

The following presentation addresses some important questions that must be considered before passing more useless, redundant “anti- trafficking” legislation. Among these questions are:

1. Where do the confusing and often conflicting statistics come from that are used by anti- prostitution supporters of increased penalties, expanded definition of ‘human trafficking’ and other ‘sex trafficking’ legislation?
2. We already have tough laws nationwide which specifically deal with human trafficking; if they are not working, why would new laws specific to ‘sex trafficking’ - with money given to non law enforcement agencies with NO accountability to taxpayers- be more effective?
3. How big a problem is ‘(sex) human trafficking’ and how does it compare to other violence against women and children, such as domestic violence and child abuse? Are the other, more numerous victims less important to society?
4. If prostitution is ‘like rape,’ why do the victims of rape who report their rapists get shortchanged by the government? Why are the rapes of inmates by corrections officers often completely disregarded? Why is rape in the military and on college campuses not treated as a serious issue?
5. If prostitution is ‘violence against women,’ why are there so few resources allocated to help the hundreds of millions of wives and girlfriends (worldwide) of truly violent husbands and boyfriends?
6. What are the unintended consequences of this type of legislation and how will it impact those whom such legislation is intended to help? Who benefits from the highly exaggerated ‘statistics’ which cannot be verified even by government agencies which spend hundreds of millions of dollars investigating reported incidents of human trafficking?
7. If many of the law enforcement agents noted in this presentation *who rape prostitutes* and ***who have sex with minors*** (for which they are often given minimal sentences) are NOT required to register as sex offenders, why would such registry be required for *the non violent, non abusive, non coercive employers-* so called ‘pimps’- *and associates of adult prostitutes with whom they work,* or to whom they voluntarily give **any** of their “prostitution income” for ***whatever reason,*** **ESPECIALLY IF THE ADULT PROSTITUTE DOES NOT INITIATE A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AGAINST SUCH PERSONS** **OR** ask the police for help?

Facts to consider before demanding new and even more draconian legislation relating to so called human trafficking/ sex trafficking/ consenting adult prostitution:

- We already have tough Federal and State laws which prohibit sex/ human trafficking- and most states already have laws which prohibit prostitution, whether adult and consenting or coerced or juvenile involvement. We also have statutory rape laws with which to charge adults who have sex with minors, *regardless of consent*.
- Pimping and pandering laws already mandate significantly *greater* punishment than for crimes of *violent rape, domestic violence and non commercial child sexual exploitation*.
- Adding to the expense of enforcing new, unenforceable and *duplicate* legislation to current national budget crises will force even more cutbacks to equally important issues and problems faced by American citizens.
- America's prisons and jails are overcrowded and [under federal court order to relieve the overcrowding](#); to achieve this many states must release inmates early: For example, in California, [the United States Supreme Court ruling in 2011 ordered the department to reduce prison crowding to 137.5 percent of the prison system's design bed capacity by June 2013](#). Similar overcrowded conditions exist in most state prisons and county jails, including the privately owned and operated facilities. And with that overcrowding come serious problems of inmate violence, health issues and rape.
- New legislation does nothing to help *non* sex trafficking victims, and gives money to ideologically biased organizations which are thereby incentivized to make *further exaggerated claims* of victimhood, citing unverifiable statistics to justify their existence. And it does nothing to stop the flow of persons being 'smuggled' across the border... by BORDER PATROL AGENTS...