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## Prostitution and Pornography are not Victimless Crimes; it is Slavery

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Many people consider prostitution and pornography victimless crimes. This excuse deems both as [sanctioned or permitted sex between two consenting adults](#). If this is true, why are many women and children trafficked and forced into sexual slavery? Why are many prostitutes victims of violent physical abuse and murder by those they work for? Further, if porn and prostitution are victimless crimes, why does the porn industry have an HIV AIDS problem?

Those who view prostitution and porn as [harmless sexual pleasure](#), say it's no different than a man taking a woman out to dinner on a date, spending the evening getting to know her as a potential girlfriend, and, if both wind up in bed having sex afterward, that is no different than paying a prostitute for the night. Every excuse is used to reach as far as possible in order to unearth more ways to declare porn and prostitution harmless and those involved victimless.

Many consider prostitution and porn non-criminal, yet disparage America's slavery past. What about sex slavery, which prostitution promotes — [human trafficking](#); selling women and children's bodies: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#). Despite evidence, some call the industry empowering to women, not victimizing, unless hookers and female porn stars receive less pay than men. [In November, Salon.com quoted radical feminist Amanda Marcotte, saying:](#)

[Actual Feminist Amanda Marcotte](#), for instance, makes this point: The idea behind the 'porn is empowering!' argument is that women who work in porn gain power in a pragmatic way, playing by men's rules, and feminists should support this for pragmatic reasons, because at the end of the day, women have more real power. And that would be a legitimate argument *if the women involved had more power at the end of the day*. But what power do they have, exactly? Joanna Krupa cites the big paychecks you get for nude modeling in Playboy, but since those paychecks stop coming when you're a hag of 23 or so (or possibly younger), then it's a false form of power.

Salon's Kate Harding said Marcotte's column proves that men, no matter their age, are paid better:

See, the underlying principle of feminism is equality. As things stand here in the country that produces Playboy, women and men are not equal. Men, for instance, are favored for all sorts of powerful, high-paying jobs, and often respected more as they get older and better at those jobs. Women, on the other hand, can sometimes make a bunch of money by taking off all their clothes when they're young and most attractive to a large number of heterosexual men, but then they are *less* respected in that profession as they get older, no matter how much valuable information they've learned about posing naked by that point. Do you see the difference?

Do these "actual feminists" see the underlying danger of porn and prostitution? Human trafficking is a billion dollar business inside the porn and prostitution industry. Radical feminists angry over equal opportunity pay for porn stars should be screaming about the threat porn and prostitution poses—sex slavery, Aids, and murder. [Harding does admit](#) radical feminists have "arguments against porn" she says she did not mention in her column. I wish Harding did. Her colleague [Tracey Clarke-Forley did this week, exposing how Las Vegas pimps and clients have beaten, raped, and murdered many prostitutes](#), whose "bodies were chopped up...strangled, shot in the head by or 'disappeared' by their pimps." [Feminists](#), be they [conservative](#), [liberal](#), right and [left](#), must speak out about the dangers porn and prostitution creates. Women must fight violence of every sort against women, taking a stand against porn and prostitution, selling women and children as tools to be used until useless and disposed of through violent means—death.

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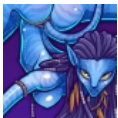
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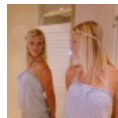
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