"DO THE MATH"- WHY NUMBERS MATTER

The US government has a vast library of information available online. The problem is that finding anything is not an easy job. There are so many different reports, tables, documents etc. some of it a bit repetitive, and unfortunately, some containing different mathematical results for the same information (such as number of arrests for rape or prostitution) making it difficult to know which statistic is the more accurate or current.

[If you find a statistic in one table or report that does not match another statistic that is posted here, you are welcome to share that with us, along with the location of the differing numbers.]

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Perhaps because it is so difficult to find this information without a great deal of effort, journalists, politicians and others do not attempt to do any meaningful research which would expose the lies they are told by the prostitution abolitionists and victim pimp organizations. They no longer have an excuse. As an activist, you can point them to this material or send them directly to the government statistics.

Without further ado, here are definitions, explanations of the materials, summaries and links to the reports and materials referenced in this document: **[ALL PAGES IN THIS DOCUMENT CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY AS WELL AS IN "OPERATION DO THE MATH" PAGE- and all have links to the original source pages)**

DEFINITIONS:

'PROSTITUTION ABOLITIONIST VS. ANTI- TRAFFICKER'

No one wants to abolish human/sex trafficking more than sex workers. We do not want anyone to be forced into any type of labor, regardless of their age or financial situation. Unfortunately, there are many people who claim they are "anti- traffickers" but they are really anti- prostitution and their goal is to "abolish" or "eradicate" all commercial sex, including porn, stripping, exotic dancing, etc. How to tell the difference? If a group or organization supports and respects the rights of consenting adults to engage in commercial sex and they are willing to work with us to help fight all forms of human trafficking, then they are "anti- traffickers." If they claim that all commercial sex must be abolished to fight "sex trafficking," then they are prostitution abolitionists and care nothing about 'human trafficking.'

'SEX TRAFFICKING,' 'VICTIM PIMPS' AND 'RESCUE PIMPS':

There are many conflicting definitions for what constitutes "sex trafficking" and also many opinions of who is and isn't a "victim of sex trafficking" and who is a trafficker. It is so confusing for law enforcement agents that they have been known to arrest a "victim" and charge her with sex trafficking... of herself!

Organizations which receive funding from the government and/or private donations have a vested interest in claiming that **ALL SEX WORKERS ARE SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS,** and the more victims they can con the public into believing are out there, the more money they receive from those 'pigeons.' For this reason, we call them **"VICTIM PIMPS"** or **"RESCUE PIMPS"** because they make their money off of sex workers (whom they allege are victims) and they 'rescue' us by having the cops kidnap us and then threaten us with incarceration if we do not accept their offer to be 'rehabilitated.'

•Government agencies categorize all minors (under 18) involved in any type of sex work as being victims of sex trafficking, regardless of their age or consent to engage in sex work, and even in states where the age of consent is 16.

Abolitionists (falsely) argue that because "the average age of entry into prostitution is 12 to 14" the majority of adult prostitutes must have become prostitutes as minors, and therefor their lack of ability to consent as minors carries over into their adulthood and they cannot be considered to have consented to engage in prostitution as adults.

As you will see in other sections of this document, the basis for the "average age" argument is a lie, because the study upon which their argument rests was a study of **JUVENILE PROSTITUTES, AND NO ONE OVER 18 WAS INCLUDED IN THE RESEARCH.** ("2001 COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN THE US, CANADA AND MEXICO" PAGE 92 -93)

TO DELIBERATELY LEAVE OUT THE MOST PERTINENT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS 'STUDY' IS A LIE BY OMISSION.

