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[SallySparrow](#)

6:42 PM on September 29, 2010

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I suggest a little background reading. Try Victor Malarek's two books: "Natashas" and "Johns". Some of the best studies of the sex trade — and you'll think twice before writing something so ridiculous in future. See:

<http://www.amazon.ca/Johns-Sex-Sale-Men-Who/dp/1554701570/>

I'd also suggest checking out Sweden's prostitution laws — there women are not prosecuted and are protected — but any man caught paying for sex is sentenced. Remove the John from the equation and you solve the problem.

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[MManley](#)

11:18 PM on September 28, 2010

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Time to stop legislating morality. There will still be problems post-legalization but they will be less than those caused by prohibition. Prohibition just serves to funnel money to organized crime.

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JoyfulC

8:00 PM on October 8, 2009

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My concern is that Mr. Young hasn't been entirely honest with his clients. Can they get prostitution laws struck from the Criminal Code? Possibly. But that won't be the end of it. Draconian, completely unfair and arbitrary municipal bylaws will spring up in response. Stuff that prostitutes will find much harder to work around and more expensive to live with. Congrats to Mr. Young for leading around some naive women by the nose in order to aggrandize himself. Come back in ten years? They'll probably spit when they even think his name.

Shaking my head.

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[redrider](#)

2:50 PM on October 8, 2009

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Present street walkers seldom volunteer...or apply to become prostitutes. They are scooped up by pimps who keep them on the string by use of drugs, violence, intimidation, and isolation. Can't people see that this is all because it is illegal..and works completely outside the law. There is no ombudsman for prostitutes...nor is there a 'Better Business Bureau' membership for pimps. Wake up...What we've been doing has NOT worked..and will not work. Liquor is legal..but you don't have to drink alcohol...rodeos are legal..but you don't have to jump onto a bull..lighten up already

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[Freedom75](#)

10:22 AM on October 8, 2009

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Legislative decrees should be from a municipal level concerning policing issues and the provincial level concerning health issues, otherwise the federal level should be skipped entirely if not ignored outright if not just because the Federal level is a hindrance to the entire process of trying to cope with the daily issues at hand...we don't need another committee...it has been studied to death over millennia to say the least. What part don't you get?

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Name withheld

[okay](#)

5:47 AM on October 8, 2009


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Perhaps a National commission by prostitute survivors, not advocates nor do gooders. A Health perspective might help, retired prostitutes from say Poland, etc. might help.

The big deal seems that the ex cons who run the trade now are living off the avails of the Prostitutes.

Yes the money does get taxed when the holders purchase something, they aren't scot free from tax, that may be a benefit of the HST being implemented. The unsavoury people involved are

just that ,no more.

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Puck

3:19 AM on October 8, 2009

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Legalize prostitution, regulate it, and tax it.

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scotsdoc

11:12 PM on October 7, 2009

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Prostitutes provide a much appreciated service for men with a high sex drive who may or may not have other outlets for their needs.

I see nothing wrong in prostitution and if the "GREENS" get their way to save PLANET EARTH, and strict POPULATION CONTROL is mandated, I can visualize brothels advertised by the Provincial Governments rather in the same way as Casinos and Lotteries are advertised, with singing commercials.....

"YOU CAN'T WIN, IF YOU DON'T PLAY"

"HELP SAVE THE WORLD, VISIT YOUR SAFE, WARM, INSPECTED CITY BROTHELS, YOU WON'T FIND FUN AND GAMES LIKE THIS, AT HOME"

Not every woman is FORCED into prostitution - some may be - It is an ancient and much valued profession.

I would legalize prostitution tomorrow.....What working girl would prefer the back seat of a car to the warm inviting safe environment of an up-scale inspected* brothel? D@mn few, I reckon.

* Inspected by the City Mayor, Police Chief and Medical Officer of Health on a weekly basis - say 11 am every Friday Morning.

