

The Cost of Fully Decriminalizing the Sex Trade



The sex trade will expand as full decriminalization removes the legal and cultural barriers to purchasing sexual acts.



Rates of human trafficking will grow to satisfy this increase in demand. Homeless youth, immigrants, and other vulnerable groups will be targeted as the "supply."



Law enforcement will lose the ability to investigate sex trafficking and identify victims.



Sex buying will become even more normalized in our culture.



More people will be in danger.*

*Germany reported over 140 homicides of women in prostitution since it legalized the sex trade. In contrast, Sweden has seen no homicides of people in prostitution after it passed its Sex Purchase Act, penalizing sex buyers.

In New Zealand, where the sex trade is decriminalized, despite evidence of probable sex trafficking of acutely vulnerable populations, the government has not initiated, prosecuted or convicted one single sex trafficker.