

# Buyers Unmasked:

## Exposing the Men Who Buy Sex & Solutions to End Exploitation

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**A note on terminology:** This report refers to a legislative framework, herein called “the Survivor Model,” which provides legal protections to prostituted individuals, offers them comprehensive support services, including proposed strategies to exit the sex trade, and holds accountable patronizers (sex buyers), exploiters (pimps), and owners and managers of commercial sex establishments.

This legal framework has a number of names. Pioneered in Sweden, it was called the “Swedish Model” from 1999-2009, followed by the “Nordic Model” when Iceland and Norway adopted the same law. Later, as Northern Ireland (2014), Canada (2014), France (2016), the Republic of Ireland (2017), Israel (2018), and the state of Maine (2023) enacted this law, advocates dubbed it the “Equality Model,” emphasizing it as a tool to prevent male violence against women, promote gender equality, and educate the public about the inherent harms of the system of prostitution. Today, some groups in the U.S. refer to this framework as the “The Survivor Model” to highlight the law’s survivor-centered approach.

Regardless of its name, the goal remains the same in each jurisdiction where the law is enacted or proposed: to offer concrete pathways out of the sex trade, end sexual exploitation by targeting the demand for prostitution, and prevent sex trafficking. Due to this report’s focus on U.S. states, we have chosen to use the term Survivor Model.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks to shine a light on a consistently overlooked dimension of commercial sexual exploitation: the sex buyers who fuel this destructive system. The report features sex buyer quotes from across the country to expose the ways in which these men view and discuss the individuals they purchase for sex acts as well as the overall act of sex buying. By showcasing sex buyers in their own words, highlighting key trends among their attitudes, and revealing demographic data of sex buyers versus sex trade survivors across the U.S., we argue that current prostitution policies must be reformed to address these realities and offer possible solutions to end sexual exploitation. By examining case studies of Australia, New Zealand, and Rhode Island, we conclude that current calls to decriminalize “sex work” are a failed approach because they result in an expansion of the sex trade, offering more women and youth up to the very men we highlight in these pages, while frustrating efforts to hold sex traffickers and other exploiters accountable.

Instead, we offer the Survivor Model—a policy framework that provides services and legal protection to those engaged in prostitution while holding accountable those who exploit them for profit and sexual gratification. By analyzing data from Sweden, Norway, France, and other jurisdictions, we provide evidence that not only is the Survivor Model extremely effective at shrinking commercial sex markets and by extension, reducing sex trafficking and sexual exploitation, but it has also facilitated a cultural shift towards gender equality in nations that have adopted this approach. Moreover, the model’s legitimacy is bolstered by endorsements from significant international bodies, including the European Parliament and the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls. Finally, we cite promising programs in the U.S. that have implemented innovative sex buying reduction strategies that foster community accountability and restorative justice principles. By offering examples of success from multiple jurisdictions from across the globe that have effectively implemented the Survivor Model, as well as the positive impact it has had on cultural norms, we argue that more U.S. jurisdictions should adopt this survivor-centered model that prioritizes victim services, community accountability, culture change, and ultimately violence prevention.

At a time when misogyny and male violence against women and girls are pervasive, it is more important than ever to commit to a future that upholds safety, justice, and equality as our collective priorities.



## INTRODUCTION

**“There’s not always a trafficker, but there is always a buyer.”**

*Autumn Burris, sex trade survivor (California)*

Women and girls are the most visible faces of a notorious multi-billion dollar global industry. But this is no feminist success story: this industry is one that thrives on sexual exploitation, violence, and dehumanization. This is the sex trade.<sup>1</sup>

Why are women and girls paraded as the only visible participants of the sex trade? It is not because women are reaping massive profits, or because women are in positions of power. It is because women and girls make up the vast majority of the prostituted population.

The system of prostitution is designed to spotlight the availability of sex “provided” by women and girls on the margins of society while at the same time masking sex buyers who demand this availability. Sex buyers crave anonymity in order to compartmentalize an abusive practice and segregate it from their reputations, their careers, and their families.

So, who are the men fueling this multi-billion dollar industry?

While there is no national repository of data on men who purchase sexual acts, we do have snapshots from around the country giving us a sense of their race, income brackets, and age. For instance, in King County, Washington, 73% of sex buyers are white men (although white people only represent 66% of the state’s population).<sup>2</sup> Likewise, in Pennsylvania, 74% of sex buyers are white men<sup>3</sup> and research indicates that sex buyers in Minnesota are often white, middle-aged, married men.<sup>4</sup>

The vast majority of individuals these men purchase for sexual acts are women, girls, immigrants, and LGBTQI+ youth, all overwhelmingly of color. According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, nearly 40% of reported cases were Black women and girls—the highest of any racial group.<sup>5</sup> We see this reality reflected across the country: in King County, Washington, 44% of all child sex trafficking victims are Black, although Black people only represent 7% of the population.<sup>6</sup> In Los Angeles County, two-thirds of trafficked youth are Black, though only 7.4% of the child population in Los Angeles is

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1 *The sex trade* is an umbrella term referring to all forms of prostitution including escort services, illegal “massage parlors,” pornography, strip clubs, sugar dating, street prostitution, etc. It is a global multi-billion-dollar enterprise, upheld by sex buyers who fuel it.

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5 “Polaris Analysis of 2021 Data from the National Human Trafficking Hotline,” Polaris Project, 2022, <https://polarisproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Polaris-Analysis-of-2021-Data-from-the-National-Human-Trafficking-Hotline>.

6 “King Country Commercial Sexual Exploitation Cases,” 2022.

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Black.<sup>7</sup> Indigenous children are 5.8 times more likely to be reported as victims of trafficking compared to white children.<sup>8</sup> According to the National Criminal Justice Training Center, in 2020, 40% of sex trafficking victims in the United States identified as Native American, despite comprising only 3% of the population.<sup>9</sup>

We also know that women and girls bear the brunt of the legal consequences associated with the sex trade, while the men who purchase them largely enjoy impunity and anonymity. In Massachusetts, the ratio of arrests of prostituted individuals to sex buyers is 9 to 1.<sup>10</sup> Nationally, women account for 62% of adult prostitution arrests while girls account for roughly 71% of youth arrests.<sup>11</sup> These arrests also disproportionately impact Black survivors: Black adults account for nearly 42% of all prostitution arrests while Black children are five times more likely to be arrested for prostitution than their white peers<sup>12</sup> (even though U.S. federal law defines all minors under the age of 18 bought and sold in the sex trade as victims of child sex trafficking).<sup>13</sup>

Even when children are bought and sold, the consequences for sex buyers are minimal. A 2014 report by Shared Hope International revealed that in 134 cases of men purchasing sexual acts from minors, 26% served no time and 69% of all sentences were suspended.<sup>14</sup> Resistance to holding buyers of trafficked children accountable persists, as witnessed during the 2024 California legislative session. For months, lawmakers debated whether purchasing sexual acts from youth ages 16 and 17 should be considered a felony or a misdemeanor under state law, despite federal law clearly stating all minors under age 18 bought and sold for sex are victims of child sex trafficking—a felony.<sup>15</sup> After attempts to kill the bill were defeated, the final version ultimately enacted allows prosecutors to bring felony charges against sex buyers who exploit children 15 and younger,<sup>16</sup> but it will ultimately be up to local law enforcement whether to charge offenders who exploit youth ages 16 to 17 with a misdemeanor or felony.<sup>17</sup>

Not only are the legal consequences of participating in the sex trade vastly different for sex buyers, but so are the physical and psychological impact as compared to those they purchase. According to a Colorado medical study examining two decades of evidence, the mortality rate of women in prostitution is 200 times the rate of the general population.<sup>18</sup> Physical violence—committed by exploiters and traffickers, but most often by sex buyers—includes sexual abuse, rape and gang rape,

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7 K. Walker Brown, M. Ackerman-Brimberg, and A. Newcombe, *Strategies to End Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth: A Toolkit for Collaborative Action* (National Center for Youth Law, 2021), [https://youthlaw.org/sites/default/files/attachments/2022-03/NCYL\\_Toolkit\\_0809.pdf](https://youthlaw.org/sites/default/files/attachments/2022-03/NCYL_Toolkit_0809.pdf).

8 Rights4Girls, "Sexual Violence among Native Women & Girls," <https://rights4girls.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Sexual-Violence-Among-Native-Women-Girls-2024.pdf>.

9 "Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls National Statistics." National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College, <https://ncjtc-static.fvtc.edu/resources/RS01183335.pdf>.

10 Rights4Girls, "Racial & Gender Disparities in the Sex Trade."

11 Federal Bureau of Investigation, "Table 38: Crime in the United States, 2019," *Crime in the U.S. 2019*, accessed November 18, 2024, <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/tables/table-38>.

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13 22 U.S.C. § 7102 (2021), <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/22/7102>.

14 *Demanding Justice Report*, (Shared Hope International, 2014), [https://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Demanding\\_Justice\\_Report\\_2014.pdf](https://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Demanding_Justice_Report_2014.pdf).

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17 Anabel Sosa, "Bill that would increase penalties for paying for child prostitution headed to Newsom," *Los Angeles Times*, August 30, 2024, <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024>.

18 John J. Potterat et al., "Mortality in a Long-term Open Cohort of Prostitute Women," *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 159, no. 8 (April 15, 2004): 778–85, <https://doi.org/10.1093/aje/kwh110>.

## A LOOK AT THE VICTIMS<sup>19</sup>

### SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IN LOUISIANA

89%  
GIRLS

54%  
BLACK



In Louisiana, 89% of the state's child sex trafficking victims were girls and 54% were Black.

### SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IN OHIO

96%  
FEMALE

39%  
OF COLOR



In Ohio, 96% of trafficking victims identified were female and 39% were of color.

### SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IN HAWAII

83%  
FEMALE

64%  
NATIVE HAWAIIAN



In Hawaii, 83% of sex trafficking victims are female and 64% are Native Hawaiian.

### REFERRALS FOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IN CONNECTICUT

87%  
GIRLS

73%  
CHILDREN OF COLOR



In Connecticut, 73% of referrals for trafficking were children of color and 87% of these children were girls.

## A LOOK AT THE BUYERS<sup>20</sup>

### SEX BUYERS IN OHIO

85%  
WHITE  
MEN



In Ohio, 85% of sex buyers identified by law enforcement to be connected to sex trafficking investigations were white men.

### SEX BUYERS IN WASHINGTON

73%  
WHITE  
MEN



In King County, Washington, 73% of sex buyers are white men, whereas white people only represent 66% of the state's population.

### SEX BUYERS IN PENNSYLVANIA

74%  
WHITE  
MEN



In Pennsylvania, 74% of sex buyers are white men.

### SEX BUYERS IN MINNESOTA



Research indicates that sex buyers in Minnesota are often white, middle-aged, married men who seek out Indigenous women for sex.

19 Rights4Girls, "Racial & Gender Disparities in the Sex Trade," 2024.

20 Ibid.



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severe beatings, including battery when a victim refuses or lacks enthusiasm.<sup>21</sup> More specifically, 92.2% of women in the sex trade report being subjected to rape, being shot, strangled, burned, beaten, stabbed, or punched.<sup>22</sup> Prostituted women also report being urinated, defecated and ejaculated upon, forced to have unprotected sex, and subjected to the insertion of foreign objects into their bodies.<sup>23</sup> One recent study found that 98% of prostituted women surveyed had been raped by sex buyers or pimps.<sup>24</sup> Given these horrific acts, it is not surprising that 68% of prostituted women meet the criteria for post-traumatic

stress disorder (PTSD) as severe as levels of PTSD suffered by combat veterans and victims of state torture.<sup>25</sup> Another study of prostituted women in the U.S., including trans women, found that 61% suffered Traumatic Brain Injuries while in the sex trade.<sup>26</sup>

This report aims to reveal the men behind the proverbial curtain, the men who keep this system of inequality and discrimination churning. Their demand for prostitution creates an apparatus of pimps and traffickers incentivized to target the most marginalized women and girls.

To reveal these men, we cannot rely on law enforcement, who rarely enforce patronizing laws, or the media, which often views prostitution as a “victimless crime.” Instead, we must search for these men where they hide and plainly broadcast the misogynistic violence inherent to prostitution.

In this report, you will read the words of these men—the words they speak to each other and the words they speak to the men and women seeking to end this system of exploitation. You will see that across our country—teeming with differing politics, religions, academic backgrounds, and values—these men are remarkably similar to one another in mindset; West Coast misogyny is interchangeable with East Coast misogyny. The through line is a deeply ingrained dehumanization of women, and an impulse to use them for personal gratification.

While acts of racism, misogyny, gender-based violence, sex trafficking, and exploitation, including child exploitation, are purportedly rejected by this nation, why do sex buyers get a pass?

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23 Ibid.

24 Melissa Farley and M. Alexis Kennedy, “Torture and its sequelae among prostituted women in the United States,” *European Journal of Psychotraumatology*, 15, no. 1 (2024): 1-12, <https://doi.org/10.1080/20008066.2024.2404307>.

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26 Melissa Farley, Martha E. Banks, Rosalie J. Ackerman, and Jacqueline M. Golding, “Screening for Traumatic Brain Injury in Prostituted Women,” *Dignity: A Journal of Analysis of Exploitation and Violence* 3, no. 2 (2018): Article 5, <https://doi.org/10.23860/dignity.2018.03.02.05>.





## BUYERS IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“The extreme levels of violence inflicted on women in prostitution—which would never be accepted in other contexts—are blanketed by a financial transaction, designed to materialize a so-called ‘consent’ that cannot be expressed freely in the prostitution system. In this context, the very concept of ‘consent’ is weaponized against women in prostitution, as it is extorted through physical or economic coercion, manipulation and violence.”<sup>27</sup>

*Reem Alsalem*

*UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, 2024*

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<sup>27</sup> Alsalem, *Prostitution and Violence Against Women and Girls: Report of the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, Its Causes and Consequences*, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/thematic-reports/ahrc5648-prostitution-and-violence-against-women-and-girls-report>.

## A. Sex Buyers in Conversation with Each Other: The Hobby Boards

To quote one of the men in the following pages, sex buying is “a hobby principally about discretion.” While it may be true that these men are desperate for their “hobby” to remain secret from their families and workplaces, they also exhibit an urge to share in the community of like-minded men.

Hobby boards—online forums that function as a sort of “Yelp” for sex buying—provide this community. Some sites require logins and passwords, while others allow users to explore the forums without barriers. Using anonymous usernames and protected by domains hosted in places like Switzerland and the Netherlands where user data is highly protected, sex buyers speak candidly to one another. They boast of sexual exploits, recommending or warning each other about certain women, or “providers” as they call them. Each post is categorized by state and region so buyers can flag areas with police presence or lack thereof and celebrate when a new batch of women becomes available. Some sites include a highly detailed glossary of acronyms describing sexual acts and the women themselves, enabling a shorthand for high-frequency buyers and posters.

Hobby boards reflect a toxic fraternity unrepentant in their words and acts of blatant misogyny, racism, sexual coercion, and violence. The postings often reveal sex buyers as being fully aware and indifferent to signs of trafficking, coercion, exploitation, violence, desperation, or substance abuse.

It is a common refrain among those who advocate for a decriminalized sex trade to claim that the majority of individuals involved in the sex trade are “consenting adults”—adults with equal amounts of agency, power, and desire. They urge law enforcement and society to ignore what transpires between a patronizer and the person purchased under the rules of capitalism: that money equals consent and individuals have a right to earn money however they choose.

When visiting hobby boards, this theory quickly falls apart. The fairy-tale version of prostitution painted by the Hollywood classic *Pretty Woman* is not to be found. Reading sex buyers’ own words, we glean insight into the mindsets of one half of the so-called “consenting adult” partnership. There are moments of compassion, but only for himself (“*I am out here having fun and doing dates with anybody that has meat on their bones and is getting a great nut from it.*”). There is concern for safety, but only for himself (“*She has a verification process I refuse to submit to. No way I am sending my real name and showing her my ID.*”). There is an awareness of sex trafficking, but only in how it may complicate his pursuit of sexual pleasure (“*She’s desperate for money. Needs to support her loser convict pimp... He is most likely in the closet of the hotel room if you are brave enough to book with her.*”).

Today there is growing consensus that consent is not as straightforward as saying “yes” to a sexual act. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) states, “Consent can be complicated when one partner holds more power than the other.”<sup>28</sup> NSVRC goes on to detail different sources of power imbalances, including “positions in society” and “privilege.”<sup>29</sup> From myriad studies of women in prostitution to the words of sex buyers themselves, it is clear that the notion of consent is warped and ultimately meaningless in an exchange where one party holds all the financial, social, and typically, physical power.<sup>30</sup>

28 “I Ask How Power Impacts Consent,” National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 2019, [https://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/publications/2019-01/Power%20Dynamics%20Handout\\_508.pdf](https://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/publications/2019-01/Power%20Dynamics%20Handout_508.pdf).

