

TRUTH ABOUT PROSTITUTION

Prostituted exploitation, abuse and torture are hidden when identified as “sex work”.

Sexualized non-State torture is covered-up when called sadomasochism or BDSM.

“Buying sex” misnames the co-modification of women and girls as purchasable objects.

Saying “providing a service” falsely implies prostituted women and girls have an obligation to men-kind; this extreme form of socialized victimization exists everyday in brothels, escort “services”, off- and on-street and in pornographic exploitation.

SOLUTIONS FOR EQUALITY

Promote a Swedish approach¹ that criminalizes the suppliers (pimps and traffickers) and the demand (the buyers) and decriminalizes women in prostitution. Its working core principles are that prostitution is sexualized oppression, inequality and violence against women and girls which are human right violations.

Global knowledge suggests men’s behaviours can shift to not buying if they risk public exposure, fines and or jail time.

Uphold in law universal human rights equality for women and girls not to be

subjected to torture at any time, in any place, as stated in articles 2 and 5 of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. **ASK:** Is your country upholding this human right in law? Is non-State torture illegal? If the law covers non-State torture is it enforced in a non-discriminatory way for women and girls prostituted who suffer non-State torture? Advocate and educate to end legal and social discrimination.

Combat women’s poverty with equal pay ratios of women’s wages to men’s wages.

Women and girls prostituted can suffer life-altering traumatic responses including dissociation and a fracturing of Self; providing non-State torture-informed care, exiting strategies and support are essential.

Reference and Resources

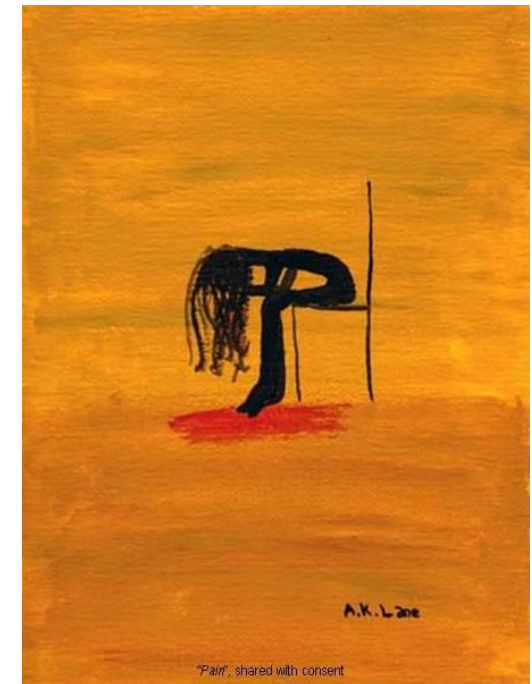
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NON-STATE TORTURE Inflicted in PROSTITUTION



**It Hurts
It Destroys
It Can Kill**

PROSTITUTION INVOLVES

A human right violation based on the global inequality of **ALL** women and girls;

A global exploitation business supporting oppression, violence and sexualized victimization of women and girls;

Controlled by pimps: parent(s), family members, friends, boyfriends, and others;

Women and girls groomed or tricked into prostitution; the average age of girls is 10 and above depending on the country;

A violation with a common root cause that often begins when women, as children, suffer sexualized victimization in their families or perpetrated by others known or unknown, which is frequently repetitive;

The supply and demand for pornification of women and girls, beginnings with infants, for example, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection (<https://cybertip.ca/>) says infants and children under eight years are victimized, including in torture and bondage images; in 2013 the U.K., Internet Watch Foundation reported 51 % of crime scene images included pedophilic rape and torture; the girl child was in 76% of all the images; infants and toddlers were victims (https://www.iwf.org.uk/assets/media/annual-reports/annual_report_2013.pdf.pdf).

NON-STATE TORTURE (NST)

NST is torture perpetrated by parents, husbands, pimps, buyers, pornographers and like-minded others. Examples of acts of NST are: Severe repetitive beatings, kicks, fingers, toes and limbs twisted or dislocated, whipped with a pimp stick;

Electric shocking of nipples and vagina;

Repetitively raped by one person, by family/group (gang raped), with weapons (gun/knife) and other objects, bestiality;

Suffocated with objects or sat on when orally raped, oral trauma, choked;

Held under water in tubs, near drowned sometimes into unconsciousness, objectified and raped (pseudo-necrophilia);

Forcibly impregnated and aborted;

Buyers' ritualized torture pleasures, i.e., get off on blood forcing women/girls to Self-cut;

Smearred with semen and other body fluids;

Porn pictures taken, snuff films made/used;

Witnessing others tortured, threatened to be killed, forced in the violation of others;

Psychological tortures: Dehumanized, degraded, humiliated and laughed at.

CRIMES CONNECTED TO PROSTITUTION INCLUDE:

Organized criminal gangs, groups, families;

Drug trafficking, creating drug dependency;

Human trafficking for the exploitation of women and girls to be prostituted;

Group/gang rapes to "break her in";

Manufacturing of torture porn and snuff or death porn;

Stalking and harassment crimes;

Abuse of power with secondary re-victimization when systems fail to respond;

Promoting hate crimes, fostering social cultural attitudes of sexism and misogyny and childism and misopedia;

Increase in supply and demand of prostituted children, including girls born into families or in the care of guardians who tortured them in private spaces, trained them to withstand sexualized non-State torture, trafficked and pimped them to like-minded others and to organized pedophilic torture "parties". Women so harmed are a specific vulnerable group we have supported since 1993.

Femicide by suicide and murder.