

### Prostitution

When the subject of prostitution came into my mind I thought it was an industry that diluted the good nature of America's workforce. The subject of prostitution is another example of people dismissing and criticizing actions just because they find it distasteful. The people associated with this activity (on both sides) are frowned upon even though nobody actually knows why or how they came to that business.

Upon thinking about the actual workings of this business – like a course 15 should – I began to see that the women who are selling themselves are in a situation that leaves me feeling sorry for them. They are constantly abused, and most are in that line because they have limited options with which to support themselves or support a family. In fact, the way we frown upon prostitution just makes their lives that much worse. We criminalize prostitution not because it's dangerous to people (and it has zero affect on the lives of those who opt out from it) but because it's considered disgusting by many. The business will continue no matter what our judicial stance is upon it, so we might as well make it safe for those involved. The point of the law is to protect people, while this law actually causes harm. We should look at Amsterdam, where prostitution is legal, and they actually have a system in place that ensures the safety of the women. In a country where we pride ourselves on providing a haven for all different types of people, we should look at this dangerous business and try to make it not dangerous.

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