29 Ibid.

30 Raphael and Feifer, “Get the Facts” (World Without Exploitation, January 2020), <https://www.equalitymodelus.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Get-the-Facts-January-2020.pdf>.



### CONTENT WARNING

The following pages contain violent, misogynistic, racist, and dehumanizing language the reader may find distressing. The following reviews were posted on two hobby boards: USA Sex Guide and Utopia Guide.

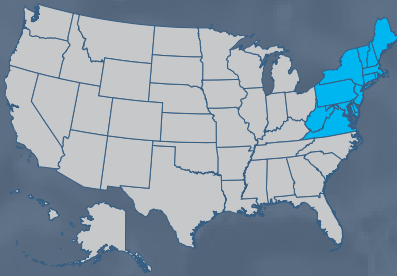
Some posts have been shortened for length. Posts have not been edited for content or spelling.

### HOBBY BOARD ABBREVIATIONS AND CODE WORDS

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<b>AMP</b> = Asian massage parlor	<b>FS</b> = full service (sexual intercourse)
<b>BBF</b> = bareback full service (sexual intercourse without a condom)	<b>GAF</b> = give a fuck
<b>BJ</b> = blow job	<b>H&amp;H combo</b> = horny and high
<b>BBJ</b> = bare blow job (no condom)	<b>HJ</b> = hand job
<b>BBL</b> = Brazilian butt lift	<b>K girls</b> = Korean girls
<b>BBW</b> = big Black woman	<b>LEO</b> = law enforcement officers
<b>Bolt-ons</b> = breast implants	<b>Mish</b> = missionary
<b>BSW</b> = Black sex worker	<b>Monger</b> = patronize
<b>CBJ</b> = covered blow job (with condom)	<b>PM</b> = private message
<b>CFS</b> = covered full service (sexual intercourse with a condom)	<b>Spinner</b> = petite woman
<b>DFK</b> = deep French kiss	<b>STG</b> = Skip the Games (a sex trade website)
<b>Dome</b> = blow job	<b>SW</b> = sex worker
<b>DT</b> = deep throat	<b>UTR</b> = under the radar
	<b>WSW</b> = white sex worker
	<b>YMMV</b> = your mileage may vary

# NORTHEAST



Avoid.  
**Baby, damage doesn't even begin to cover it.**  
Disgusting place in carrier circle.  
Fucked up teeth.  
The filters are there for a reason, **this one has been through the wringer.**



SYRACUSE, NY

OCT 2023

**Original post:**

She danced at my event last night. Afterwards a girl who I see regularly asked if the 2 of them could come over. We agreed on certain acts and that each one would get \$400. **She not only didn't do what she was supposed to**, but she spent the entire time cock blocking. At the time the total had reached \$500 she decided that I was cheating her and stole \$500 from a desk drawer. She then announced that she had done so "because she deserves all the money" and then got violent.

Avoid at all costs.

**Commenter 1:**

Sorry that happened but Damm Slinky **you can't trust ghetto hood rat bitches** like this at your place!!

**Commenter 2:**

She's lucky she ain't run into someone who don't GAF and made an example out of her. Some pros think they're tough. **They are the physically far weaker sex and really shouldn't play with fire.**

**Original poster:**

You are correct. **She's lucky all I did was drag her around the room once or twice.** But if her friend hadn't been there...

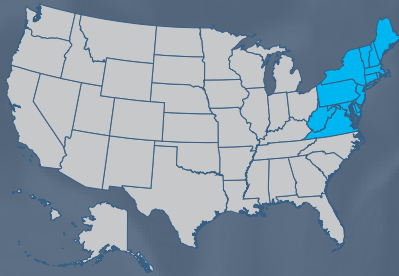


NEW YORK, NY

NOV 2021

## NORTHEAST

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**Has a handler staying in the room with her**, not independent, watched him leave the hotel and wait in a car facing the door before I went in.

Men's watch on the nightstand. Didn't cause me any trouble but not the least bit enjoyable I'd never return.



**BOSTON, MA**

APR 2024

I still go to AMPs. Hell, I went today to 1021 and got Mina, and had a very good massage with a fairly cookie cutter AMP experience. But it still scratched an itch because I do love a table shower, massage, and seeing **a new supply of pretty Asian women**, and the ease of just deciding to walk in and **have a good time whenever needed** is always nice.



**PROVIDENCE, RI**

APR 2024

**With Monkeypox going on was hesitant about rainbow so tried calling some white girls.**

Princess responded quickly so I set up an appointment. Was not enthusiastic that's for sure, ended up with a minute long BJ and starts the 'are you ready' crap. Killed the mood but was able to keep junior half up for the dirty deed. And yeah she is fat, not in a well put together way, fat in like a crackhead eating mickey ds and chugging twisted teas 7 days a week kind of thing. Fats in all the wrong places. Oh and **no grabbing, which kind of defeats the purpose of a fat girl.**

Rating 1/10  
Looks 2/10  
Value 0/10



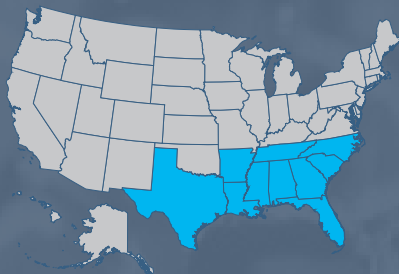
**BURLINGTON, VT**

AUG 2022

SEE APPENDIX B FOR ADDITIONAL POSTS

## SOUTH

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Idk man when I saw her I thought her face was a little masculine in the pictures. But when you see her in person it's not. She didn't have manly legs at all. And she had a pussy. LOL idk how far that tech has come. **I'm not with the trans either. Now you got me worried LOL. Are they putting pussys in now days?**



ORLANDO, FL

MAR 2024

My last encounter was on Valentine's day with a girl named Red, uptown area, on Claiborne walking towards the store. **She got in my car with so much drugs on her, it would kill an elephant. She took a hit of a crack pipe, and gave me above-average BBBJ.** She said she doesn't walk the streets anymore, which is a common statement I'm starting to hear from other girls

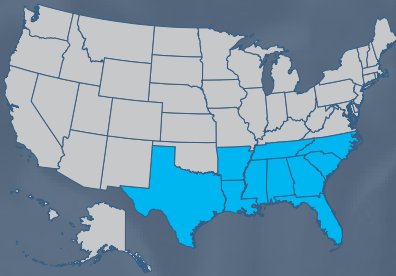


NEW ORLEANS, LA

MAR 2024

## SOUTH

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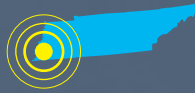
I went to ek healing to see aqua again last week but **she looked tired and provides me bad services and I complained to mama. She showed me a new girl** A-young and I went to see Ayoung today. Black long hair baby face nice body about 5'3 tall. I got good services I will try next week again.



ATLANTA, GA

APR 2024

That's an interesting question. **Other than the latinas who do rub and tug I don't know where to find any Latina escorts or SW.** A few years ago one of my Spanish-speaking friends told me that he used to go and date Mexican girls at an apartment complex on Perkins. Does anyone else have the heads up about this?



MEMPHIS, TN

SEP 2024

I fuck so many girls in their early 20's now **especially young black girls** that had you told me when I started this that when I was **in my 50's I would be smothered in hot young poon** to the point its impossible to see them all I wouldn't have believed you. When I started doing this we looked for girls in the fish wrapper! Most of you won't even know what that is. There was no internet. **If you bought poon on the coast it was because you knew a madam/pimp** or had the balls to call one of the 2 escort agencies in the yellow pages.



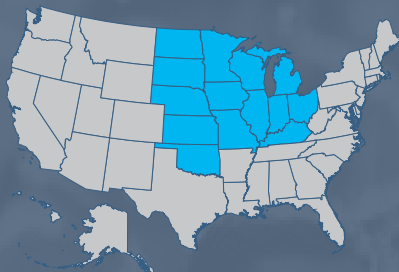
BILOXI, MS

AUG 2022

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# MIDWEST

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**Find them, fuck them, forget them. This is the gold standard for men's spiritual health.** Probably for women's, too, though I really don't care about that.

**When you see a pig, let it in your car and shoot in it.** It's that simple. It's not rocket science.

Had her come up to my hotel room the other day. Met her at the door by the street and thought "Oh my God I've hit the jackpot" 5'3" maybe 5' 4" maybe 115 lbs. **Straight brown hair. Thin, braces pretty.** Got her up to the room and I had to do something I've never had to do before. I had to ask to see her l'd. **She was a solid 18 years old plus 9 months. Ad says 24 but no. She's 18.** Great ass possibly best I've ever seen in person. Nice C titties. Spent a few minutes sucking my dick covered. Then she jumped up on the bed. I asked her to het on her back and let me throat fuck her but she wasnt into that. **She's good but not into the weird stuff yet. Hell, she's 18!** Got her from behind pounding her pretty hard before I realized I better get a towel down. That time of month. Rolled her over. By that point I wanted to come so bad I forgot to have her ride me cowgirl and I came in the bag mish. Next time. Anyway a solid performance. **I don't think she'd been doing this long enough to know to check the room for cameras.** Great time. Would definitely repeat. Looks like she travels a bit.



MILWAUKEE, WI

JUL 2024



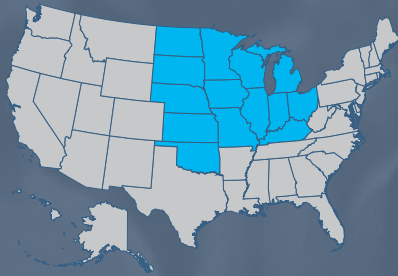
KANSAS CITY, KS

JUL 2024



# MIDWEST

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Layla has a drug problem. When I saw her she was falling asleep twitching during our session.



CHICAGO, IL  
APR 2024

Mostly all the fine women are \$100 and I spent over \$1,000 so I know what I'm saying when I say this is a boring addiction sometimes. **If you want the best head usually the crack \*\*\*\*\* do it the best** and for sex I'll go with the fine ones. I wish post nut clarity wasn't a thing because when you're done the disgust really hits and I hope I didn't catch an STD every time.



CHICAGO, IL  
MAY 2024

I agree. I saw her 3-4 times about 2 years ago when she was looking real good. **About 2 months pregnant at the time. Did a duo with her and her roommate,** Sierra at their place on Siebenthaler. That was just ok. Saw Sierra several times solo and had a lot of fun with that spinner. **They both look awful today.** Be safe.

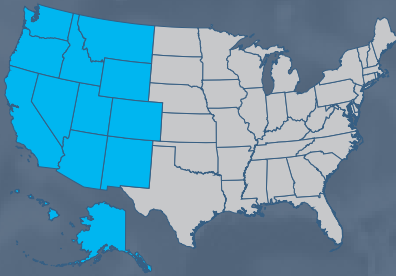


DAYTON, OH  
APR 2024

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Picked up Aria, **young black girl, large tits, nice ass, I never pick up black girls too which says how hot she was, actually had a good personality as well**, until we started then she became a rusher, everything covered as well and once I finished she got off like mid finishing stroke. 100 all in which was cheapest I was quoted out there.



PHOENIX, AZ

FEB 2024

I just dropped off Adriana on the corner of Marina and Clearwater. **She's wearing a tight red tank top and she's just the right amount of high right now.** Be careful if you get her much later than this because I think she's going to see her dealer and might be a little irritable in about an hour. **Happy Hunting.**

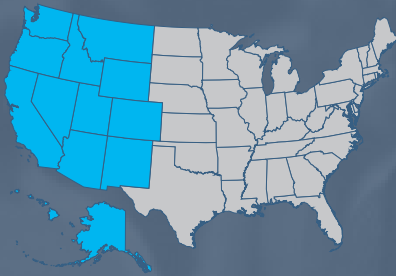


MOHAVE COUNTY, AZ

JUN 2024

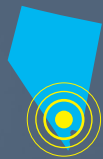
# WEST

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Went and saw Tripps today. To start off with, **she is an open drug user**. There are pipes and needles laying around the room. She was smoking fentanyl while we had our date. I looked up when I was getting it from behind, and she was heating up the tinfoil, She also alluded to the track marks all on her arms and legs.

**She would literally do anything you want.** At one point **she got so high that she passed out and I had to wake her up.**



LAS VEGAS, NV

APR 2024

Something evil this way comes. **She's desperate for money. Needs to support her loser convict pimp.** He needs money—dope gambling and money to support his girlfriend. **He is most likely in the closet of the hotel room if you are brave enough to book with her.**

Be careful.

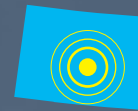


RENO, NV

JUL 2023

This girl is super ditzy but I said it before Ill say it again **she has an absolute killer dumper. I'm pumped so many loads into this chick she could probably shit out a clone of me.**

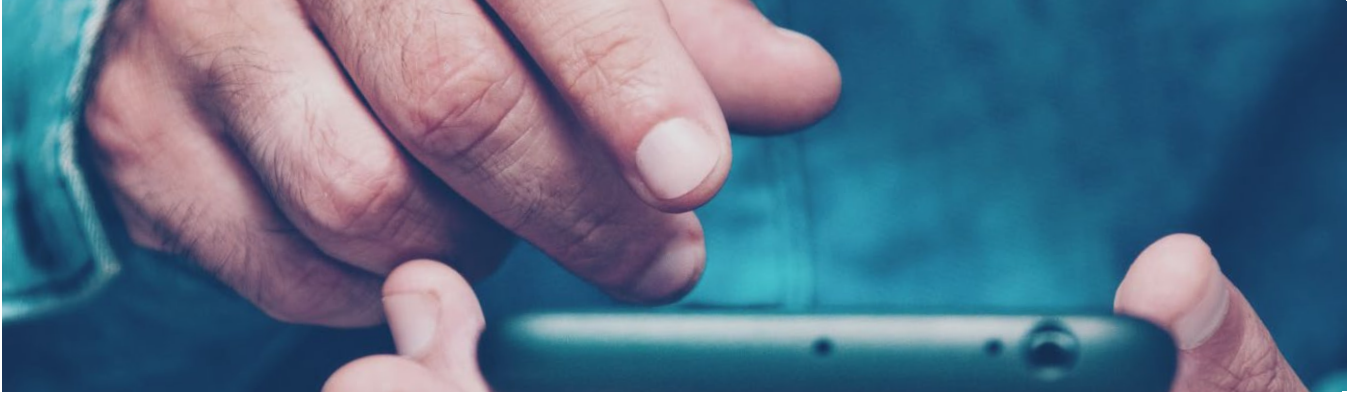
She goes on and off the radar but is most likely back for awhile.



COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

OCT 2024

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## B. Sex Buyers at the Point of Purchase: Disrupting the Market

The sex buyers posting on the hobby boards reflect a market of men who seek out commercial sex acts in a variety of ways, including street prostitution, illicit massage parlors, and escort services. In recent decades, particularly since the Covid-19 pandemic, the internet has increasingly become a convenient, anonymous middle man in promoting prostitution.

The internet has long facilitated sexual exploitation from the days of Backpage.com and Craigslist, websites on which sex buyers could purchase human beings for sexual acts, to today's more diffuse set of websites offering prostitution. Since federal passage in 2015 of the *Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act*, policymakers have increasingly recognized that sex buyers fuel sex trafficking. More recently, legislation like FOSTA-SESTA (*Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act-Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act*), which allows survivors and states to hold websites accountable for knowingly facilitating sex trafficking and promoting prostitution (i.e. pimping under U.S. federal law), demonstrates an understanding that we must meet the market of sex buyers where they often are—online.<sup>31</sup>

One organization, Epik Project, seeks to disrupt the demand for prostitution at the point of purchase. The group places decoy ads on sites like Megapersonals, Skip the Games, or Listcrawler featuring women advertising sexual acts in 20 cities across the United States. When the presumptive sex buyer contacts the woman (via text message or phone call), a trained volunteer answers. After exchanging a few messages assuming the guise of a woman, the volunteer then reveals his true identity and purpose: stressing the prevalence of sex trafficking, dissuading the man from purchasing sex, and encouraging him to consider prostitution as male violence against women.

According to Epik, to date, hundreds of trained male volunteers have had tens of thousands of engagements with active sex buyers.

The following pages contain portions of conversations from 2022-2024, condensed for length. The location of the sex buyer was determined by the location of the decoy ad, cross-referenced against the sex buyer's area code.

<sup>31</sup> *To Amend the Communications Act of 1934 to Clarify That Section 230 of Such Act Does Not Prohibit the Enforcement Against Providers and Users of Interactive Computer Services of Federal and State Criminal and Civil Law Relating to Sexual Exploitation of Children or Sex Trafficking, and for Other Purposes*, H.R. 1865, 115th Cong. (2017), <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1865>.

## Conversation #1 with sex buyer from Los Angeles, California



**Epik:** What makes you want to pay for sex?

**SEX BUYER:** Cuz I look at women as distractions

**SEX BUYER:** So i just use these services when i need to

**Epik:** Distractions from what?

**SEX BUYER:** The rest is remain focused on what truly matters in life to me

**SEX BUYER:** My work my family my little world i live in

**Epik:** I would argue that someone else's life truly matters.

**Epik:** but when you are buying sex, the girl is treated like an object.

**SEX BUYER:** Hmm yes and no dude

**SEX BUYER:** Yeah, she is an object that's placed there by society for men like us to use and move on with life

**SEX BUYER:** No feelings attached

**Epik:** Do you think she feels that way? Do you think Jess says "I am here because society put me here to be used by men so they can move on with life"?

