

The numbers are essentially a guesstimate- not a scientific estimate...

Is this what passes for **acceptable journalism** by so called journalists when they continue to repeat non scientific *statistical* ‘guesstimates’ and claim them as **FACTS**?

To be endlessly repeated by pandering politicians and **those who financially benefit from these fallacious, exaggerated, unsubstantiated claims?**

Organizations- including those which promote the abolition of *all* prostitution- admit:

“We use those statistics knowing and admitting that they are dated estimates because everyone– policy makers, media and the public– push to know the number of victims.”

[‘But we really don’t know!!! So we give out numbers which we know to be incorrect!’]

“We use these statistics because these are the most recent and comprehensive numbers we have... (from) the controversial 2001 University of Pennsylvania study. Partially funded by the US Department of Justice, it remains the most complete published study on the commercial sexual exploitation of children. The current controversy lies in the 100,000 – 300,000 children reported in the study to be at risk in the US for commercial sexual exploitation.”

<http://ecpatusa.org/2011/07/the-numbers-game/>

Despite **NOT** knowing how many real victims of sex/ human trafficking there are, US taxpayers are supposed to fund training for law enforcement officers to spot “*victims of sex trafficking*” and then make untold numbers of arrests, leading to prosecutions and incarcerations of individuals based on nothing more than *guesstimations*?

(They could always ask the person if they are a victim or not, but that would be too easy and not generate the funding they get by arresting ‘potential victims’ and then threatening them with incarceration if they deny being a victim...)

And they include ‘guesstimates’ of who law enforcement agents should consider victims... even if the ‘victim’ says otherwise...