



Legal prostitution is safer and better paying

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There is a Bunny Ranch in Carson City, Nevada that deals in legal prostitution. The ranch employs women to pleasure anyone for just about anything, if they have the cash.

Nevada is the only state to legalize prostitution, under highly regulated brothels. Prostitution outside of regulated brothels is prohibited.

There are a lot of people who may judge and prosecute these women for their way of life, but I say if it is legal, then who are any of us to judge?

According to an MSNBC article by reporter Rita Cosby, the ranch has about 500 women, with 30-40 constantly on duty. I have never been a client of legal or illegal escorts, but I have given a few single dollar bills to some female dancers. I am certain there are many men and women who have done the same. Then is it so difficult to grasp taking that pleasure to another level?

There are a lot of moral implications against prostitution, which I am inclined to agree with. Sex needs to be about more than lust. Selling your body for money diminishes the value of what you are offering. Also, mutual affection and attraction is lost when you have to dish out money. I certainly would never want to be engaged to a prostitute.

I do not condemn these women either. They could be on the streets selling drugs or robbing stores. Instead, they chose to make an honest living. That is something that needs to be recognized—working at the Bunny Ranch is an honest living.

Some of us have made immoral or demeaning decisions to obtain or keep the lifestyles we enjoy today.

During Cosby's interview, she found that the average brothel employee makes about \$3,000 per day. I wish I could make that much money in one day.

According to the MSNBC article, the ranch gives people, mainly men, something they can't get at home. They go there looking for that special feeling and to be acknowledged. The ranch has even had couples come in wanting to role-play and have threesomes.

I suppose everyone has that one fantasy they want fulfilled, and if your significant other is not willing to fill that role or if you do not have a significant other, the Bunny Ranch would be a place where you are unlikely to be told no.

American society still seems to want to stone prostitutes, yet we seem more open to sexual relations outside of marriage. There are people who have probably had more sexual partners than some of those ranch bunnies. The only difference is these women are taking ownership of what they are doing and making a lot of money doing it.

I do not think their lifestyles should be condoned, but they should not be condemned either.

People go to the ranch willingly and the women are employed willingly. I would rather have a system like this than how it is in the rest of the country. Women work for pimps, who usually abuse their working women, and a lot of these women are infected with sexually transmitted diseases and pass them on through unsafe sex.

Prostitution has been around since the dawn of man and will continue to exist until the end of time. It is time America takes notice and facilitates a safer method for its existence, as the Bunny Ranch has done.

According to the MSNBC article, the women are swabbed weekly and have their blood drawn monthly, and they always practice safe sex. The Bunny Ranch does not elicit drugs or condone abusive behavior.

If I had a friend who decided to sell her body for a living, I would want her to be working under these kinds of conditions, instead of on the streets and for a pimp.