**SEX BUYER:** I don't know and frankly don't care how she feels

**SEX BUYER:** Women have taken the care element and emotion out of me

**Epik:** How have women taken the care element and emotion out of you? Just curious. You mentioned your last relationship was toxic?

**SEX BUYER:** History man, past experiences

**SEX BUYER:** Toxic fucking girls

**SEX BUYER:** Cheaters unfaithful hoes

**Epik:** Do you want to experience love?

**SEX BUYER:** I thought I did

**SEX BUYER:** But now i just want to fuck bitches

**SEX BUYER:** Out of anger and spite for them tbh

**Epik:** Well, I'm glad you're honest with yourself. Most guys won't admit that.

**SEX BUYER:** Dude i keep it real. I agree. what i am doing is wrong and i'm fighting a battle with myself everyday!

**Epik:** But the girls you're using don't deserve your anger and spite. They are not the ones that dumped you.

**SEX BUYER:** Yeah you're right, i agree. but just fuck all women in general

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## Conversation #2 with sex buyer from Orange County, California



**Epik:** What led you to visiting these ads today?

**SEX BUYER:** I've been going to these ads for the better part of a decade now and I love to **find women who don't mind being someone's personal porn star sadly most of the women on these ads are just human flashlights and they don't do anything fun they're just a body [...]** I don't see anybody young. And I'm not buying sex, I'm buying a time, what do you with that time is between you and me.

**Epik:** I appreciate the answer. No judgment here. Better part of a decade is quite a long time. So would you say it's a bit of a control thing for you? Or boredom? I guess what I'm asking is why risk it with the legality issue? even if you aren't "buying sex," we both know what this site is primarily used for.

**Epik:** Why risk it with it being such a grey area?

**SEX BUYER:** Well that's just a thing right see we go on a date I go and spend two \$300 on food wine entertainment just a hopes to come back and hope you want to sleep with me Isn't that buying sex

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## Conversation #3 with sex buyer from San Diego, California



**SEX BUYER:** Your trying to paint me as some loser who needs friends

**SEX BUYER:** **Fuck u you dumb bitch**

**Epik:** Not at all Sean...sorry if that's what I did.

**Epik:** I don't think that at all

**SEX BUYER:** So are u gonna suck my dick or not?

**SEX BUYER:** Stupid fucking whore spread your legs and that's it

**SEX BUYER:** **That's all your worth a cum dumpster**

**Epik:** Sean...I am trying to look out for you. A lot of guys (not you) who call these numbers are doing something to distract from a different problem all together.

**SEX BUYER:** You don't know me at all

**SEX BUYER:** Maybe I need to get laid so I don't go crazy.

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### Conversation #4 with sex buyer from Austin, Texas



**SEX BUYER:** I wanna take a break from the norm

**Epik:** oh ok, what u mean?

**Epik:** u wanna do something extra freaky or what?

**SEX BUYER:** Let's have hot wet sex in the back seat of my suv

**Epik:** i thought you wanted a break from the norm, that's all i do. or are you talking about your boring housewife?

**SEX BUYER:** I mean raw anal sex

**SEX BUYER:** And we make a porno

**Epik:** haha i dont think my boss would like that hun

**SEX BUYER:** He can hold the camera

**Epik:** hes not a cuck, hes a businessman. he wants to make money. if i did a movie like that he'd beat me

**SEX BUYER:** Poor little whore

**Epik:** excuse me?

**SEX BUYER:** How much are you

**Epik:** Do you realize I'm a person? I'm a human being not a sex object. Did you know the reason I do this is because men like you keep buying me? I can't escape this life because I'm a sex object to you and a money making machine for my boss. How do you think that makes us feel?

**Epik:** Btw is this Todd?

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### Conversation #5 with sex buyer from Kansas City, Missouri



**SEX BUYER:** Hey u available

**Epik:** Hey you. What are you looking for?

**SEX BUYER:** Hhr incalls

**Epik:** Hey, have you heard that many women involved in prostitution are doing it against their will?

**SEX BUYER:** No

**SEX BUYER:** If they do they are weak as hell just run away dumb retards

**Epik:** Sadly people think it's harmless and the women are in full control. So not true. Most are controlled by a pimp who takes 100% of the money. They control them with beatings, fear, drugs.

**SEX BUYER:** Pimps don't exist these days

**SEX BUYER:** Girls do it cuz they have no other way to make money

**Epik:** 100% false.

**Epik:** I could introduce you to plenty of girls run by pimps.

## C. Summarizing Sex Buyer Attitudes

### ACROSS 89 CONVERSATIONS<sup>32</sup>

- 28 Indicate awareness that the person being reviewed or purchased is acutely vulnerable (either due to drug dependency, poverty, language barrier, etc.).
- 28 Express objectification and commodification of women purchased or solicited.
- 21 Display racism or fetishization.
- 12 Indicate overt misogyny.
- 7 Discuss specifically young women.
- 6 Signal awareness of coercion including possible trafficking.
- 5 Complain about safety measures undertaken by the prostituted person (e.g. use of condoms and other precautions).
- 5 Discuss law enforcement.
- 3 Express transphobia.
- 1 Admit enacting violence towards the prostituted person they purchased for sex acts.

Whether online or on the streets, sex buyers are focused on their desire for sexual gratification, routinely ignoring signs of desperation, drug dependency, illness, and coercion in the individuals they purchase for sexual acts. Among these conversations, more than a dozen sex buyers demonstrated callous disregard for women who openly displayed signs of drug addiction.

*“She would literally do anything you want. At one point she got so high that she passed out and I had to wake her up...”*

*“If you want the best head usually the crack \*\*\*\*\* do it the best...”*

*“Layla has a drug problem. When I saw her she was falling asleep twitching during our session...”*

Other sex buyers were clearly aware that the women they solicited were living in desperate circumstances, but were nevertheless undeterred from purchasing them for sexual acts.

*“Said she was from Mississippi and living in a tent under the bridge...”*

<sup>32</sup> We selected 80 hobby board posts from four different regions across the U.S., surveying content that appeared on the first 4-5 webpages of a city’s posts from these regions. Twenty posts are highlighted in the body of this report; the rest appear in the appendix. We also reviewed conversations between Epik volunteers and prospective sex buyers from 2022-2024, spotlighting five exchanges in this text and including nine total in the appendix.



## BUYERS IN THEIR OWN WORDS

*“I saw her up until she was homeless... Wore that black and pink bikini for weeks on end. I still would pay for her to Uber her to my house and would fuck her unshaved, unkempt unshowered and wearing that smelly bikini. I’d do it again and again if given a chance.”*

Several sex buyers described women’s exploiters being nearby or directly on the premises during their encounters without expressing any concerns for the women’s safety; in fact, in most cases, the men only mentioned the presence of an exploiter as a matter-of-fact “FYI” or in order to keep other sex buyers safe.

*“...He is most likely in the closet of the hotel room...Be careful.”*

*“Has a handler staying in the room with her, not independent, watched him leave the hotel and wait in a car facing the door before I went in.”*

In another instance, the sex buyer was unconcerned both by the existence of an exploiter and of the woman’s young child.

*“...her pimp/boyfriend/roommate came in just after I finished and asked what the hell I was doing in his apartment. She had her baby in the living room playing in the playpen the whole time.”*

Another commonly shared characteristic among the men in these pages is their racist and objectifying attitudes towards the women they purchase or seek to purchase. Nearly two dozen sex buyers expressed overtly racist feelings.

*“She is the embodiment of a Korean baby doll.”*

*“With Monkeypox going on was hesitant about rainbow so tried calling some white girls.”*

*“I like Russians/Ukrainians/Kazakh girls.”*

Others talked about subjecting women they purchased for sex to violence for not doing what they were told.

*“She’s lucky all I did was drag her around the room once or twice. But if her friend hadn’t been there...”*

Other sex buyers exhibited transphobia and other dehumanizing sentiments towards women.

*“Garrison was nothing but trannies and bones so I decided to pass.”*

*“She is an object that’s placed there by society for men like us to use and move on with life.”*

*“That’s all your worth—a cum dumpster.”*

These words describe real women who are profoundly vulnerable; survivors left behind by a society that inherently values maleness and grants it enormous privilege. Our current laws, by tacitly affirming men’s right to purchase sex, perpetuate systems of sexism, racism, and transphobia and further entrench the inequalities that harm women. It is beyond time to challenge these structures and ensure that the dignity and rights of survivors are upheld and that future violence against women and girls is prevented.

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**“She is an object that’s placed there by society for men like us to use and move on with life.”**

 SEX BUYER



## EXPLORING SOLUTIONS TO END EXPLOITATION

Policymakers, law enforcement, the media, and communities all have a role to play in deterring sex buying and prioritizing the human rights of the most vulnerable over the sexual pleasure of men. Finding a solution to the widespread issue of commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking requires a level of collaboration and persistence that matches the complicated and insidious nature of the crime. Commercial sexual exploitation is by no means a “new” crime, but our collective understanding of its nuances and root causes has been slow to catch up to reality.

Each country grapples with how best to prevent trafficking and sexual exploitation, which gives us the opportunity to observe the real world implications of different policy models enacted around the world, and closer to home. Though most countries around the world legislate prostitution policy at the national level, in the United States, laws regarding prostitution are adjudicated at the state level.



## LEGISLATIVE MODELS ON PROSTITUTION<sup>33</sup>

	<b>Full criminalization</b>	<p>Prostitution is criminalized for everyone involved, including those who sell sex, those who buy sex, and those who facilitate prostitution and sell others for sex (i.e. pimps). This is the current legal model in nearly all U.S. states, Egypt, Romania, the UAE, among others.</p>	
	<b>Legalization</b>	<p>Prostitution is a fully legal, licensed, and regulated industry. The state profits from the sale and sexual exploitation of people in prostitution. Legalization is in effect in places like Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and several counties in Nevada.</p>	<p>In both fully decriminalized and legalized environments, all aspects of prostitution are legal, including the purchase, sale, and promotion of sexual acts. The state defines and legitimizes prostitution as work and regulates it through labor laws. Law enforcement loses the ability to investigate and prosecute traffickers. The market for prostitution expands, increasing sex trafficking and sex tourism.</p>
	<b>Full decriminalization</b>	<p>The state removes all laws regarding prostitution, leaving it to local jurisdictions to oversee. This is the model in New Zealand and several states in Australia.</p>	
			

33 New Yorkers for the Equality Model, 2024

## A. Decriminalized Prostitution: A Failed Approach

Over the last decade, a coordinated advocacy campaign to decriminalize prostitution has gained momentum and visibility across the United States.<sup>34</sup> Fully decriminalizing prostitution, more commonly known as decriminalizing “sex work,” would make all aspects of the sex trade, including sex buying, pimping, brothel-owning, and sex tourism legal. Proponents of this policy frequently defend their stance as one that benefits prostituted people when in fact, it is the preferred policy position of the commercial sex industry itself<sup>35</sup> and those who profit from it—traffickers, exploiters, and other third-party profiteers as well as sex buyers.<sup>36</sup>

As this report and others make clear, hundreds of thousands of men are currently willing to break the law in order to buy sexual acts.<sup>37</sup> The demand for prostitution consistently outpaces the supply—so much so, that traffickers, pimps, and other profiteers lure, coerce, and exploit vulnerable people to meet it. If states decriminalize sex buying, more men enter the market as new “clients,” not just from that jurisdiction, but from beyond, arriving as sex tourists, generating an exponential spike in demand.<sup>38</sup> And who will meet this new increased demand for paid sex?

As the data already proves, it will be women and girls, disproportionately from marginalized communities, who pay the price for such policies.<sup>39</sup>

### Case Study: Australia

“Prostitution is not a choice, not when it comes to humanity and equality. Prostitution discriminates, is racist and attacks those who already have no to limited opportunities in life as it is. We deserve better. We may not be rich, white, privileged, or educated. We may not have been to private schools or had two loving parents. We may not have been surrounded by unconditional love, let alone have been nurtured, we may not have the latest technology, and some of us barely have shoes growing up. But just because we may have fewer choices already in life does not mean we deserve to always have fewer choices. We deserve so much more, and we definitely deserve to be seen and heard.”<sup>40</sup>



*Eddie, Indigenous sex trade survivor, 2024 (Australia)*

34 Elizabeth N. Brown, “States Try to Reform Prostitution Laws—for Better and Worse,” *Reason*, March 17, 2023, <https://reason.com/2023/03/17/states-try-to-reform-prostitution-laws-for-better-and-worse/>.

35 Antonia Murphy, “I’m An Ethical Pimp. Here’s What A Typical Day Is Like For Me And The Women I Employ,” *Huffpost*, July 10, 2019, [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/sex-work-new-zealand-bach\\_n\\_5d238331e4b04c4814183c26](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/sex-work-new-zealand-bach_n_5d238331e4b04c4814183c26).

36 Aaron Mesh, “National Group Emerges in Oregon Pledging to Oppose Future Campaigns to Decriminalize Sex Work,” *Willamette Week*, May 11, 2022, <https://www.wweek.com/news/2022/05/11/national-group-emerges-in-oregon-pledging-to-oppose-future-campaigns-to-decriminalize-sex-work/>.

37 *Who Buys Sex? Understanding and Disrupting Illicit Market Demand: A Research Report*. Demand Abolition, July 2019. <https://www.demandabolition.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Demand-Buyer-Report-July-2019.pdf>.

38 *Ibid.*

39 Rights4Girls, “Racial & Gender Disparities in the Sex Trade,” <https://rights4girls.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Racial-Disparities-in-the-Sex-Trade-2024.pdf>.

40 “Eddie’s Story,” Wahine Toa Rising, accessed November 22, 2024, <https://wahinetoarising.nz/survivor-stories/eddies-story/>.



In the last few years, several states in Australia have voted to decriminalize acts of pimping, patronizing, and brothel-owning, including New South Wales, The Northern Territory, Victoria, and Queensland. As a result, advocates and survivors have witnessed devastating consequences on prostituted individuals and society.

In these decriminalized environments,<sup>41</sup> the sex trade flourishes. For example, in Victoria in 2020, for every registered brothel there were over five unlicensed “massage parlors” (90 legal versus 500 illegal brothels in Melbourne alone).<sup>42</sup> Women from China, Thailand, Korea, the Philippines, and the Pacific Islands, likely fitting the international definition of sex trafficking victims, remain vastly overrepresented in Victoria’s commercial sex establishments.<sup>43</sup>

In 2012, the New South Wales Ministry of Health determined that more than 50% of survey respondents in legal brothels in Sydney were of “Asian” or other non-English speaking background, and nearly 45% of respondents spoke only “poor” or “fair” English.<sup>44</sup>

In 2023, following reports of a global human trafficking syndicate operating throughout the country, a senior Queensland organized crime investigator told reporters that vulnerable Asian women were being moved like “cattle” across Australia and paid abysmally, if at all, while trafficking rings pulled in “hundreds of millions of dollars.”<sup>45</sup>

In 2024, Australia’s Human Rights Commission issued a report highlighting the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women and children, a population that is overrepresented among prostituted individuals. The Australian government is now recognizing that “violence against First Nations women and children is a major problem, and we need to be clear-eyed not only about the nature and extent of this violence, but also about the root causes of this violence, and that’s prejudice, gender inequality and discrimination against women, lack of opportunity, personal trauma, intergenerational trauma, and systemic racism.”<sup>46</sup>

41 The sex trade was legal for 27 years in Victoria before they moved a decriminalization model in 2022.

42 Tegan Larin, “(In)visible Sites of the Sex Industry: Massage Parlours and the Construction of Space,” in *Contentious Cities: Design and the Gendered Production of Space*, ed. Jess Berry, Timothy Moore, Nicole Kalms, and Gene Bawden, 1st ed. (Oxon, UK: Routledge, 2021), 60–70, <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003056065-9>.

43 U.S. Department of State, *2021 Trafficking in Persons Report: Australia* (2021), <https://www.state.gov/reports/2021-trafficking-in-persons-report/australia/>.

44 B. Donovan, C. Harcourt, S. Egger, L. Watchirs Smith, K. Schneider, J. M. Kaldor, M. Y. Chen, C. K. Fairley, and S. Tabrizi, *The Sex Industry in New South Wales: A Report to the NSW Ministry of Health* (Sydney: Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales, 2012), [https://www.kirby.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/documents/SHP\\_NSW-Sex-Industry-Report-2012.pdf](https://www.kirby.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/documents/SHP_NSW-Sex-Industry-Report-2012.pdf).

