

FOSTA / SESTA

FIGHT ONLINE SEX TRAFFICKING ACT & STOP ENABLING SEX TRAFFICKERS ACT

Broadening the Narrative: Human Rights and Anti-Trafficking Work

SEX WORK ~~X~~ TRAFFICKING

It is incredibly important that we don't conflate sex work with trafficking, as not everyone who does sex work is trafficked into it. One of the ways the human rights of sex workers are violated is through not recognizing them as workers. For this reason, we encourage human rights defenders to use the language

"trafficking into sex work"
in place of "sex trafficking".

If anti-trafficking efforts are overly focused on people trafficked into sex work...

we will end up excluding and ignoring issues of trafficking in persons in other areas of work.



Restaurant Opportunities Centers United fights to improve the wages and work conditions in the restaurant industry. We take direct action against human trafficking and wage theft, and we believe that fair wages is the best pathway to economic justice for workers.
- Restaurant Opportunity Centers United
www.rocunited.org

CRIMINALIZATION IS NOT THE ANSWER

There have been three UN human rights expert visits to the US in 2016. All have raised the disproportionate racial and economic impacts of policing and mass incarceration as human rights issues.

2 CRIMINALIZATION IS NOT THE ANSWER



CRIMINALIZATION IS NOT THE ANSWER

There have been three UN human rights expert visits to the US in 2016. All have raised the disproportionate racial and economic impacts of policing and mass incarceration as human rights issues.

Organizations working for sex worker rights and against the criminalization of trans and gender non-conforming people call for the decriminalization of sex work to protect the human rights and safety of sex workers and those profiled as such by police. For instance, Monica Jones, a human rights leader with The Outlaw Project, was arrested for "walking while trans" through an "anti-trafficking" program called Project ROSE.



Following these calls from the UN and grassroots leadership - we reject criminalization and more policing as a strategy to end human trafficking.

If they're not going to fight for our rights who will? It is our duty to fight for our right to thrive in this world.
- Monica Jones, The Outlaw Project
www.theoutlawproject.org

Misguided anti-trafficking efforts that rely on "ending demand for prostitution" lead police to arrest trans women, immigrants, and men of color. Criminalizing people's lives never helps. Rights do.
- Penelope Saunders, Best Practices Policy Project
www.bestpracticespolicy.org

To end trafficking, we must work to protect and ensure the full spectrum of human rights for everyone.

3 HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL WORKERS

THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT TRAFFICKING



HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL WORKERS

THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT TRAFFICKING

At root of the persistent problem of human trafficking in the US is a core failure to protect the human rights of all workers. Especially for those at the margins and those who work in unprotected industries: sex workers, domestic workers, agricultural workers and restaurant workers.

Following these calls from the UN and grassroots leadership - we reject criminalization and more policing as a strategy to end human trafficking.

If they're not going to fight for our rights who will? It is our duty to fight for our right to thrive in this world.
- Monica Jones, The Outlaw Project
www.theoutlawproject.org

Misguided anti-trafficking efforts that rely on "ending demand for prostitution" lead police to arrest trans women, immigrants, and men of color. Criminalizing people's lives never helps. Rights do.
- Penelope Saunders, Best Practices Policy Project
www.bestpracticespolicy.org

To end trafficking, we must work to protect and ensure the full spectrum of human rights for everyone.

3 HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL WORKERS

THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT TRAFFICKING

At root of the persistent problem of human trafficking in the US is a core failure to protect the human rights of all workers. Especially for those at the margins and those who work in unprotected industries: sex workers, domestic workers, agricultural workers and restaurant workers.



In addition to basic labor protections, all workers deserve the full spectrum of rights: housing, safety, migration/ability to migrate, and the human right to live free of discrimination.

Help us broaden the narrative & strategies to end trafficking by sharing this infographic!

US HUMAN RIGHTS NETWORK
BUILDING A PEOPLE-CENTERED MOVEMENT

www.ushrnetwork.org
bit.ly/SRTraffickingVisit

(a) PROMOTION OF PROSTITUTION.—

“§ 2421A. Promotion or facilitation of prostitution and reckless disregard of sex trafficking

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever uses or operates a facility or means of interstate or foreign commerce or attempts to do so with the intent to promote or facilitate the prostitution of another person shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

(H.1865, Section 3)

“When she told her pimp SFRedbook was gone, he shrugged. Then he told her that she would just have to work outdoors from then on.”