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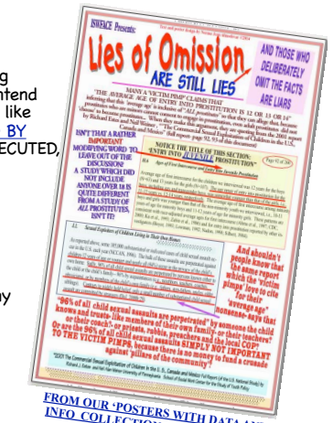
For those over the age of consent, 'sex trafficking' is supposed to be defined as being coerced or tricked into prostitution against one's will, but prostitution abolitionists contend that all sex work is done against one's will. They claim that all prostitution is rape or like rape and that women cannot "consent to be raped." [AND YET WHEN WE ARE RAPED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, IF THE COPS ARE ARRESTED AND IF THEY ARE PROSECUTED, THE ARGUMENT IS THAT WE MUST HAVE CONSENTED TO THE COERCED SEX ACT. PROSECUTORS DECLINE TO PURSUE CASES AGAINST RAPIST COPS, CONTENDING THAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN CONSENSUAL BECAUSE SHE WAS A PROSTITUTE....]

This is a convenient but illogical argument which denies the voices of the majority of sex workers who say they chose to engage in sex work for a variety of reasons, and that being "economically coerced" into sex work (another specious argument of the abolitionists) is no different than any other adult who is 'economically coerced" into any other job. **NOT LIKING ONE'S WORK IS NOT A LEGITIMATE REASON TO EITHER BAN THAT TYPE OF WORK OR TO ARREST THOSE WHO ENGAGE IN SUCH LABOR!!!!**



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'RESCUE'

Put simply, "Rescue" means "arrest"- taken into custody.

'RESCUE AND RESTORE'

In any other context, rounding up a group of people against their will is called "kidnapping." Those who kidnap sex workers, using law enforcement agents to do their bidding, believe that the 'end justifies the means.' The cops- working with the 'faith based rescue' organizations- seize/ kidnap/ **'rescue'** sex workers off the street as well as whose who find their clients on the internet, and drag those kidnap victims to the rescue organization's facility where they are threatened with arrest if they do not agree to enter the 're-education program' offered so kindly by the "well meaning" Christians who only want to teach these poor beings that "Jesus loves them" and that they would be so much better off if they learned skills that could help them find acceptable employment earning minimum wage and or going on the government dole. These nice folks want to **'restore'** us bad women and return us to the 'state of grace' where women are supposed to be: virtuous, chaste, humble and good wives who obey their husbands and only have sex with them in the missionary position.

Those who do not accept the terms of confinement in the 're-education camp' are then arrested and sent for prosecution and subsequent incarceration in the city or state facility where they can be raped by the guards as punishment for daring to refuse the generous offer of the rescuers.

'END THE DEMAND'

An insane policy which criminalizes the clients and employers of prostitutes (even though in most places where prostitution is illegal, criminalization already covers all those persons including the prostitute)- while decriminalizing the sex worker. If even a small percentage of the alleged number of JUVENILE prostitutes existed, the number of 'johns' hiring them would be so great that it would outnumber the entire adult male population of the US... see Part V- Fast Facts...

'SEX WORKERS' (all prostitutes are sex workers but not all sex workers are prostitutes)

Sex work includes all forms of financially compensated adult activity- legal or illegal (stripping, porn, phone sex, web cam sex, dominatrix, escorting, writing pornographic scripts, and of course, prostitution; there are other types of sex work as well).

'PIMPS/ MADAMS/ HUMAN TRAFFICKERS'

The government/ law enforcement considers ANYONE to whom a sex worker gives ANY of the money earned through sex work to be a 'pimp' or 'madam.' This could be someone who facilitates the safety of the sex worker, or someone who arranges an encounter for a sex worker, or who drives a sex worker to their encounter. It is also applied to others who may have nothing to do with facilitating sex work- such as a family member: children, parents, spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend etc, as well as landlords, banking institutions, and ANYONE who may 'financially benefit' from the 'victims' sex work. All of those persons are now threatened with and arrested as 'human traffickers.' The cops also seize the money earned by a sex worker and use the funds to prosecute "the victim" and arrest more 'victims.'

'JOHNS' / UNIQUE NUMBER OF 'JOHNS'

Cops and prostitution abolitionists and the media refer to the men who pay us as 'johns.' Most of us refer to them as 'clients' or 'customers' because we view ourselves as professionals with a job providing sex care and intimacy.

A 'UNIQUE JOHN' describes someone who is a new client (to that sex worker) and not what we consider a 'regular client' who is someone who hires us more than one time and whom we may see on a regular basis for years.