45 Nick McKenzie, Amelia Ballinger and Joel Tozer, “Trafficked: Women shunted ‘like cattle’ around Australia for sex work,” *The Age*, October 30, 2022, <https://www.theage.com.au/politics/federal/trafficked-women-shunted-like-cattle-around-australia-for-sex-work-20221018-p5bqnd.html>.

46 “AHRC Commissioners Call for Action on Findings of Senate Report into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women,” *Australian Human Rights Commission*, August 16, 2024, <https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/ahrc-commissioners-call-action-findings-senate-report-murdered-and>.

In South Australia, Upper House Liberal leader Nicola Centrofanti proposed a survivor-centered bill protecting prostituted people while holding sex buyers and other exploiters accountable, giving voice to the growing number of advocacy groups fighting back against Australia's rampant sex trade.<sup>47</sup> "This piece of legislation isn't all that radical, it's come from many other countries around the world and a lot of those countries are actually seen as quite socially progressive," Centrofanti said.

After months of debate, the bill was rejected by only one vote.

## Case Study: New Zealand

"They were 12-hour shifts. The men paid \$250, the club took their cut of \$150. Then the club charged me a \$40 shift fee, a \$40 ad fee, and \$20 for condoms and lube, making the first booking of the night a freebie, for which I was paid nothing. This is standard. There weren't any friendly gentlemen. These were rapists. Even accepting that you had to have sex, they constantly pressured and forced more. They rip condoms off, they try to kiss you and shove their tongue down your throat, they viciously bite necks and nipples, smack and swear at you. They ask for discounts. They want to do it twice, three times, four times, but they don't want to pay twice, three times or four times."<sup>48</sup>



*Chelsea Geddes, sex trade survivor, 2022 (New Zealand)*

In 2003, New Zealand passed the *Prostitution Reform Act* (PRA), effectively decriminalizing the sex trade, including sex buying, pimping, and brothel-owning throughout the nation. Prior to the law in 2001, a police census identified 4,272 people in prostitution; just half a year after the legislation went into effect, this number rose to 5,932, marking a 39% increase in just six months.<sup>49</sup>

Due to the repeal of all laws against pimping and sex buying, the state has essentially eliminated the effectiveness of New Zealand's legal tools for detecting sex trafficking and holding exploiters accountable, creating an environment where trafficking flourishes. For example, since the PRA was enacted, the government has admitted that it is more difficult for law enforcement to discover abuses and exploitation in the sex trade because commercial sex establishments are legal and they have "less contact with the sex industry," creating significantly diminished opportunities for investigation and intelligence gathering.<sup>50</sup> In addition, police report that investigations of child sex trafficking, specifically in residential brothels and owner-operated brothel/apartments, have also decreased because police no longer have

47 Duncan Evans, "Explained: South Australia's vote on the Nordic sex work model," *News.com.au*, November 18, 2023, NCA NewsWire, <https://www.news.com.au/national/south-australia/explained-south-australias-vote-on-the-nordic-sex-work-model/news-story/6e86c1f0d629f57a8f175713c76cdc35>.

48 NMN, "The Reality of New Zealand's Decriminalised Sex Trade," *Nordic Model Now!*, October 25, 2022, <https://nordicmodelnow.org/2022/10/25/the-reality-of-new-zealands-decriminalised-sex-trade/>.

49 J. Smith, *What Really Happened in New Zealand When Prostitution Was Decriminalized?* (Nordic Model Now!, February 2024), <https://nordicmodelnow.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Formatted-New-Zealand.pdf>.

50 *Report of the Prostitution Law Review Committee on the Operation of the Prostitution Reform Act 2003*, (Ministry of Justice, New Zealand, May 2008), <https://prostitutescollective.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/report-of-the-nz-prostitution-law-committee-2008.pdf>.

probable cause to enter such spaces and brothel owners are not required to maintain age verification records of “workers” or provide such records to authorities.<sup>51</sup>

Brothel owners are motivated by profit maximization, charging exorbitant room rents and other fees while rarely providing “employment” benefits.<sup>52</sup> Brothels may also allow women to live on the premises, leaving them vulnerable to relying on their “workplace” for shelter. Brothels can also refuse entry to police without a warrant, with the exception of immigration enforcement, and health and liquor license inspectors.<sup>53</sup>

Even when sex trafficking is detected, law enforcement and prosecutors report difficulties holding the traffickers accountable.<sup>54</sup> The government routinely uses the PRA instead of trafficking laws to prosecute what are clearly sex trafficking cases, which result in minor penalties for exploiters, even when the victims are children.<sup>55</sup> In fact, after decriminalization, it took 12 years before the country convicted its first sex trafficker, illustrating just how difficult it has become to bring perpetrators to justice.<sup>56</sup>

In 2013, a coalition of NGOs published the first national report on the PRA and the prevalence of trafficking in New Zealand, noting the state’s insufficient response: “The lack of regulation and government intervention in the market and the legalisation of the sex industry have made it easier for trafficking and exploitation to go unnoticed.”<sup>57</sup> The U.S. State Department has also raised concerns over New Zealand’s inadequate anti-trafficking response and its failure to meet the minimum standards for eliminating trafficking in several recent annual Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Reports.<sup>58</sup> Specifically, the 2024 TIP Report highlighted the government’s failure to have ever identified “a child victim of sex trafficking or victims from New Zealand” despite ample data from local experts that sex trafficking of Maori women and girls is rampant throughout the country.<sup>59</sup>

Many of the organizations and sex trade reformers who initially lobbied for decriminalization of the sex trade have changed their opinion after seeing the policy’s disastrous effects. The National Council of Women of New Zealand, which originally supported the law, later expressed concerns about its impact on child trafficking, noting, “We are still seeing girls as young as 13 and 14 on the streets selling their bodies.”<sup>60</sup> Sex trade survivor Sabrina Valisce, who championed the legislation before it went into effect, described how the law ultimately achieved the exact opposite of what individuals in the sex trade were promised:

51 Ibid.

52 *Germany New Zealand: A Comparison in Prostitution Laws 2002–2017* (Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, 2021), <https://catwinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Germany-New-Zealand-A-Comparison-in-Prostitution-Law-FINAL.pdf>.

53 Ibid.

54 *Report of the Prostitution Law Review Committee*, Ministry of Justice, New Zealand, May 2008, <https://prostitutescollective.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/report-of-the-nz-prostitution-law-committee-2008.pdf>.

55 U.S. Department of State, *2023 Trafficking in Persons Report: New Zealand*, 2023, <https://www.state.gov/reports/2023-trafficking-in-persons-report/new-zealand/>.

56 Olivia Carville, “Exposed: The dark underbelly of human trafficking in New Zealand,” *The New Zealand Herald*, September 21, 2016, <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/exposed-the-dark-underbelly-of-human-trafficking-in-new->.

57 Ibid.

58 U.S. Department of State, *2023 Trafficking in Persons Report: New Zealand*, 2023, <https://www.state.gov/reports/2023-trafficking-in-persons-report/new-zealand/>; *2022 Trafficking in Persons Report: New Zealand*, 2022, <https://www.state.gov/reports/2022-trafficking-in-persons-report/new-zealand/>; *2021 Trafficking in Persons Report: New Zealand*, 2021, <https://www.state.gov/reports/2021-trafficking-in-persons-report/new-zealand/>.

59 U.S. Department of State, *2024 Trafficking in Persons Report: New Zealand*, 2024, <https://www.state.gov/reports/2024-trafficking-in-persons-report/new-zealand/>.

60 “Men ‘the only winners of Prostitution Reform Act,’” *Stuff*, January 30, 2009, <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/727258/Men-the-only-winners-of-Prostitution-Reform-Act>.

*“I thought it would give more power and rights to the women. But I soon realised the opposite was true...One thing we were promised would not happen was the ‘all-inclusive,’ because that would mean the women wouldn’t be able to set the price or determine which sexual services they offered or refused—which was the mainstay of decriminalisation and its supposed benefits.”<sup>61</sup>*

The PRA has resulted in far greater numbers of Indigenous women and girls, migrant women, and survivors of gender-based violence being exploited in the sex trade.<sup>62</sup> A major post-decriminalization study found Maori women and children made up one-third of the 772 prostituted population surveyed across all sectors of the sex trade, with two-thirds of the people involved in street-based prostitution identifying as Maori.<sup>63</sup>

## Case Study: Rhode Island



**“I am a survivor of sex trafficking. It happened right here in Rhode Island after indoor prostitution was decriminalized and organized crime and trafficking ran rampant in the state. My trafficker had me living with a group of girls in a dirty, rundown apartment on South Main Street in Woonsocket. Every morning, we’d be shuttled off to massage parlors and whenever we didn’t make enough money, we would be shipped to Twin River, Foxwoods, and Mohegan Sun casinos. Sometimes, he’d take us up-and-down I-95 from Maine to Florida, half the time, I didn’t even know where I was.”<sup>64</sup>**

*Audra Doody, sex trade survivor, 2024 (Massachusetts)*

We don’t have to look as far as Australia or New Zealand to observe the destructive impact of repealing all prostitution statutes. Many proponents of full decriminalization of prostitution do not realize that the United States has already tested and abandoned this model: Rhode Island is the only state that experimented with decriminalization of indoor prostitution. However, in 2009, the state legislature voted to reverse course due to the marked rise in violence, sex trafficking, and collateral crime.<sup>65</sup>

During the 1980-2009 period when indoor prostitution was decriminalized, journalists documented the expansion of the sex trade, with large increases in the number of so-called massage parlors, strip clubs, and other commercial sex establishments. In a 2002 article for the *Providence Journal* entitled, “Sex industry expands at startling pace,” a reporter observed, “[i]n recent years, the sex industry has exploded in the city, and a dreary industrial strip along Allens Avenue has become the most densely concentrated red-light district in New England that attracts thousands of out-of-town spenders.”<sup>66</sup>

61 Julie Bindel, “My work as a prostitute led me to oppose decriminalization,” *BBC News*, October 1, 2017, <https://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-41349301>.

62 U.S. Department of State, *2023 Trafficking in Persons Report: New Zealand*, 2023, <https://www.state.gov/reports/2023-trafficking-in-persons-report/new-zealand/>.

63 *Decriminalisation of Sex Work in New Zealand: Impact on Māori* (New Zealand Prostitutes’ Collective, 2013), <https://www.nzpc.org.nz/pdfs/Impact-on-Maori-Decriminalisation-of-Sex-Work-in-New-Zealand.pdf>.

64 Audra Doody, “Protect People in the Sex Trade, Not Those Who Buy Them,” *Rhode Island Current*, August 19, 2024, <https://rhodeislandcurrent.com/2024/08/19/protect-people-in-the-sex-trade-not-those-who-buy-them/>.

65 Melanie Shapiro and Donna M. Hughes, “Decriminalized Prostitution: Impunity for Violence and Exploitation,” *Wake Forest Law Review* 52 (2017): 533-560, [https://works.bepress.com/donna\\_hughes/94/](https://works.bepress.com/donna_hughes/94/).

66 *Ibid.*, p. 537.





## RISE OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN DECRIMINALIZED ENVIRONMENTS

Data from around the world indicates that normalization of the sex trade through decriminalization or legalization not only increases sex trafficking,<sup>67</sup> but contributes to an increase in gender-based violence.



**New Zealand** has the highest rate of intimate partner violence in the developed world,<sup>68</sup> a national crisis that law enforcement is forced to respond to every four minutes.<sup>69</sup>



**Nevada (the only U.S. state to have legalized prostitution within licensed brothels registered in rural areas)** consistently ranks first<sup>70</sup> in the United States for domestic violence fatalities, third<sup>71</sup> in the U.S. for rape and sexual assault; and fourth<sup>72</sup> in the nation for women murdered by men. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), almost half of all women (48.1%) living in Nevada have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner.<sup>73</sup>



In **Australia**, there was a 30% increase in femicide in 2024, with one woman murdered every four days by male violence.<sup>74</sup> Indigenous women were far more likely to be victims of homicide than non-Indigenous people.<sup>75</sup>

67 Cho, Seo-Young, Axel Dreher, and Eric Neumayer. "Does Legalized Prostitution Increase Human Trafficking?" *World Development* 41, no. 1 (2013): 67-82. <https://ssrn.com/abstract=1986065>.

68 OECD Family Database, June 20, 2024, OECD, <https://web.archive.oecd.org/temp/2024-06-21/69263-database.htm>.

69 *Annual Report 2020/21*, New Zealand Police, 2021, <https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/annual-report-2020-2021.pdf>.

70 *Understanding Domestic Violence in Nevada*, Rosenblum Allen Law Firm, 2024, accessed November 20, 2024, <https://www.rosenblumlawlv.com/domestic-violence-lawyer-las-vegas/>.

71 "Forcible Rape Rate per 100,000 Inhabitants in the United States in 2023, by State," Statista, released September 2024, based on 2023 data, <https://www.statista.com/statistics/232563/forcible-rape-rate-in-the-us-by-state/>.

72 Dana Gentry, "Nevada Has Nation's 4th Highest Rate for Intimate Murder of Women," *Nevada Current*, September 18, 2019, <https://nevadacurrent.com/briefs/nevada-has-nations-4th-highest-rate-for-intimate-murder-of-women/>.

73 Smith SG, S. Khatiwada, L. Richardson, KC Basile, NW Friar, J. Chen, H. Zhang Kudon, and RW Leemis, *The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2016/2017 State Report* (Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, 2023), <https://www.cdc.gov/nisvs/documentation/nisvs-2016-2017-state-report-508.pdf>.

74 "Australia Sees a Rise in Female Intimate Partner Homicide in New Research Report," *Australian Government Australian Institute of Criminology*, April 30, 2024, <https://www.aic.gov.au/media-centre/news/australia-sees-rise-female-intimate-partner-homicide-new-research-report>.

75 Kate Lyons, "Almost 30% Spike in Rate of Australian Women Killed by Intimate Partner Last Year, Data Shows," *The Guardian*, April 29, 2024, <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2024/apr/29/30-spike-in-rate-of-australian-women-killed-by-intimate-partner-last-year-data-shows>.

Due to the increase in demand for prostitution fueled by sex tourism, Rhode Island also witnessed an increase in the trafficking of vulnerable people, including 16-year-old children legally “working” inside strip clubs.<sup>76</sup> Cases of child exploitation led the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to write to Rhode Island’s governor, making clear it was the only state that could not effectively participate in the Innocence Lost Initiative, a federal multi-state child recovery operation, because Rhode Island’s laws prevented law enforcement from meaningfully engaging:

*“Under current Rhode Island law, commercial sex between adults inside a building is considered a private activity and is thus protected. This deprives Rhode Island law enforcement of the ability to detect whether children are being victimized in this commercial sex trade, to rescue these child victims, and to provide them with the services they so desperately need. Your state’s efforts in the fight against child prostitution [sic] would be greatly enhanced if law enforcement were empowered to fully investigate the commercial sex trade.”<sup>77</sup>*

As witnessed in other jurisdictions with full decriminalization of prostitution policies, Rhode Island also experienced immense difficulty bringing traffickers and exploiters to justice.<sup>78</sup> The ambassador leading global anti-trafficking efforts at the U.S. State Department described Rhode Island’s legal landscape under the decriminalization regime as creating a “zone of impunity in which police [could not] go, and where traffickers [could] exploit their prey.”<sup>79</sup>

Unsurprisingly, the sex trade-friendly laws attracted those looking to profit from already vulnerable and marginalized populations. Organized crime and other exploiters embedded themselves in Rhode Island to take advantage of the legal framework, targeting commercial sex establishments like brothels and strip clubs for extortion.<sup>80</sup>

In 2009, the combination of exploitation, violence, and chaos prompted Providence’s mayor to call the state a true “wild west.”<sup>81</sup> Law enforcement even reported exploiters openly selling women out of hotel rooms while armed with weapons.<sup>82</sup> Ultimately, lawlessness ignited the push to revert back to full prohibition, once again leaving prostituted women vulnerable to criminalization and sexual exploitation.

The Rhode Island experiment leaves us with a vital question: If decriminalization of the sex trade is a successful and beneficial policy, then why did Rhode Island not only revert its laws to full prohibition, but take steps to undo the damage that decriminalization unleashed by adopting comprehensive laws to prevent human trafficking?

76 Ibid.

77 “U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Public Affairs, “Innocence Lost National Initiative and Operation Independence Day 2019,” August 6, 2019, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/innocence-lost-national-initiative-and-operation-independence-day-2019>.

78 Shapiro and Hughes, “Decriminalized Prostitution,” 533-560, [https://works.bepress.com/donna\\_hughes/94/](https://works.bepress.com/donna_hughes/94/).

79 Ibid, p. 534.

80 Melanie Shapiro, *Prostitution at the Strip Clubs in Providence* (Citizens Against Trafficking, August 2009), [https://works.bepress.com/donna\\_hughes/101/](https://works.bepress.com/donna_hughes/101/).

