Gail Dines, Founder and President

<https://www.culturereframed.org>

Culture Reframed helps parents and other adults build kids’ resilience to hypersexualized media and porn. Dr. Gail Dines is Founder and President (<https://www.gaildines.com/>)

Dr. Dines is the author of : *Pornland: How Porn Has Hijacked Our Sexuality*. [Preview on google books](#)
https://books.google.ca/books?id=x9CMJ_zY4WUC&printsec=frontcover#v=onepage&q&f=false
[Facts about Porn](#) excerpts from the website: <https://www.gaildines.com/the-porn-crisis/>

- [Porn sites](#) get more visitors each month than Netflix, Amazon, and Twitter combined
https://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/05/03/internet-porn-stats_n_3187682.html
- About one-third of all web downloads in the U.S. are [porn-related](#)
<https://www.webroot.com/us/en/resources/tips-articles/internet-pornography-by-the-numbers>
- Pornhub — self-described as “the world’s leading [free porn site](#)” — received 33.5 billion visits in 2018
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/curtissilver/2018/12/11/pornhub-2018-year-in-review-insights-report/#50760b927369>
- In a content analysis of best-selling and most-rented [porn films](#), researchers found that 88% of analyzed scenes contained physical aggression: gagging, choking, spanking, and slapping <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1077801210382866>
- 50% of parents underestimate [how much porn](#) their teens have seen
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/07/magazine/teenagers-learning-online-porn-literacy-sex-education.html>
- A meta-analysis of 22 studies between 1978 and 2014 from seven different countries concluded that [pornography](#) consumption is associated with an increased likelihood of committing acts of verbal or physical sexual aggression, regardless of age
https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/jcom.12201?referrer_access_token=pwMkoAqlyGE3PRoFZs5Yta6bR2k8jH0KrdpFOxC66Xi0vLCdhZlhj2DFxxhJNEoOnV-sviuGP-U5qjOKLyp7Y5FuizJ3qEpzmUu3eR1Oe_Fd7cLV9fhQo4pjH-eGvh

- A meta-analysis found “an overall significant positive association between [pornography use](#) and attitudes supporting violence against women”
https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/jcom.12201?referrer_access_token=pwcMkoAqlyGEd3PRoFZs5Yta6bR2k8jH0KrdpFOxC66Xi0vLCdhZlhj2DFxxhJNEoOnV-sviwGP-U5qjOKLyp7Y5FuizJ3qEpzmUu3eR1Oe_Fd7cLV9fhQo4pjH-eGvh
- In a study of U.S. college men, researchers found that 83% reported seeing mainstream pornography, and that those who did were more likely to say they would commit rape or sexual assault – if they knew they wouldn’t be caught – than men who hadn’t seen [porn](#) in the past 12 months
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10720162.2011.625552>
- Thirty peer-reviewed studies since 2011 reveal [pornography use](#) has negative and detrimental impacts on the brain
<https://www.yourbrainonporn.com/relevant-research-and-articles-about-the-studies/brain-studies-on-porn-users-sex-addicts/>

Shared Hope International

<https://sharedhope.org>

Shared Hope International (SHI) is a nonprofit, non-governmental, Christian organization that exists to prevent sex trafficking and restore and bring justice to women and children who have been victimized through sex trafficking. SHI is part of a worldwide effort to prevent and eradicate sex trafficking and slavery. The organization operates programs in the United States, India, Nepal and Jamaica. Shared Hope leads awareness and training, prevention strategies, restorative care, research, and policy initiatives to mobilize a national network of protection for victims.

Fight The New Drug

<https://fightthenewdrug.org>

Fight the New Drug is a non-religious and non-legislative organization that exists to provide individuals the opportunity to make an informed decision regarding pornography by raising awareness on its harmful effects using only science, facts, and personal accounts. The group spreads its messages through presentations and video campaigns, and targets people aged 18 to 24.

- Videos and FAQ about [effects of porn on the individual and on communities](https://fightthenewdrug.org/overview/)
<https://fightthenewdrug.org/overview/>
- [How clicking porn fuels sex trafficking](https://fightthenewdrug.org/media/how-porn-fuels-sex-trafficking-video/) (2 minute video)
<https://fightthenewdrug.org/media/how-porn-fuels-sex-trafficking-video/>

Prostitution Research - Dr. Melissa Farley, Founder

<https://prostitutionresearch.com>

Prostitution Research and Education (founded in 1995) is a San Francisco-based **nonprofit organization**. The purpose of the organization is to conduct research on prostitution, pornography, and trafficking as well as offer education and consultation to other researchers, survivors, the public, and policymakers. The group has the stated goal "to abolish the institution of prostitution while at the same time advocating for alternatives to trafficking and prostitution – including emotional and physical healthcare for women in prostitution." The founder, **Melissa Farley**, is an American **clinical psychologist**, researcher and **feminist anti-pornography** and **anti-prostitution** activist. Farley is best known for her studies of the effects of **prostitution**, **trafficking** and **sexual violence**.