

Men's roles in sexual violence and exploitation in prostitution and their prevention

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Prostitution: Introductory comments

- Feminist debates over prostitution: 'paid rape' or 'sex work'?
- Men in prostitution:
 - Clients
 - Sex workers
 - Organisers and managers (including pimps and traffickers)

Men buying sex: Prevalence

Country	%
Australia	16
Finland	13
Norway	11
Sweden	13
Great Britain	7
Netherlands	14
Switzerland	19
Spain	39
Sweden	13
Thailand	73
UK	9
United States	16

Men buying sex: Patterns

- Wide variation in proportions who pay for sex
- Small proportions buy sex regularly
- There is some evidence of an increase in men's purchase of sex.

Who are the men that buy sex?

- The men who use commercial sex are average men.
- They:
 - Come from all socio-economic groups, rich and poor and in-between;
 - May have professional, managerial or manual jobs;
 - May be in full-time or part-time employment or unemployed;
 - Mostly have wives or girlfriends, with the majority in long-term partnerships;
 - Usually do not have a criminal record.

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- However, some men are more likely than other men to pay for sex.
- Men who pay for sex are more likely than other men to:
 - Be older, e.g. over 39 years;
 - Have had a greater number of sexual partners;
 - Be gay, bisexual, or homosexually active;
 - Live in supportive cultural climates.

Diversity in men's use

- In patterns of first use
- In overall patterns of use
- Typologies of clients...
- Different markets = different clients

Motivations for buying sex

- Certain types of sexual practices (such as fellatio or anal sex)
- Sex with different women
- Sex with a person with a certain image or with specific physical attributes
- Uncomplicated or non-emotional sex
- Companionship, socialising, time
- Convenience or simplicity
- Illicit and risky encounters
- Power, hostility, and callousness

Masculinities and prostitution

- Men's use of commercial sex expresses dominant constructions of masculinity and male sexuality:
 - A non-relational sexuality
 - Prostitution as a natural and inevitable outlet for men's sexual 'needs';
 - Privileging of men's sexual needs and men's sexual pleasure
 - A sexual double standard
- Men's use of commercial sex often is organised or encouraged through masculine relations.

Men's violence against women in prostitution

- Three broad clusters of factors shape men's violence against women:
 1. Gender roles and relations
 2. Social norms and practices related to violence
 3. Access to resources and systems of support
- Violence and exploitation in prostitution are shaped above all by sex workers' working conditions.
- A minority of male customers perpetrate most violence against sex workers.

The shift to a focus on demand

- The rationale for focusing on demand:
 - Demand is central. Although supply also generates demand.
 - It is unjust to police the women who sell sex but not the men who buy it.
- The emergence of male buyers / users / clients as a problem



Strategies addressing (male) buyers of commercial sex

- Legal and policy measures: Criminalising buyers
 - Example: The Swedish model
- Laws and policies addressing the use of trafficked persons
- Other legal, quasi-legal and extra-legal measures
- Programs for buyers / clients / users – 'Johns schools'



Strategies addressing buyers *continued*

- Neighbourhood and community measures: Naming and shaming
- Other community-based measures
- Communications and social marketing
- Organisational and workplace strategies

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Prostitution Solicitation Convictions
Current Arrest List

Prostitution Solicitation Arrest Photos
The following people have been convicted of soliciting prostitution in the City of Minneapolis within the last twelve months.

Contact MPD
This website is not monitored 24 hours a day. If you need a police officer, call 9-1-1.
Minneapolis Police Department
350 South 5th Street, Room 130
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
E-mail prostitution or vice questions to police@cityminneapolis.mn.us

Name: Leon-Contreres, Felix
Home: Unknown
Date of Conviction: 10/09/08

The following people have been charged with soliciting prostitution in the City of Minneapolis within the last six months. Their criminal cases are pending in court and their guilt or innocence on those charges has not yet been determined. All persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Name: Chimborazo-Chimborazo, Jose Antonio
Home: Minneapolis
Date of Arrest: 08/21/08

Name: Enriquez-Sanchez, Jose Alain
Home: St. Paul
Date of Arrest: 08/21/08

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'It is shameful to buy a woman' (Lithuania)

Resources for deterring demand

- Buyers' dissatisfaction with commercial sex
- Buyers' awareness of the limits of sex work itself
- Buyers' guilt and shame
- Buyers' fears of discovery

Assessing efforts to address demand

- Criticisms:
 - Focused on street prostitution, not evaluated, stigmatising
 - Reducing demand, by itself, may be harmful.
- Addressing men's demand for sexual coercion and exploitation in particular. Including:
 - Challenging and policing violent clients
 - Improving buyers' treatment of prostitutes.

Conclusion

- Goal: Not to deter buying sex, but to prevent violence and exploitation in commercial sex
- Principles to guide this work
- Prostitution is a men's issue...

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Online resources on men's roles in ending violence against women: <http://www.xyonline.net>