81 Shapiro and Hughes, “Decriminalized Prostitution,” 558.

82 Peter F. Neronha, U.S. Attorney’s Office, “Convicted Felon Who Armed Himself Because of His ‘Lifestyle’ Sentenced to 70 Months in Prison on Firearm Charge,” News Release, U.S. Department of Justice, District of Rhode Island, November 30, 2010, [https://www.justice.gov/archive/usao/ri/news/2010/nov2010/lombardi\\_sentence.html](https://www.justice.gov/archive/usao/ri/news/2010/nov2010/lombardi_sentence.html).

## FALSE CONNECTION BETWEEN A DECRIMINALIZED SEX TRADE AND REDUCED RATES OF RAPE

Proponents of decriminalized prostitution sometimes suggest that rates of rape dropped during the 29-year period of decriminalization in Rhode Island. However, the study (by Cunningham and Shah) cited for these findings began its analysis in 2003,<sup>83</sup> when decriminalization actually began in 1980.<sup>84</sup> As a result, the study only examines a six-year period, disregarding 23 years of data to draw a false conclusion.



Additionally, researchers who reviewed the study's methods found that although the incidence of rape was already on a downward trend, an unexplained spike in rapes occurred in 2003—the same year Cunningham and Shah decided to begin their study.<sup>85</sup> Given these circumstances, although the period under study exhibited a steep drop in the incidence of rape, selection bias nullifies the researchers' conclusions.

But perhaps the most flawed aspect of the Cunningham and Shah study is the underlying assumption that there is an “acceptable” category of women upon whom men can inflict rage, thus shielding non-prostituted women from male violence.

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83 Scott Cunningham and Manisha Shah, “Decriminalizing Indoor Prostitution: Implications for Sexual Violence and Public Health,” *Review of Economic Studies* 0 (2017): 1–33, <https://doi.org/10.1093/restud/rdx065>.

84 Margaret Brooks and Donna M. Hughes, “Flawed Analysis of Prostitution in Rhode Island,” *The Providence Journal*, July 27, 2014, [https://works.bepress.com/donna\\_hughes/107/](https://works.bepress.com/donna_hughes/107/).

85 Ibid.

## B. The Survivor Model: Prioritizing Services and Deterring Exploitation

“Pushing back against this hopelessness of the sex trade expansionist movement is really important because it’s a movement that just accepts the patriarchy and colonization and extreme class hierarchies, and claims that harm reduction for the most privileged is more important than harm elimination for the vast majority of people.”<sup>86</sup>

*Khara Jabola-Carolus, Filipina feminist activist and organizer, 2021 (Hawaii)*

Fortunately, there is another policy model, a common-sense, survivor-centered approach that has become the prevailing global response to reforming the sex trade: The Survivor Model (also known as the Nordic, Abolitionist, or Equality Model). The Survivor Model is a legislative framework that offers services and legal protection to prostituted people, while holding their exploiters accountable. The model focuses on:

- Comprehensive and trauma-informed support services to prostituted people to help them rebuild their lives, as well as strategies to exit the sex trade if they so choose
- Legal protection so prostituted people no longer face criminal penalties for engaging in prostitution, including sealing and expunging past prostitution records through a simplified process
- Laws against sex buying with sliding scale fines proportional to offenders’ income to help fund services for survivors, as well as maintaining laws against pimping and brothel-owning in order to deter sexual exploitation and trafficking
- Community education to raise awareness about the harms of the sex trade, including accountability courses to educate sex buyers on the human rights abuses inherent in purchasing sexual acts, especially from marginalized communities

This legal approach achieves two key objectives: legal protection and services for individuals engaged in the sex trade while ensuring those who purchase their bodies and profit from their exploitation are held to account, thereby deterring trafficking and future exploitation. Unlike the decriminalization of the sex trade, which unleashes market forces that threaten to pull more vulnerable people into prostitution, the Survivor Model prioritizes the right of survivors to exit the industry if they so choose and helps prevent future harm. To date, the Survivor Model is in effect in nine jurisdictions around the world: Sweden, Iceland, Norway, Canada, Northern Ireland, France, the Republic of Ireland, Israel, and the state of Maine in the U.S.

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86 *The Red Nation Podcast*, “The Myth of ‘Sex Work’ with Esperanza Fonseca,” February 22, 2021, Podcast, <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-myth-of-sex-work-w-esperanza-fonseca-and/id1482834485?i=1000510123917>.

## THE SURVIVOR MODEL FRAMEWORK

**1** Bifurcate the solicitation statute so that the acts of purchasing and selling sexual acts are separated.

**2** Offer legal protection to prostituted people for engaging in prostitution.

**3** Seal and expunge past prostitution records for prostituted people.

**4** Maintain legal prohibitions for acts of purchasing sex, pimping, pandering, procurement, and brothel owning.

**5** Penalize sex buyers with fines that are proportional to their verified income.

**6** Invest in services and other resources for all prostituted people in the sex trade.

FOR MORE DETAIL, SEE APPENDIX A

## C. The Survivor Model: Targeting Demand as Violence Prevention

**“When you are cornered by hate, discrimination, and a lack of choices, you are not participating in a consensual act; you are being exploited. Prostitution thrives on this exploitation, involving the buying and selling of human beings solely to satisfy the sexual entitlement of those with money and power.”**

*Cristian Eduardo, LGBTQI+ rights advocate and survivor leader (New York)*

### Shrinking the Market

This legal framework was pioneered in Sweden in 1999 as part of a comprehensive Violence Against Women Act. Called the *Ban on the Purchase of Sexual Services Act*, the law criminalized the purchase of sexual acts, based on the government’s assessment that prostitution and its purchase is an act of gender-based violence and discrimination. After the law went into effect, street prostitution dropped by 40% and has remained at this lower level ever since.<sup>87</sup> In addition, the number of men purchasing sexual services has dropped from 13.6% to 7.4%.<sup>88</sup>

**“The Swedish market for human trafficking is practically dead.”**

THE SWEDISH  
AMBASSADOR FOR  
COMBATTING HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING, 2021

In Norway, after its own abolitionist law went into effect, street prostitution decreased between 35-60%, while indoor prostitution was reduced by 10-20%.<sup>89</sup> Similarly, Northern Ireland witnessed a 50% reduction in people engaging in street prostitution after the law went into effect in 2014.<sup>90</sup> These declines indicate that holding sex buyers accountable correlates to a shrinking market for commercial sex and by extension, sex trafficking, thereby providing a critical mechanism for violence and sex trafficking prevention. In fact, both Norway<sup>91</sup> and Sweden have observed reductions in human trafficking as a result of the Survivor Model.<sup>92</sup> In 2021, The Swedish Ambassador for Combatting Human Trafficking declared, “The Swedish market for human trafficking is practically dead.”<sup>93</sup>

### A Culture of Equality and Justice

Shifting accountability from the prostituted individuals to sex buyers and other exploiters encourages society to change its views about the system of prostitution. In fact, Sweden, Norway, and Iceland—three of the first countries to implement the Survivor Model—boast the highest levels of gender equality in the world.<sup>94</sup> Margot Wallström, Sweden’s Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2014 to 2019,

87 Gunilla S. Ekberg, International Human Rights Lawyer, *Swedish Laws, Policies and Interventions on Prostitution and Trafficking in Human Beings: An Overview* (Institute for Feminism and Human Rights, February 16, 2015), <https://feminismandhumanrights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/brief-law-and-policies-on-prostitution-and-thb-sweden-gunilla-s-ekberg-150216.pdf>.

88 Ibid.

89 Reuters, “Norway’s Closely Watched Prostitution Ban Works, Study Finds,” *Reuters*, August 11, 2014, <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-norway-prostitution-idUSKBN0GB1BL20140811/>.

90 J. Smith, *A Reanalysis of the Equality Model in Northern Ireland* (Nordic Model Now!, January 16, 2024), <https://nordicmodelnow.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Northern-Ireland-FINAL.pdf>.

91 Reuters, “Norway’s Closely Watched Prostitution Ban Works, Study Finds,” <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-norway-prostitution-idUSKBN0GB1BL20140811/>.

92 Max Waltman, “Prohibiting Sex Purchasing and Ending Trafficking: The Swedish Prostitution Law,” *Michigan Journal of International Law* 33, no. 1 (2011): 133, <https://repository.law.umich.edu/mjil/vol33/iss1/507>.

93 Helmut Sporer, “Statement on the Consultation of the Committee on Gender Equality and Women of the State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia,” *Nordic Model Now!*, January 14, 2021, <https://nordicmodelnow.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/helmut-sporer-statement-in-english-1.6.21.pdf>.

94 Kate Whiting, “Gender Parity: Here’s What Leading Countries Are Getting Right,” *World Economic Forum*, June 21, 2023, <https://www.weforum.org/stories/2023/06/global-gender-gap-parity/>.

expressed the commonly held belief in Nordic countries that prostitution and sex trafficking are closely related: “The sex trade is dehumanising and unacceptable, and this is reflected in the Swedish legal framework. Prohibiting the purchase of sexual services has proven to be an effective tool in the fight against human trafficking for sexual purposes...For us, the fight against prostitution and sexual trafficking forms an important part of gender equality policy. As long as there is a market for prostitution, which in turn opens up opportunities for traffickers, we have failed to respect the human rights of women.”<sup>95</sup>

The Survivor Model originated in Scandinavia, in countries with global reputations for progressive approaches to addressing social harms, preventing sexual violence, and promoting gender equality. For years, criminologists and justice reform advocates have looked to the Scandinavian justice system as a model of inspiration<sup>96</sup> and reform for the U.S. criminal justice system.<sup>97</sup> In fact, the Scandinavian justice system is highly regarded across the globe for its progressive and humane response towards justice and accountability.<sup>98</sup> These nations’ “gentle justice” strategy<sup>99</sup> is one that social justice advocates in the U.S. have embraced<sup>100</sup> and sought to emulate<sup>101</sup> due to its promising outcomes, including low rates of incarceration and recidivism, and overall successful reintegration into society post-incarceration.<sup>102</sup>

The Survivor Model also promotes better outcomes and justice for individuals bought and sold in the sex trade. France, which implemented its abolitionist law in 2016, reports that no prostituted person has been arrested for prostitution since the law passed, as compared to nearly 2,500 arrests annually prior to the law’s enactment.<sup>103</sup> Moreover, the number of criminal investigations related to pimping and trafficking increased by 54% in the first three years of the law’s implementation, with nearly 2.35 million euros confiscated from exploiters reinvested in the protection and rehabilitation of sex trade survivors.<sup>104</sup> In a 2024 report, the French government reported the existence of 845 exit programs throughout the country, with 87.5% of sex trade survivors achieving stable employment.<sup>105</sup>

95 Government Offices of Sweden, *Round Table Discussion in Connection with the Swedish State Visit to Lithuania, “United in Combating Human Trafficking”*, Constitutional Hall, Seimas (Lithuanian Parliament), Vilnius, October 8, 2015, <https://www.government.se/contentassets/a5c4d536d95d4151abd2d8ef58a84b12/minister-for-foreign-affairs-margot-wallstrom-speeches-2014-2019.pdf>.

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100 Ariel Bleicher, “Norway’s Humane Approach to Prisons Can Work Here Too,” *UCSF Magazine*, Summer 2021, <https://magazine.ucsf.edu/norways-humane-approach-prisons-can-work-here-too>.

101 One Voice United, “Reimagining Incarceration: Exploring the ‘Norway Model,’” <https://www.corrections1.com/re-entry-and-recidivism/articles/reimagining->

102 Doran Larson, “Why Scandinavian Prisons Are Superior,” *The Atlantic*, September 24, 2013, <https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2013/09/why-scandinavian-prisons-are-superior/279949/>.

103 Causette, “Isabelle Lonvis-Rome: ‘Je souhaite porter une nouvelle stratégie nationale de lutte contre la prostitution à la rentrée,’” 2023, <https://www.causette.fr/societe/en-france/isabelle-lonvis-rome-je-souhaite-porter-une-nouvelle-strategie-nationale-de-lutte-contre-la-prostitution-a-la-rentree>.

104 Patricia Willaert, Amélie Puccinelli, Catherine Gay, Patrick Steinmetz, Valérie Gervais, and Pierre Loulergue, “Évaluation de la loi du 13 avril 2016 visant à renforcer la lutte contre le système prostitutionnel et à accompagner les personnes prostituées” *Ministère de l’Intérieur*, June 22, 2020, <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Publications/Rapports-de-l-IGA/Rapports-recents/Evaluation-de-la-loi-du-13-avril-2016-visant-a-renforcer-la-lutte-contre-le-systeme-prostitutionnel-et-a-accompagner-les-personnes-prostituees>.

105 “Stratégie De Lutte Contre Le Système Prostitutionnel Et L’Exploitation Sexuelle,” *Égalité-Femmes-Hommes*, May 2, 2024, <https://www.egalite-femmes-hommes.gouv.fr/sites/efh/files/2024-05/Strategie-de-lutte-systeme-prostitutionnel-et-expoitation-sexuelle-mai-2024.pdf>.

Finally, Survivor Model laws are overwhelmingly popular with the public. For example, in France, 78% of people have a positive view of the law, (84% of 18-24 year olds),<sup>106</sup> and Sweden reports that 71% of the public support its *Sex Purchase Act*.<sup>107</sup>

### International Legal Support for the Law

As more jurisdictions across the globe move towards this survivor-centered legal reform, various legislative bodies have endorsed the Survivor Model, including the European Parliament in 2023.<sup>108</sup> The Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality wrote:

*We know that in countries with decriminalized pimping and sex buying and the associated legal infrastructure, trafficking of vulnerable women and minors for sexual exploitation is facilitated and encouraged [...] It is therefore high time that the Member States take measures in the areas of prevention, decriminalization of people in prostitution, while supporting exit and reintegration programs, destigmatization and the reduction of stereotypes and do not shy away from punishing clients.*<sup>109</sup>

In 2024, responding to a challenge brought forth by individuals and groups that support the decriminalization of the sex trade, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) upheld the provision of France’s 2016 *Prostitution Act*, noting that penalizing sex buyers is an inextricable aspect of the French government’s efforts to prevent and combat prostitution, organized crime, and human trafficking.<sup>110</sup> The Court also acknowledged the democratic processes that led to the enactment of the law and its focus on the mental, social, and physical health of prostituted individuals, who are overwhelmingly women.

Likewise, in 2023, a Toronto Court upheld Canada’s own Survivor Model law, the *Protection of Communities and Exploited Person Act*. “Overall, I find that Parliament’s response to a pressing and substantial concern is a carefully crafted legislative scheme that prohibits the most exploitative aspects of the sex trade while immunizing sex workers [sic]<sup>111</sup> from prosecution,” Superior Court Justice Robert Goldstein wrote.

In 2024, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, Reem Alsalem, presented a groundbreaking report, “Prostitution and violence against women and girls,” at the 56th session of the Human Rights Council.<sup>112</sup> This marked the first time in the history of the United Nations that prostitution was explicitly deemed a form of male violence against women and girls, and that prostitution was intricately linked to sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.

106 *Les Français et la Prostitution*, prepared by Amandine Lama, Coalition Abolition Prostitution International, January 2019, [https://www.cap-international.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/IPSOS\\_EnqueteFRprostitutionCAPintl.pdf](https://www.cap-international.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/IPSOS_EnqueteFRprostitutionCAPintl.pdf).

107 Ekberg, *Swedish Laws, Policies and Interventions on Prostitution and Trafficking in Human Beings*, <https://feminismandhumanrights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/brief-law-and-policies-on-prostitution-and-thb-sweden-gunilla-s-ekberg-150216.pdf>.

108 European Parliament, *Resolution of 14 September 2023 on the Regulation of Prostitution in the EU: Its Cross-Border Implications and Impact on Gender Equality and Women’s Rights* (2022/2139(INI)), September 14, 2023, [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2023-0328\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2023-0328_EN.html).

109 European Parliament, *Report on the Regulation of Prostitution in the EU: Its Cross-Border Implications and Impact on Gender Equality and Women’s Rights* (2022/2139(INI)), Report A9-0240/2023, August 30, 2023, [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-9-2023-0240\\_EN.html#\\_section2](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-9-2023-0240_EN.html#_section2).

110 Matteo Piccioli, “European Court Rules Criminalization of Prostitution in France Not a Violation of the Right to Private Life,” *Juristnews*, July 25, 2024, <https://www.jurist.org/news/2024/07/european-court-rules-criminalization-of-prostitution-in-france-not-a-violation-of-the-right-to-private-life>.

111 “Sex work” and “sex workers” are not terms used by Rights4Girls. “Sex work” is a euphemism for prostitution and the sex trade at large. Coined by the sex trade’s promoters and advocates, the ideology behind the term is to normalize prostitution as legitimate work, mask its inherent harms, and call for the legalization or decriminalization of sex buying, pimping, and brothel owning.

112 Alsalem, *Prostitution and Violence Against Women and Girls: Report of the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, Its Causes and Consequences*, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/thematic-reports/ahrc5648-prostitution-and-violence-against-women-and-girls-report>.



The report highlighted that UN Member States each have an obligation under international human rights law—such as the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others<sup>113</sup> and the Convention of the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)<sup>114</sup>—to develop and implement policies that investigate, prosecute, punish, and prevent all forms of violence against women and girls, including the prostitution of women. The report acknowledges that “sexual buyers are the main perpetrators of violence” and “the main actors who drive the demand and fuel the commercial sex industry.”

