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INQUIRY INTO THE REGULATION OF BROTHELS

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General submission

Hi there! Why i think sex work should be decriminalized? I am talking from the point of view of the health professional, who is working as a researcher in sexual health.

Why Swedish model is not working in practice despite the great findings that support it in Sweden?

1) on the questioning validity of their findings, Swedish minister for human justice have said: ok the findings may be a bit over the top, but at the end the end justifies the means

2) Swedish law only targets street based female sex workers and any researcher in sex work would tell you there are many faces of sex work, beside street prostitution. There are male and female escorts within the agencies or working on their own: female to males, male to males, males to females and females to females. Beside them there is transactional sex (when rates are not charged per hour but given expensive gifts) including older males to younger females and vice versa older females to younger males.

There are also inter-continental marriages (including the gay ones). I know someone in Sweden who got married in his fifties with 4 young Thai boys that were just over 18 yo. Swedish law does not account any of these

3) What may be the profile of street sex workers in Sweden, one of the few countries with the best social services in the world? Without insulting anyone these are drug addicted women, home run always and illegal emigrants. And how does police work with them? Thinking they will give the money or a drug to addicted woman, a Swedish citizen to illegal emigrant? You must be kidding. But the system is designed to help these poor women getting out of prostitution!!

4) So what the women do? They try to go to darker places where they may find the customers, which make their position more difficult.

5) They are more prone to having sex without condoms, being raped or murdered

6) the Swedish law made a success by cutting street prostitution by 60%, maybe? But we are ignoring the facts that they are maybe harder to find and that more women goes to escort work. The only way to deal with prostitution (

Is to decriminalize sex work like it is done in New Zealand. Until then the life and wellbeing of people involved in sex work would remain in great jeopardy. So the question i am asking are we bringing the law because of moral principles and issues or are we bringing them to help living conditions of sex workers?

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