

“Prostitution is violence against women...”

Sex workers say
“*‘Violence against women’*”
is violence against women-
NOT ‘prostitution is violence against women’

We note that there is also significant violence against men and transgendered persons- both in and out of sex work. There is violence by males against males, females against females. No gender or age is immune from violence. Violence is inherent in nature, whether or not human.

In all cases where it exists in humans, it is only appropriate to investigate, pursue, prosecute and punish those who commit violent acts against others of any age or gender, based on assertions of violence by the injured party, not on assertions of violence made by uninvolved third party moralists/ radical feminists with an ideological agenda, or those who stand to financially benefit from an inflated number of harmed ‘victims.’

It is never appropriate to blame or punish the victim, or to ban the labor or sexual activity of consenting adults based on the tendentious claims of ‘harm’ or ‘violence’ by those aforementioned uninvolved third parties. It is never appropriate to insist that an individual or group of individuals experienced violence or harm if they tell you they did not. And it is never appropriate to disallow the claims of someone who was a victim of violence or abuse if they allege that they were, even if the violence or abuse was perpetrated by a government or law enforcement agent.

A victim of violence or abuse can only speak of his/ her own experience: his/ her victimization, no matter how severe, does not entitle them to speak on behalf of or instead of any other persons who do not make the same claims of abuse.