Critically, the report recommends that governments adopt policies that address the demand for the purchase of sexual acts, i.e. the Survivor Model (referred to in the report as the Abolitionist Model). In response, the majority of the countries at the 56th session of the Human Rights Council voiced their support of the report and its recommendations, including: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Colombia, Comoros, Côte d’Ivoire, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gambia, Ghana, Iceland, India, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Malawi, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Palestine, Paraguay, Qatar, Republic of South Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.<sup>115</sup>

## D. Promising Practices: Fostering Community Accountability

**“It’s crucial to put the focus on the men who buy and sell women and children for sex. There would be no prostitution if the demand ended. That starts in each home.”**

*Chris Stark, author of Carnival Lights and survivor with Native ancestry (Minnesota)*

### Sex Buyers: Rehabilitation and Education

There are various schools of thought regarding rehabilitation and education for men who purchase sexual acts. But given the sheer pervasiveness of gender-based violence and the fact that the U.S. is the only Western nation to rank in the top ten most dangerous nations for women measured by the risk of sexual violence and harassment,<sup>116</sup> it is critical that men are engaged in the struggle to end violence against women.

Groups like Epik attempt to thwart the act of sex buying at the point of purchase, encouraging the men to consider the humanity of the women and the inherent exploitation present in the act of purchasing a sexual act. Some men may be affected by this direct outreach and dissuaded from patronizing in the short-term or even long-term.

113 *Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others*, General Assembly Resolution 317 (IV), December 2, 1949, United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/convention-suppression-traffic-persons-and-exploitation>.

114 *CEDAW General Recommendation No. 19: Violence against Women*, adopted at the Eleventh Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1992, A/47/38, Division for the Advancement of Women, <https://www.refworld.org/sites/default/files/legacy-pdf/en/1992-0/453882a422.pdf>.

115 Reem Alsalem, *Prostitution and Violence Against Women and Girls*, Report of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, June 21, 2024, video, YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTPo6sSCgHc>.

116 Ellen Wulforst, “Exclusive: U.S. Among 10 Most Dangerous Countries for Women Amid #MeToo Campaign—Poll,” *Reuters*, June 25, 2018, <https://www.reuters.com/article/world/exclusive-us-among-10-most-dangerous-countries-for-women-amid-metoo-campaign-idUSKBN1JM06V/>.

Other programs engage with men after they have been apprehended for patronizing. One such program was Stopping Sexual Exploitation: A Program for Men, run by the Organization for Prostitution Survivors (OPS), based in Seattle, Washington.<sup>118</sup>

The program included:<sup>119</sup>

- *Two individual 60-minute sessions of Motivational Interviewing before participation in the group.*
- *Eight weekly group sessions: highly interactive, utilizing exercises and group discussion to engage participants in a process of self-reflection and critical analysis. Weekly topics included:*
  - » *Sexuality and Gender Socialization*
  - » *Harm to Victims/Survivors*
  - » *The Sexual Violence Continuum*
  - » *Pimping, Trafficking, and Domestic Violence*
  - » *Power and Violence*
  - » *Vulnerability*
  - » *Mutuality in Relationships*
  - » *The Will to Change*

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**“Nothing would have worked, I needed the arrest and I needed this class. This class has made my relationship with my wife better, I go home and talk to her about this class and it is having a good effect on our relationship.”**



PARTICIPANT FROM  
OPS PROGRAM

The OPS program deviated from the early “John Schools,” of the 1990s which typically focused on the man’s personal risk of purchasing sexual acts, such as contracting STIs and other diseases. Under the leadership and direction of Peter Qualliotine, OPS created a more comprehensive program that not only acknowledged the prostituted women, but drew critical links between the system of prostitution, exploitation, abuse, gender-based violence, and the patriarchy. The program was funded by fines collected from convicted sex buyers and employed a team-teaching method that paired a survivor leader with a male ally and anti-violence expert. In 2016, it was reported that 96% of the graduates from this program (from a total of 98 participants) said they did not think they would ever purchase sexual acts again.

Variations of sex buyer accountability programs are currently in place in Arizona, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, and New Jersey.<sup>120</sup> Curricula vary, but most of these programs aim to facilitate conversations with sex trade survivors and gender-based violence experts to encourage men to recognize the harms of sex buying (both to the individual and to the community) and to deter further sexual exploitation.

### Ending Buyer Anonymity and Implementing Survivor-Informed Policies







Other jurisdictions around the country are piloting different approaches to deterring demand. For example, the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) has recently launched a “Dear John” program to “reduce prostitution and human trafficking” by targeting buyers, not prostituted people in areas with

118 Demand Abolition, “John Schools: A Practical, Cost-Effective Way to Reduce Demand,” October 5, 2016, Demand Abolition, <https://www.demandabolition.org/news/john-schools-practical-cost-effective-way-reduce-demand/>.

119 Organization for Prostitution Survivors (OPS), <https://www.seattleops.org/>.

120 NJ Rev Stat § 2C:34-1.2 (2023)

## SHIFTS IN THINKING RECORDED BY PROGRAM EXIT SURVEYS:<sup>117</sup>

I THOUGHT	BEFORE THE PROGRAM	AFTER THE PROGRAM	% CHANGE
 <p>People in prostitution like what they're doing</p>	<p>58%</p> <p>PARTICIPANTS AGREED</p>	<p>8%</p> <p>PARTICIPANTS AGREED</p>	<p>86%</p>
 <p>People in prostitution freely chose it</p>	<p>61%</p> <p>PARTICIPANTS AGREED</p>	<p>12%</p> <p>PARTICIPANTS AGREED</p>	<p>80%</p>
 <p>She should do whatever I want since I gave her money</p>	<p>32%</p> <p>PARTICIPANTS AGREED</p>	<p>1%</p> <p>PARTICIPANTS AGREED</p>	<p>97%</p>
 <p>Women are not harmed</p>	<p>42%</p> <p>PARTICIPANTS AGREED</p>	<p>3%</p> <p>PARTICIPANTS AGREED</p>	<p>93%</p>
 <p>Men have a right to buy sex</p>	<p>32%</p> <p>PARTICIPANTS AGREED</p>	<p>1%</p> <p>PARTICIPANTS AGREED</p>	<p>97%</p>
 <p>Women in prostitution could not be raped</p>	<p>29%</p> <p>PARTICIPANTS AGREED</p>	<p>2%</p> <p>PARTICIPANTS AGREED</p>	<p>93%</p>

117 Evaluation Highlights from Stopping Sexual Exploitation: A Program for Men, OPS, July 2016.

high concentrations of street prostitution.<sup>121</sup> The program seeks to end buyer anonymity by asking the community to submit photos of sex buyers' vehicles to a website where the information will be verified by the human trafficking unit. The SFPD will then issue a letter to the registered owner of the vehicle with a photograph of their car along with information on the harms of sex buying on prostituted people as well as the community.<sup>122</sup> The SFPD believes ending buyer anonymity will act as a key form of violence prevention, while community-based organizations provide individuals in the sex trade the support they may need, including "counseling, legal assistance, and safe housing."<sup>123</sup>

In 2017, the Cook County Sheriff's Department in Chicago, Illinois initiated a significant policy shift aimed at deterring demand and reducing sexual exploitation: they stopped arresting prostituted people and focused solely on apprehending sex buyers.<sup>124</sup> Prior to 2017, according to Department records, the Sheriff's Office arrested and charged roughly 250 people annually for prostitution. In the years since, there have been "no arrests for prostitution."<sup>125</sup> Additionally, under the leadership of Sheriff Tom Dart and the advisement of survivor leaders on his staff, the Special Victims Unit began fining each sex buyer \$1,000 and impounding their cars at a cost of \$500, diverting these fees to services and support for sex trade survivors.<sup>126</sup> The combination of sex buyers losing their anonymity along with the inconvenience and expense of losing their vehicles has created a chilling effect on the sex buying market, according to experts.<sup>127</sup>

Cook County's change in approach is the result of listening carefully to survivors, who explained that criminalization did nothing to mitigate or prevent their exploitation and vulnerability, but in fact created substantial barriers for their exit out of the sex trade. This partnership between survivors and law enforcement, while incredibly rare, signals that repairing longstanding wounds and mistrust between the survivor community and police can be achieved by integrating survivors into staff and the decision-making process when it comes to prostitution enforcement policies at the state or local levels.

### Holistic Approaches to Policymaking in Our Communities

In the past, communities have largely been complicit in shielding powerful abusers from liability. Programs like the ones run by OPS, the SFPD, and Cook County instead seek to heal the community and support survivors by understanding that purchasing sexual acts from marginalized individuals should never be tolerated or condoned. Fostering community accountability is a necessary component in preventing these harms from happening in the first place.

By incorporating survivors' lived-experience and expertise into developing policy and holding accountable the law enforcement officers who violate and exploit individuals in the sex trade and thereby damage survivor confidence in the legal system, we can create an effective form of primary prevention.

121 San Francisco Police Department, "SFPD Launches Dear John Program to Reduce Prostitution and Human Trafficking 24-136," November 13, 2024, <https://www.sanfranciscopolice.org/news/sfpd-launches-dear-john-program-reduce-prostitution-and>.

122 Dion Lim, "San Francisco Police Launch New Program That Will Allow People to Report Sex Work with Photos," *ABC7 News*, November 13, 2024, <https://abc7news.com/post/san-francisco-prostitution-police-launch-new-dear-john-program-allowing-people-report-sex-work-photos/15543341/>.

123 San Francisco Police Department, "SFPD Launches Dear John Program to Reduce Prostitution and Human Trafficking."

124 Jen Banowitz, "Instead of Arresting Sex Workers, Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart Advocates Work to Help Them; 'We Started Doing Interventions,'" *Chicago Tribune*, updated August 31, 2021, <https://www.chicagotribune.com/2021/08/31/instead-of-arresting-sex-workers-cook-county-sheriff-thomas-dart-advocates-work-to-help-them-we-started-doing-interventions/>.

125 Ibid.

126 Ibid.

127 Ibid.



## A Culture Change

As a culture, we have normalized and accepted men purchasing sexual acts in countless ways. Prostitution is glamorized or sanitized in classic romantic blockbusters like *Pretty Woman* or art-house Oscar winning films like *Poor Things*. Many young men consider it a rite of passage to travel to Nevada to patronize a legal brothel or fly to Amsterdam’s red-light district to gawk at women in brothel windows. It is not uncommon for a bachelor party or a “boys’ night out” to include a trip to a strip club.

The sex buyers represented in this report are products of this same culture, and they show us the worst of men’s attitudes towards women. Viewing women as objects to purchase for sexual pleasure goes deeper than a form of male bonding or an “uncontrollable” desire for sex. Many men have internalized the message disseminated through our media, laws, and public policies that women’s comfort, autonomy, safety, and joy matter less than men’s.

These sexist beliefs flourish in the “right” conditions. More and more American men report feeling isolated and finding solace in their online lives,<sup>128</sup> including pornography and the so-called manosphere forums<sup>129</sup> which encourage and facilitate men’s frustration and hatred towards women. Young men are particularly at risk<sup>130</sup>—for instance, 1 in 5 Gen Z men report admiring the misogynist social media influencer and accused human trafficker Andrew Tate.<sup>131</sup>

While discussions of “toxic masculinity” are becoming more common and mainstream, they usually remain on the surface—brief, perfunctory acknowledgments of bad behavior or remarks. Dismantling misogynistic thinking requires a personal interrogation and—crucially—community accountability. Often, the most effective messengers for encouraging this accountability are men themselves.

128 G. Barker, C. Hayes, B. Heilman, and M. Reichert, *The State of American Men: From Crisis and Confusion to Hope* (Washington, DC: Equimundo, 2023), <https://www.equimundo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/STATE-OF-AMERICAN-MEN-2023.pdf>.

129 *The Threat Landscape: Incel and Misogynist Violent Extremism*, for the U.S. Prevention Practitioners Network by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue and the McCain Institute, Colorado Information Analysis Center, 2022, <https://ciac.colorado.gov/files/D2DF00000/066.pdf>.

130 Barker, Hayes, Heilman, and Reichert, *The State of American Men: From Crisis and Confusion to Hope*, <https://www.equimundo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/STATE-OF-AMERICAN-MEN-2023.pdf>.

131 “Who Is Andrew Tate? The Self-Proclaimed Misogynist Influencer,” BBC News, July 23, 2024, <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-64125045>.

A Call to Men, founded in 2002 by Tony Porter and Ted Bunch, works to foster healthy perspectives of manhood and relationships between men and women.<sup>132</sup> Specifically, the group seeks to identify the roots of violence and discrimination against women and girls and promote men’s role in reshaping toxic narratives. A Call to Men offers trainings to a wide range of clients including schools, community groups, companies, government agencies, the National Football League, Uber, J.P. Morgan, the U.S. military, and the United Nations.

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Similarly, groups like MCSR (formerly, Men Can Stop Rape) recognize the gender-based violence crisis in our country and urge young men and boys to take an active part in addressing the issue and developing prevention strategies.<sup>133</sup> Through MCSR’s work as conveners of the DC Coalition to End Sexual Violence, they also produced a documentary film on the realities of child sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in Washington, DC, called *Nameless*.<sup>134</sup> Epik, in addition to its sex buyer deterrence program, works to provide spaces for men to share their struggles with modern masculinity. Its podcast series, the Masculine Wilderness Podcast, features honest conversations about men’s mental health, loneliness, friendships, and their role in perpetuating systems of sexual exploitation.<sup>135</sup>

These programs have far-reaching impact and influence in reframing the narrative of sexual exploitation and trafficking as solely “women’s issues,” confined to women’s and girls’ rights groups. Organizations focused on men’s role in dismantling toxic masculinity represent a long overdue evolution in the anti-violence movement. By providing dedicated spaces for men to examine their own relationships with masculinity, power, and violence, while building networks of peer support and accountability, these organizations create concrete pathways toward systemic change. Their work demonstrates that transforming deeply-rooted cultural norms requires both personal reflection and coordinated action from those who have traditionally benefited from these dynamics. Through targeted education, community building, and direct intervention, these groups are not just critiquing harmful masculine norms—they are actively redefining masculinity in ways that promote equality, respect, and collective healing.

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132 *A Call to Men: The Next Generation of Manhood*, <https://www.acalltomen.org/>.

133 *We Are MCSR*, <https://mcsr.org/>.

134 *Nameless: A Documentary about Child Sex Trafficking*, We Are MCSR, November 22, 2019, YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPC6esXqX3U>.

135 *The Masculine Wilderness Podcast*, by Epik Project, Spotify, <https://creators.spotify.com/pod/show/epik-project>.

## IV

### CONCLUSION

For too long, society has told women and girls that they are the ones who must change—their clothing, their behavior, their expectations—in order to live peacefully and safely. Similarly, the emotional burden of surviving sexual exploitation and abuse has historically been placed on women: to live with shame and trauma while the perpetrators often enjoy impunity.

In France, after surviving decades of rapes by at least 50 men after being drugged and recorded by her husband,<sup>136</sup> Gisèle Pelicot bravely requested the criminal trial against her rapists be made public. She appeared in court day after day, to face her abusers and demand justice. When asked why she chose to make the proceedings public, Pelicot boldly declared, “Shame *must* change sides.”<sup>137</sup>

It is no small thing, upending the dynamic of who suffers shame and consequence—the perpetrator or victim—and interrogating how patriarchy affects our understanding of the law, of power, and of our place in the world. This interrogation is more important than ever, as more men become radicalized in the ideals of a men’s rights agenda. In 2024, the refrain of “your body, my choice”<sup>138</sup> began echoing in certain corners of the internet, and it is not too far to imagine that someday soon, this sentiment will grow more popular and infect generations to come. For sex buyers, it has always been their *modus operandi*.

Our laws should reflect the values we uphold—equality, dignity, and opportunity for all. The sex trade erodes each of these, and as long as our laws and culture sanction, protect, or ignore the sex trade and its inherent violence, equality for women and girls will remain out of reach.

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136 Angelique Chrisafis, “A Soldier, a Nurse, a Lorry Driver and Dozens More: Who Are the Men Accused over Rape and Assault of Gisèle Pelicot?” *The Guardian*, October 28, 2024, <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/oct/23/a-soldier-a-nurse-a-lorry-driver-and-dozens-more-who-are-the-men-accused-over-and-assault-of-gisele-pelicot>.

137 Ibid.

138 ISD (Institute for Strategic Dialogue), “Your Body, My Choice: Hate and Harassment Towards Women Spreads Online.” *Digital Dispatches*, January 17, 2025. [https://www.isdglobal.org/digital\\_dispatches/your-body-my-choice-hate-and-harassment-towards-women-spreads-online/](https://www.isdglobal.org/digital_dispatches/your-body-my-choice-hate-and-harassment-towards-women-spreads-online/).



