

THE COSTS 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**.

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