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[Les1](#)

11:03 PM on October 7, 2009

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Having spoken to girls that have walked the street and operated under the legal radar in "massage parlours", they all prefer the safer message parlour route. They're safer, they're dropped off (and the caller is checked out) and picked up after, health checks are regular and they are looked after. Not like walking the streets where any joe can pick you up and they end up in a ditch somewhere.

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[Christina A.](#)

10:59 PM on October 7, 2009

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Prostitution is a dangerous form of work and rarely entered into voluntarily. Legalizing this would not solve any problems and certainly not protect the girls or any of the boys. This goal is ceratinly not new; twenty five years ago sex trade workers blockaded themselves in Vancouver's Christ Church cathedral. Nothing much was changed by that- everyone tried to be understanding.

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[Darrin Duell](#)

10:57 PM on October 7, 2009

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Further, the argument has been made that the victims of these attacks wouldn't have been accepted into a brothel b/c of disease, drug addiction ect.. well, perhaps if women can go to a brothel to begin with they won't end up diseased and addicted to drugs. At least it gives them a choice. What choice do they have now?

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[Darrin Duell](#)

10:53 PM on October 7, 2009

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I think the 'experts' are the ones who are actually selling the service.. not the ones posting here who disagree with them. Frankly, its not a hard sell for them.. buy their protection from pimps and organized criminals or fall under the protection of society. Which would you chose? Live in fear of arrest and learn to distrust the police, social workers and health care workers or be able to be open about your occupation without fear of arrest. Prohibition is a quick fix, where the supposed cure ends up being

worse than the disease.

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[quietisthenewloud](#)

10:26 PM on October 7, 2009

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I feel like people think that once this is legalized everything is going to be happy and wonderful, but this isn't the Moulin Rouge and this isn't a victimless crime. Europe has a huge sex slave problem (especially countries where prostitution is legal like the Netherlands) and when I lived in Switzerland I often saw advertisements before movies trying to educate people on what is happening. Please read this article and think about whether legalizing prostitution is really going to help prostitutes or end up hurting even more women.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3071965/>

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[quietisthenewcloud](#)

10:13 PM on October 7, 2009

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Would the people who are giving my comment thumbs down please explain to me how legalizing prostitution would protect prostitutes who are in the business because they have no other choice and who are also drug addicts and/or have STIs? And so would obviously not be allowed to work in these "safe" brothels.

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[quietisthenewcloud](#)

9:38 PM on October 7, 2009

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I think that the main argument towards legalizing prostitution is to give prostitutes more security. But most of the marginalized women who are becoming prostitutes because they have no other choice and who are potentially also drugs addicts and HIV positive obviously aren't going to be allowed to work into proposed regulated, "safe" brothels as having intercourse with them would be a health risk to the customer. These women are still going to be on the street away from regulations that require them to be disease free and clean and that also would be keeping them safe. The only people that this law would benefit are the men who to be completely frank are looking to use women for their bodies. To me this is another form of violence against women. It justifies the notion that it's okay to use women for sex. Something that men have done to me in the past (without my consent), and something which broke me and took me years to recover from.

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[rg0057](#)

8:42 PM on October 7, 2009

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Interesting choice of headline. Normally when fools are exposed in court, the headline would say that, and not resort to the weasel word "characterized".

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[redrider](#)

8:37 PM on October 7, 2009

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Who benefits from keeping Prostitution illegal ? The pimps. Prostitution and narcotics are the mainstay money makers for organized crime. All the laws and enforcement Canada has paid for many decades has done nothing but make millionaires out of criminals

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[lestoil](#)

8:28 PM on October 7, 2009

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god freeks, sit down, until you walked a mile in their high heels

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[redrider](#)

8:24 PM on October 7, 2009

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Presently.....safety for both the sex worker and the client/john are in the hands of criminals. This issue must be addressed.

Many European countries...including Germany, Holland among them have been running brothels along the same lines as public utilities...liscenced..inspected, regulated and safe for all. What we are doing now is not effective....and panders to thought/morality police

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