## APPENDIX

### A. Elements of a Survivor Model Framework

- 1. Legislative Action: Bifurcate the solicitation statute. In states where both purchasing and selling sex are governed under the same statute, it is important to separate the acts of purchasing and selling sex since these are two distinct acts carried out by very different populations.**

*Reasoning: Individuals who sell sexual access to their bodies are overwhelmingly marginalized people of color—including women, girls, LGBTQI+ and gender expansive people of color, while sex buyers are most often men with privilege and status.*

- 2. Legislative Action: Offer legal protection to prostituted people for engaging in prostitution.**

*Reasoning: In virtually every instance, individuals who sell sex acts are doing so as a means of survival or coercion. Many of these adults were child sex trafficking victims who simply came of age in the sex trade, carrying many of the same vulnerabilities and traumas that they had as minors. As a matter of human rights and public policy, we must stop punishing survivors for their own exploitation, as it only re-victimizes people and serves to keep them trapped inside the industry.*

- 3. Legislative Action: Seal and expunge past prostitution records for prostituted people.**

*Reasoning: Ending the punishment of prostituted people must be paired with vacatur and expungement of past prostitution records in order to allow survivors to meaningfully exit the sex trade and rebuild their lives. Criminal records impede survivors from accessing housing, jobs, educational opportunities, and other critical needs. Importantly, prostitution records must be wiped whether or not an individual can demonstrate they were trafficked.*

- 4. Legislative Action: Maintain legal prohibitions for acts of purchasing sex, pimping, pandering, procurement, and brothel owning.**

*Reasoning: The repeal of these laws would greatly expand the commercial sex market, thereby increasing trafficking and drawing in more marginalized people, including children. It would also establish the jurisdiction as a sex tourism destination attracting more organized crime and empowering exploiters as entrepreneurs. We therefore need to maintain these laws while promoting community accountability measures to recognize the harms associated with these acts and how they impact our most vulnerable communities.*

- 5. Legislative Action: Penalize and fine sex buyers. Instituting a fine that is proportional to their verified income.**

*Reasoning: Any time a sex buyer is arrested for purchasing sexual acts from an adult in prostitution, he should be issued a fine proportional to his income which is then used to fund services and exit strategies for people in the sex trade, including housing, job training, legal services, treatment, etc. Buyers should also be required to attend a mandatory education course to foster community accountability and prevent violence.*



## 6. Legislative Action: Invest in services and other resources for all people in the sex trade.

*Reasoning: Data shows that women and girls of color, including trans and LGBTQI+ people of color, are overrepresented in the sex trade. Many survivors have expressed difficulty exiting the sex trade due to lack of exit support and services. In addition, many trans women have expressed that they cannot access jobs in the mainstream economy due to discrimination and transphobia. Studies show that the vast majority of people in the sex trade would leave if they could meet their needs another way. Accordingly, we must invest in resources like affordable and transitional housing, healthcare, legal services, drug treatment, and other exit support to help individuals who want to leave the sex trade and help them reclaim their lives.*

## B. Additional Sex Buyer Content from Around the Country

### Northeast

#### New York (Binghamton)

Hey fellas! I just recently started covering the Binghamton area for work. I am from MA and will be in town next week. Any suggestions? STG is a crapshoot lately everywhere I go. If you have a provider you'd like to share I would appreciate it. **Would also be interested in hearing where any "loops" are to find some street meat!** I mostly monger in the Albany and Western Mass area and would gladly share any Intel on those areas. Thanks.

6/24/24

#### New York (Binghamton)

Was out and about on the west side stroll last night the streets were pretty quiet. Samantha was the only one out that I saw. For those of you that don't know her, she is short with long black hair and thick glasses.

I have dated her in the past but wouldn't go there now. **She was really strung out it appeared and has lost a ton of weight from when we first got together a few years ago. She gives a really good BBBJ but as I just posted she looks terrible now.** Proceed with caution.

5/6/20

#### New York (Long Island)

Went to see this new place after I read a review. Asked for Julia. Cute girl. Young'ish with a good figure and long black hair and busty. She was dressed sexy so when she came in the room I told her to stay. Tipped 140 \$ plus house \$60. **Little to no English but friendly and able to take commands well.** Shaved smooth pussy.

7/10/24

#### New York, NY

Few things to note, **Yuri doesn't speak a word of English**, so we did have to communicate through a translate app, and of course Google Translate sucks, so anyone know a good translate app out there please PM me.

9/18/21

**New York, NY**

First of all **she is the embodiment of a Korean baby doll.**

11/3/21

**New York, NY**

Face is good and looked particularly cute in missionary, but not quite as good as on their website, which makes her look younger than she is (I'd guess early 30's, but who knows). She's an enthusiastic can-do pleaser with a great body and a great attitude. **Takes a pounding like a champ** across multiple positions. **She speaks a decent bit of English**, too.

11/7/21

**New York, NY**

The ID screening and recommendation requirements is also unduly onerous for a hobby that is **principally about discretion.**

12/6/21

**Baltimore, MD**

Early Easter morning I went out because I was awake and had nothing better to do. Garrison was **nothing but trannies and bones** so I decided to pass. **Saw a decent piece of booty walking Pulaski.** Told me her name was Shelly and was wondering if I could help her get something to eat. Got the 20 H&H combo and a number that she says is off right now.

4/2/24

**Boston, MA**

558's star employee Emma left again but hopefully will be back in a few weeks. She was replaced by Lulu — a nice friendly lady in early fifties, I think. She gets naked after the first 2-3 minutes, fine with hugging but no real kissing as she keeps her lips tightly closed. Nice natural b's. **Her ass is quite big for an Asian woman.** I did not ask but she decided to tell me that **she has a 8-year old kid in China.** Well, her grandkids are probably older than that. I guess it's a marketing ploy in order to get the customer more generous as they essentially tell you that they need money to support the family.

3/31/24

**Boston, MA**

Tbf she wasn't as bad as my last one, who was a "no to everything" girl.. But yes, I don't care if these girls are prettier. Having no effort and condom everything is just a bad combo. No way to get in the mood if they treat you like you're a homeless guy off the street. But it's not even that it's **the attitude of being grossed out you are even there, then going into robot mode when you're performing the deed.** Never again for these types again. Smh condom hand job, I couldn't believe that one. **Why even do this work if you're afraid to be touched.**

4/27/24

### Providence, RI

I need more stimulation than just an edging / edged HJ. Most of all is the different variations of girls they got. **I get bored with one, off to another girl** Overall too each their own to what makes you happy.

3/13/24

### Bangor, Maine

I met up with her about a year ago for a quick car visit and would not recommend spending anywhere near that amount. She was pleasant and gave a decent covered blowjob, but **was obviously struggling with a lot of personal issues** and I haven't been back despite her being one of the few advertising escorts in the area.

1/11/23

### Bangor, Maine

I had an older one in Sanford do something similar but more subtle. Gets me in the house, asks for the cash and then **her "uncle" shows up and starts yelling at her about "doing this again" and threatening to call the cops on her.** I just got the fuck out of there. She starts texting me to meet her somewhere else and I decided fuck that noise and told her to enjoy the money. **Been doing only AMPs since then and a couple of the few remaining American places** in other parts of the country.

Longing for the days in Maine of the Danish and the place on Congress St. , etc.

12/29/22

### Burlington, VT

"Was feeling froggy so figured I'd take a leap and go see a provider since there has not been a lot going on. **Saw the Chinese ads up but didn't want to take the gamble to end up with another gross old woman** (side note: if anyone sees the Chinese agency, let me know if it's any good in Burlington)."

10/23/22

### Burlington, VT

Chowan Spa – Coco, the new K-girl

"PJ. Compared to other spas, Chowan is much cleaner, and the **girls here are much younger and prettier.**"

10/4/21

## South

### Orlando/Central FL

Picked her up again earlier this week and was disappointed this time, **she insisted on using a rubber** for a BJ and even then the session felt rushed and nothing like the first time. May try again another time but only if she agrees to bbj.

4/26/24

### Orlando/Central FL

Don't know, I don't really like gum jobs, just seeing a few missing teeth turns me off, imagine if the whole grill is gone. No thanks.

As for the gum job specialist you are looking for, she can be easily found on OBT and 43 or 44 streets, afternoons and nights.

She is blonde with some dye color added like blue or pink sometimes.

I talked to her, and when I saw the missing grill, I bailed. **[Missing teeth] is just a major turn off for me, it's worse than a wrinkled up face.**

4/11/24

### Orlando, FL

She is crying foul and how can you do that to me it's not fair LOL. What's not fair is getting in my wallet

while I'm in the bathroom. **What's not fair is hiding 50 pounds of blubber under your clothes. What's not fair is not washing that stinking cod cave before a date.** What's not fair is not smiling in your pictures so we can see the buzz saw of jagged teeth. What is fair is letting others know what they are wasting their money on and letting them know at least don't have extra money in their pockets for you to steal when they go clean your stankin cod sauce off their cock. It's hilarious these girls think they can get away with robbing people and being nasty and then get mad when their phone goes dead when it gets reported here.

4/3/24

### Baton Rouge, LA

Next met a 5 out of 10 BSW who recently had a baby. **Dark complexion but friendly unfortunately she wasn't "experienced" enough to work the room.** Last I met one who body wise was 8/10 but had a Mohawk and face left a lot to be desired. T I'm hoping it was just an off time for the city. Watch out for LEO, they had the streets on lockdown.

11/6/23

### New Orleans, LA

Well, from my experience, **a lot of these girls are dying** and a combination of many factors. The streetwalker scene has gotten really complicated due to the Fentanyl epidemic. That crap is in everything now, including the crack. It increases chances of overdose, and this is nationwide, not just New Orleans.

There was a streetwalker that walked Jackson every single day. She died last year just from Fentanyl in her crack. That kind of lifestyle WILL catch up to you.. I know a few that have got clean. It's rare, but it does happen. I don't know if you know Michelle, WSW, skinny, at the very back of Chef. **She's clean and working a REAL job as a waiter in the French quarter.**

I think taking a drive up the hoe stroll is a thing of the past now. Something lost in time, ya know?

3/7/24

### New Orleans, LA

Picked up Princess on Claiborne. **Said she was from Mississippi and living in a tent under the bridge, early 40's. She said she was left here by her ex (like always).** We agreed on a price and found a dark spot. Gave some BBBJ, then I upgraded to a BBF for 10 more. Very tight kitty. Nice tight body. Overall all nice experience.

8/24/23

### Atlanta, GA

Lisa, the slightly older Filipina, is the lady I frequent when I'm there. **Her English is really good** and so I have a really good conversation with her. She's got a good pair of bolt ons and BBL as well which are fun to play with.

5/1/24

### Atlanta, GA

Saw Angie a few weeks ago. **She's declining. Now missing teeth at the top and bottom.** One of the best DT chicks out there and can **basically fit your member in between the newfound gap,** but at the wrong angle she can scrape you. I still remember discovering her years ago. Couldn't wait to set her out to you guys because her customer service was good. She's falling off at this point.

4/30/24

### Atlanta, GA

At the end of the day, I am out here having fun and doing dates with anybody that has meat on their bones and is getting a great nut from it. Like I said before, I care more about service than a pretty face. **My dick don't care about how a girl's face looks to a certain degree. It cares more about how a girl can make it feel.** Bro from one fellow monger to another, you are being too picky for someone that is looking to pick up a SW.

4/29/24

### Memphis, TN

I'm coming in next week for a few days. **How has the police presence been lately?** I know last time I was there they were hit and heavy on Lamar. Just curious if it's let up a little since then.

9/25/24

### Birmingham, AL

Guess it all depends on the goal of uncle LEO. IIRC, at the time of the Roebuck raids (there were a few raids during that time frame) **the goal of LE was to discourage the mongers from visiting those locations, basically starving the supply by scaring off the demand.** Guess they could always use the ads placed on the various websites as proof of being a house of prostitution. Still a wasteful use of taxpayers resources to fight a "criminal" activity that should be legal anyway.

As has been mentioned here many times before, **always be safe and fully aware of your surroundings.** If something don't feel right then turn and run.

9/12/24

### Birmingham, AL

Scary stuff. Be safe, guys. Keep your ear to the street to be aware if the locals in the area are complaining about an establishment. When I saw that people on Facebook were snitching I knew it was a matter of time. The PD in that area are nosy. **These raids and busts are why I've been saving up my money to travel abroad instead. The US laws are anti-fun for this hobby.**

9/12/24

### Biloxi, Mississippi

#### Black provider

Y'all know I stay out of the game until I have an Itch I can't scratch due to all these crazy prices. Anyone know of a **good black provider** on the coast? **Preferably with a big fat ass**, a clean incall, and doable rates?

11/13/24

## Midwest

### Madison, WI

At this point, **decent healthy pussy is so expensive I've just been hitting the AMP's once in a while.**

I figured a crackdown by Johnny Law would put this game out of business but it seems the providers are pricing it out of business. **If I'm paying \$300 for pussy, I'll finally get a girlfriend.** I assume Geisha House is probably due for another price increase.

Better just to go to Thailand, Vietnam, Mexico or Germany.

5/1/24

### Milwaukee, WI

It's Fourth of July week and I am home alone. Would anyone have a good utr to share or a review you were maybe keeping private? **I enjoy boobs, blonde, black and Asian if cute.** Can spend a tad more but I'm a budget guy over near the airport. Just an outside shot since I'm here nearly daily and don't see much.

7/2/24

### Milwaukee, WI

**Buyer 1:** The Republicans better bring their own talent or have some brought in. What we have to offer will make Milwaukee look like a joke!

**Buyer 2:** Donald said Milwaukee is a horrible place, so I guess he's dipped his toe in the Milwaukee River. Don't worry, **the buses will be full of out-of-town coochie for the convention.**

Coochie (Make America Great Again!) Eater.

God Bless You All.

7/6/24

### Ann Arbor, MI

I had a wonderful time with Heavyn Eve the last time I met with her. This would be my 2nd visit and I still haven't had my fill. **I love BBW women** and she looks amazing. The date was amazing, went better than expected. She is very friendly and adventurous. S I can't wait until I see her again, I can't wait.

4/1/24

### Detroit, MI

I saw her a couple weeks back. She looks decent. Bolt-ons [breast implants] that were just ok. She said she was 23 and a nursing student (LOL).. Had to get up and pay before play, which I hate even more than negotiating. Technique was just OK and rushed at best IMO. To add insult to injury I checked my watch walking out and saw I had been there a total of 40 minutes which included at least 10 of waiting. Paid for an hour. She has potential, sure, but her price expectations are unreasonable. **This ain't LA and she sure isn't 23 like she said. Easy to get FS or BJ for the same cost by girls as good looking and way more enthusiastic.**

4/3/24

### Milwaukee, WI

She has a verification process I refuse to submit to. **No way I am sending my real name and showing her my ID.** She also wants references or other information which means there will be a trail that Uncle LEO can follow.

**Girls who want pics of faces or dicks, I refuse to see them,** I don't care how good they are. Some of the so-called higher end ones want to see your LinkedIn account or other ways to identify you.

3/30/24

### Kansas City

She is not on a reservation, but **if you are attracted to Native American women and are in the KC area check out this cute, young GFE.** She's high-end, so only contact her if you have a thick wallet. I can verify that she is a true GFE, and her pictures are real and recent.

10/26/18

### Kansas City

I'll be in your area 2/5–2/9. I'll be staying at the Aloft in North KC. Who would you recommend for an Outcall? I'm not hung up on age or size. **I do prefer Caucasian women. I have always wanted to try an Asian woman** which I have not been with other than a HE at an AMP. African women I am not opposed to but I'll definitely want face pictures. For reference I am a Mid 50's Caucasian male.

Thanks in advance and if you are ever up my way hit me up for help.

1/11/24

**Chicago, IL**

Ariel was one of the rare girls with 262 that actually matched her pics. Well reviewed too which is why I booked her the first time with a reasonable rate and not a clock watcher. A little over 5 1/2 feet tall with long legs and super cute face. **I think she was from Poland. She has a super hot friend from the Ukraine in town that she was doing duos with** which after sending me the pic was too good an offer to pass on. CFS, BBBJ, had to be the best experience I have had in some time as the SA site has been horrible lately for me.

4/29/24

**Chicago, IL**

Samantha. Saw her last time she was here (2nd time overall) and I was incredibly underwhelmed. **Low to zero energy, and just way too passive (different than submissive).** Half-hearted everything. She also looked even skinnier than usual. So she's off my list for good, and I was considering a duo with her but now I won't.

4/29/24

**Chicago, IL**

**Majka has a body and attitude made for fucking!**

4/28/24

**Chicago, IL**

Amanda and Cassey are back near Midway. **Casey was coherent and took a pounding.** Amanda looked rough.

Casey rushed me but it was a cheap deal. Be careful with this pair. They have been known to pull all kinds of scams.

4/29/24

**Cleveland, OH**

**Too many rules.** Won't take off her hoodie. Won't let you touch her. Only position is doggie. She looks like her pics. **Has that thin body type I like.** Not a pretty face, but I knew that from her pics before I booked the date. Don't recommend, save your money and avoid her.

5/1/24

**Cleveland, OH**

I don't get out often but when I do it's only for big titty BBWs. **Skinny girls make my dick soft.** Nothing fun to play with on them.

That being said, the big girls in Toledo are RUFF. **But all the girls in Toledo are ruff.** This town is full of ugly people (me included!).

That's the great thing though, you got your taste and I got mine and it takes different strokes to rule the world!

5/1/24



### Dayton, OH

I've been out scouting last few days and have noticed a real decrease in the quality and quantity here in Dayton in all areas, all times of day and night. I mean **most of these "women" I see out are so undesirable**, you would literally have to pay me to do the deed with them. There is also no lack of guys looking, but a lot of these girls are wandering around for hours, no takers. That's how bad they are. **Dirty AF, Fat, OLD (like 60+), toothless, homeless looking, crazy acting, boys dressed as girls.** It's getting really bad out there.

I watch videos of Figueroa Street out in Cali and Jesus I'm jealous. It's not worth paying LA taxes, but maybe a road trip is in order. Dayton. \*sigh\*.

4/28/24

### Dayton, OH

Sort of tempting about sums Amy up. I've had some decent times with her and with the inventory of walkers low she can definitely be tempting. [Amy] gets in and **I immediately notice a really bad sore on her lip.** She immediately starts talking about it and saying it's not herpes. It's not a cold sore blah blah blah **goes into this long speech about getting raped for hours on end the day before.** And the guy pretty much face fuc\* her for hours and that's how she got the sore. **\*\*slaps face\*\*** this **\*\*\*\*\*** is crazy and thinks I'm that stupid. Anywho. We have a pretty decent relationship so I feel like shit knowing that I'm about to kick her out of my vehicle. It was really that gross looking. So I drive to the Shell station with her and tell her to run in and grab a condom. I gave her \$10 and I got out of there before she could even make it into the store.

Yuck.

4/16/24

### Dayton, OH

At a side street off M, I chatted briefly with a BSW who gave her name as Kamyiah. She was nothing attractive but was in need of cash, so I gave her 2 bucks and drove off. A few minutes later she was at another corner as I pulled up. I agreed to let her in. She agreed to a BJ and as we chatted, **I realized she has mental issues** as she was talking really weird at times. Kamyiah then removes her shorts and proceeds with cowgirl while I'm in the driver's seat. **Her technique was terrible** as she just sat and picked at her face while looking in my mirror. I never did get off but had enough of her. **I gave her my small donation** and drove her back to M. As mentioned, Kamyiah seems to have some mental issues, but never did appear violent. Just remember YMMV.

4/12/24

## West

### Scottsdale, AZ

From experience, the best area to meet a girl if you're on an Indian reservation (at least in Arizona) is Casino Arizona. The location (near Scottsdale, Tempe, and Mesa) makes it the most ideal. **Many times girls have played away all their money and have been stranded there. Some of them tend to get desperate.** It was pretty good there years ago. Hopefully there's still some luck for some of you guys.

5/19/16

## San Francisco, CA

It has been a long while since I did the SW thing in SF, it was sublime and cost effective back in the day, but just soo iffy now.

One thing I have never understood about having the “track” be around Capp / Shotwell and 17th-20th street, or any other residential street / area for that matter, is why not choose somewhere that isn’t going to directly impact the neighborhood residents and cause all the conflict? **I mean, I’m a monger and I wouldn’t really want that activity and dynamic going on in front of my house.** At least not all the time.

Why does it persist right on people’s doorsteps / driveways / stoops / front windows / sidewalks where it will inevitably cause friction, complaints, conflict, shutdowns, etc.?

Anyone?

2/14/23

## San Francisco, CA

**Sex buyer 1:** So I was traveling to SF this week and now I want to catch up on my review.

The pros: this place is open until 5 am, they were serving some beers until 5 am, **the girls generally were friendly, pretty, and not pushy, and you can get a finish there.**

The Cons: The pricing on everything once in the door.

\$60 for a topless lapdance (one song).

\$100 for a nude lapdance (one song).

\$500 you can touch them barely no petting (one song).

1 k you get 20 minutes in VIP, heavy petting but mouth / FIV.

5 k they “stop caring what you’re doing in the room (the guards)” and you get an hour with them.

One girl said for \$15 k I could get FS.

I opted to do some watching, tipping on stage to get some attention and sitting with me for a few to chat, but checked out before the little man could try to max out my cards.

**Sex Buyer 2: You know you can fly to Asia or Europe and get girls for \$100 (USD), right?** The flights and hotel cost \$1,000. So you can nail 200 of them and you get a trip overseas and spend 1/3 that.

Or go to Vegas and spend \$200 to bang a casino girl.

## Honolulu, HI

That’s great!

**Would help if you named the girl and provided a link to her ad. Also a report as to where you met the girl, the atmosphere and ambience, her looks and performance.**

You might also want to do a LASR report.

L = looks on a scale of 1 to 10.

A = attitude on a scale of 1 to 10.

S = service on a scale from 1 to 10 (I usually grade full service, everything covered no kissing as a 6 to 7, GFE with includes BBBJ, DFK, CFS as an 8, anything beyond GFE like anal or BBFS are extra points for 9 or 10).

R = Repeat?

3/25/24

### Portland, Oregon

Compared to Sweety and Candy, I would recommend Venus for sure no question.

A. **Young, skinny, natural C's, but sadly kind of small ass** (I'm not an ass man but I do like some meat there). Dropped off donation and upgrade, undressed, and off to the bathroom in each other's arms Playful and physically close the entire time, more GFE than the other girls I saw. Sweety was almost there if she didn't skip a few things and put in a little more effort. If Candy put in 80% more effort, she would have been a hit.

From what I gathered from our small talk, I believe she may be just new so not easily searchable reviews. **She's not completely fluent** so some may have difficulty communicating with her. I'm just used to it being Asian and having worked with international visitors in a past life. She'll be here for a while. I do recommend her, the experience was what we were expecting / should have had.

2/9/24

### Portland, Oregon

As far as K girls go it was probably my worst experience ever. Wanted to rush FS and skip foreplay, no DFK. Urged me to finish quick. **Was reluctant to do round two and after I convinced her to do it** she just suggested a HJ. Told her that wouldn't work. She gave in to FS but wanted me to finish real quick again. In terms of overall experience I'd say it's a 7/10 in general but compared to other K girls I'd probably rate it a 4/10 since k girls usually step it up compared to others.

2/7/24

### Denver, Colorado

**Anyone ever use the Hispanic girls on listcrawler?**

They post ads in Spanish. They use a specific location which means they might be real. I've only used listcrawler once and it was a scam. The AMPs have been a let down here so far and the **white girls look as fucked up as every other city I've been, I want to try something new.** This has been the worst hobbying year of my life.

11/3/24

### Colorado Springs, Colorado

Second trip to Lotus today, got the **same chubby Chinese girl as last time.** However the massage is good, strong hands and pressure. BBBJ and CFS on the menu for \$ and \$\$\$. It appears she is the only one there, except the old mamasan. So Iciban is still my go-to because **they have the best rotation of new talent.**

8/23/24

### Boise, Idaho

She was god awful chatty and was delaying all the adult fun she had been promising me. Finally after 20-30 min when **I told her to get to business or get out** she gave a half hearted BJ. Started off bare but wanted a cover soon. She got on top and gave me a good ride for a few but I didn't last two long, already thinking about round two.

9/06/24

### Boise, Idaho

**Saw these 2 beauties from Colombia earlier this afternoon.** Both are RBFGE, and I started pounding Thalia from behind while I was making out with Kim while fingering both her holes. Both gave me a nice little quick massage before we went at it for round 2. Kim and Thalia switched and I was back at it again like the first round. They both speak Spanish so that's a plus for you if you can. **They said they are here until the 17th.** CIM and GREEK are on the menu but as addons, \$ and \$\$ respectively. I just did the hr with both, expensive but this has been a bucket list item for me for awhile. I think I might see them separately for the hr before they leave.

6/10/24

### Seattle, Washington

Met her for an 1 h session. Self defined high end with ridiculous rates on her site. Asked for 400 claiming it used to be 700 blahblah. The session was below avg, upsell for 3 BJ during the session since she won't discuss menu via text. Won't repeat because **she talked too much during the session** and not much service provided.

9/22/24

### Seattle, Washington

I've been curious about this one also. She seems to come here a lot. Pics look good but geez \$600/ hr! I like **Russians / Ukrainians / Kazakh girls** because they provide good service with good looks but that's still a bit too steep for me.

9/16/24

### Albuquerque, New Mexico

Had a little free time so I set out to see Yoyo at Ocean Dream spa. It's on Carlisle between Manual and Candelaria in a quiet strip mall. **She's a middle aged Chinese MILF who is very pretty and a very nice body for her age.** Nice man-made Ds and a **nice ass for an Asian gal.** Not fat, not skinny, but just right. Pretty face and eyes that melt you. Eager to please personality. **Speaks some English** so you can have some conversation with her.

3/09/24

### Las Vegas, NV

**Fridays I saw her up until she was homeless etc. Wore that black and pink bikini for weeks on end.**

I still would pay for her to Uber her to my house and would fuck her unshaved, unkempt unshowered and wearing that smelly bikini.

I'd do it again and again if given a chance. I'm The Freak, I guess.

4/3/24

### Seattle, Washington

Yes, I saw her. She was nice enough but her **pimp / boyfriend / roommate came in just after I finished** and asked what the hell I was doing in his apartment. Also **she had her baby in the living room playing in the playpen the whole time.**

9/24/24

## Epik Conversations

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### Conversation #6 with sex buyer from Fort Worth, Texas

**Buyer:** Address?

Can I come now.

No

**Epik:** Hey, this is actually a volunteer working with a bunch of guys who are trying to interrupt demand for victims of trafficking and I'm wondering if you would be willing to help us out?

**Buyer:** Ok

How?

**Epik:** Do you mind if I ask why you're calling these ads?

- Seeking companionship or comfort
- Wanting a different kind of sex than they can receive from non-prostitutes
- Seeing sex as a commodity or product for exchange
- Wanting a feminine or subservient woman

**Buyer:** Wanting a feminine or subservient woman

**Some women need real help. They have no way of finding necessities**

**Epik:** Appreciate your responses... just sharing some research that we're aware of that the majority of women involved in prostitution are doing it against their will and many are minors.

**Buyer:** It's half half.

Prostitution is everywhere

Even in London, affluent places

prostitution in places I have travelled to. It's there, disguised.

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## Conversation #7 with sex buyer from Corpus Christi, Texas

**Buyer:** Latoya baby do u got any time available for me

**Epik:** definitely!

**Buyer:** Yea well what u wearing rn

I already forgot, who u r

Snd pic

**Epik:** nah no pics. no clothing details. i'm not latoya. i'm with a group of guys spreading awareness about sex trafficking. i'm here to tell you that the girls you buy sex with are being trafficked. Have you heard of sex trafficking before?

**Epik:** dont ignore me. don't be silent. talk to me. what made you decide buying sex was okay?

**Buyer:** **Shut the fuck up lol all of a sudden ur captain save these low ass hoes**

I got better shit to do so if ur not sucking my dick or ur guys aren't sucking my dick then bug off

Better shit to do like finding bitches to suck my dick for a twenty

**Epik:** that's the problem—you think they are low. it says more about you and the terrible thinking you have. What if a sister and cousin you loved was forced to sell their body?

you have low standards for yourself. wake up and find out what a real man is made of. That means respecting women. Not treating them as objects

**Buyer:** Then they shouldn't have gotten in that situation lol . Not my problem. Get it how u get it. Live it how u live it. I guess u know what a man is then . And how to treat a dumb chicken headed broadThat's good now go save them

**Epik:** what if they were forced or coerced?

**Buyer:** Go talk to the dude who is forcing and coercing them . **ldgaf i just want this dick sucked**

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## Conversation #8 with sex buyer from Orange County, California

**Buyer:** Hello

**Epik:** hey there

**Buyer:** You're available?

**Buyer:** Do u have any pics?

**Epik:** i can be

**Epik:** what u lookin for?

**Buyer:** Mutual fun with chemistry

**Epik:** ok. what kind of chemistry u lookin for?

**Buyer:** What's your boundaries? NO's?

**Epik:** call me and we can figure out details

**Buyer:** Go fuck yourself

**Epik:** ur # has been recorded and is available for police follow up. Im sorry if we upset u. we're with an org that disrupts the process of men trying to buy sex online. mind if i share a few things with you?

**Buyer:** No thank you. Block

**Buyer:** Sex work is work. Period

**Buyer:** I fight human trafficking but I support escorting.

**Epik:** can u explain the difference?

**Buyer:** When a woman decides to choose escorting as a work that's her decision and I support her. But when she gets abuse and forced to do this, that's a crime. Buying and selling sex online now can happen in legal websites with real ppl and real reviews.

**Epik:** I see. But how do u know the difference between someone being forced or one choosing it on their own?

**Buyer:** As I said. Some websites allow you to have full information about the escort and how long she's doing this, and her experience in this industry and her reviews. I have a best friend who works as an escort and she's fighting human trafficking too.

**Buyer:** And btw this police thing is very childish, no one use real# here, so stop doing it.

**Epik:** if ur doing nothing wrong, then why use a fake #?

**Epik:** if knowing it's illegal to purchase sex, whether u agree or not, **is it really worth the legal consequences?**

**Buyer:** Bcoz I have professional job :) that's why using fake #

**Buyer:** It's my business. I take care about the consequences.

**Epik:** what if those legal consequences end up with you having to serve time or registering as a sex offender?

**Buyer:** Don't act like dumb plz

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## Conversation #9 with sex buyer in Los Angeles, CA

**Epik:** I work with an organization that talks with lots of women who have been in this world. I have not spoken to one that has said she was there willingly.

**Buyer:** Everyone I've met are on their own. I avoid drug users and pimp run women

**Buyer:** Just girls trying to make fast money who are clean— often with an unexpected kid

**Epik:** Often they meet a guy who gives them promises of the world. Money drugs etc. But after the pimp gets her hooked she gets trapped. He then uses force, fraud or coercion to keep her trapped in the life

**Buyer:** Or Asian girls at massage parlor or others not forced into anything

**Epik:** How can you be 100% sure she isn't being run by a pimp?

**Buyer:** And none below age— in fact most are older

**Buyer:** Again **you are talking street walkers!** I have nothing to do with those

**Buyer:** Because you can tell. **They are on drugs, have pimp tattoos, the way they talk, there are lots of ways**

**Epik:** Yes, in the movies it can be portrayed that only the street walkers or people kidnapped like in taken are there against their will. The reality is most of these ads online are posted by pimps running girls

**Buyer:** White girls and Asian just don't have pimp issues and are not walking

**Buyer:** I don't believe you sorry

**Buyer:** Every girls I've met is on her own— every one

**Buyer:** None have a pimp and none are forced into this

**Epik:** That's totally fair man and I get it. Do you mind if I ask why you are looking for online sex?

**Buyer:** They chose. And again if drugs drive them to it, I'm outta there fast

**Buyer:** Why not?

**Buyer:** In and out no complications like a relationship brings—

**Epik:** I'm just curious what you are looking for.

**Buyer:** Always protected and always safe. Avoid all pimps, drugs and bullshit

**Epik:** So it is for the quick easy sex with no strings?

**Buyer:** What do you think? Sex of course what else??

**Buyer:** Right. No complications.

**Buyer:** And variety. Who wants the same meal every day for their whole life?

**Epik:** Sex is great man and it's a gift. Have you ever considered that your need is not sex, but something deeper?



**Buyer:** Nope

**Buyer:** Because it's not

**Buyer:** Sex is 100% driving force

**Buyer:** Ok done with questions. Good luck with your endeavors. Get educated first and please don't believe that bullshit you said— go find out for real

**Epik:** Are you aware paying for sex is illegal?

**Buyer:** You sound like a dateline reporter talking about the sensational when I've never seen any evidence of what you talk about—except streetwalkers

**Buyer:** Your info is just not correct

**Buyer:** Yes it is illegal in California. I'm in Nevada.

**Buyer:** And I don't pay for sex ever

**Epik:** What evidence do you have that my info is not correct? My info is from women who have been in jail for prostitution, from men who have run girls, and from buyers who have been caught.

**Buyer:** I pay for company and what happens is anyone's guess

**Buyer:** Because you are talking to streetwalkers and drug addicts

**Buyer:** Not high end escorts

**Epik:** I'm talking to girls that are run through websites like the one you are on

**Buyer:** Many of these women are former playmates or adult industry not streetwalkers

**Buyer:** What website do you think I'm on? Haha

**Epik:** Would you be down to check out a video that talks about this?

**Buyer:** **Again you must be talking to pimped out black girls who are dealing with drugs or latinas dealing with cartels**

**Buyer:** No! Don't send me a video

**Buyer:** I don't believe your info and I think it's bullshit. You won't convince me otherwise

**Buyer:** And with that, I'm done! Bye



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