Section 1591(e) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

1591(e)(4) The term ‘participation in a venture’ means knowingly assisting, supporting, or facilitating a violation of subsection (a)(1).

“(d) In any case in which the attorney general of a State has reason to believe that an interest of the residents of that State has been or is threatened or adversely affected by any person who violates section 1591, the attorney general of the State, as parens patriae, may bring a civil action against such person on behalf of the residents of the State in an appropriate district court of the United States to obtain appropriate relief.”

(H. 1865, Section 5-6; S. 1693, Section 5-6)

- Includes all prostitution, not simply trafficking situations
- “Promotion or facilitation of prostitution” includes **harm reduction and anti-violence tactics** including:
 - Sharing safety information and techniques to such as how to screen for violence
 - Online advertising which allows people to work in safer locations and be more discerning about clients
 - Hosting information about individuals who have previously victimized people in the sex trade (know as “Bad Date Lists”)
- This extends to anyone using the internet - service organizations, sex workers, peers and trafficking victims

Passage alone would have a chilling effect for organizations, companies and peer groups.

- Instead of creating guidelines for how to support trafficking identification and investigations or support the safety of trafficking victims and sex workers, **SESTA would use civil suits targeting advertisers to figure out how to obey the law after a crime has been committed**
- This open-ended liability would **shutter existing platforms and push sex workers and trafficking victims into further isolation – where violence and exploitation are more prevalent**

Why are online platforms essential for safety?

- Online advertising platforms allow people to work indoors, screen potential clients for violence, and significantly reduced the violence and exploitation faced by sex workers
- A 2017 study from West Virginia University and Baylor University found a **17% drop in female homicide rates correlated to Craigslist opening its Erotic section** – because it made sex work safer

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of such Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sexual exploitation of children or sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act of 2017".

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934 ([47 U.S.C. 230](#); commonly known as the "Communications Decency Act of 1996") was never intended to provide legal protection to websites that unlawfully promote and facilitate prostitution and websites that facilitate traffickers in advertising the sale of unlawful sex acts with sex trafficking victims;

(2) websites that promote and facilitate prostitution have been reckless in allowing the sale of sex trafficking victims and have done nothing to prevent the trafficking of children and victims of force, fraud, and coercion; and

(3) clarification of such section is warranted to ensure that such section does not provide such protection to such websites.

SEC. 3. PROMOTION OF PROSTITUTION AND RECKLESS DISREGARD OF SEX TRAFFICKING.

(a) PROMOTION OF PROSTITUTION.—[Chapter 117](#) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after [section 2421](#) the following:

“§2421A. Promotion or facilitation of prostitution and reckless disregard of sex trafficking

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, using a facility or means of interstate or foreign commerce or in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, owns, manages, or operates an interactive computer service (as such term is defined in section 230(f) of the Communications Act of 1934 ([47 U.S.C. 230\(f\)](#))), or conspires or attempts to do so, with the intent to promote or facilitate the prostitution of another person shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

“(b) AGGRAVATED VIOLATION.—Whoever, using a facility or means of interstate or foreign commerce or in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, owns, manages, or operates an interactive computer service (as such term is defined in section 230(f) of the Communications Act of 1934 ([47 U.S.C. 230\(f\)](#))), or conspires or attempts to do so, with the intent to promote or facilitate the prostitution of another person and—

“(1) promotes or facilitates the prostitution of 5 or more persons; or

“(2) acts in reckless disregard of the fact that such conduct contributed to sex trafficking, in violation of 1591(a),

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 25 years, or both.

“(c) CIVIL RECOVERY.—Any person injured by reason of a violation of section 2421A(b) may recover damages and reasonable attorneys' fees in an action before any appropriate United States district court.

“(d) MANDATORY RESTITUTION.—Notwithstanding sections 3663 or 3663A and in addition to any other civil or criminal penalties authorized by law, the court shall order restitution for any violation of subsection (b)(2). The scope and nature of such restitution shall be consistent with section 2327(b).

“(e) AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE.—It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge of violating subsection (a), or subsection (b)(1) where the defendant proves, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the promotion or facilitation of prostitution is legal in the jurisdiction where the promotion or facilitation was targeted.”.

SECTION 230

PROTECTION OF ISPS

**Change to the Communication Decency Act push *all* sex workers:
Camworkers, call centers, escorts, sugar babies, escorts, dommes
and fetish workers are losing mainstream sites.**

HONEYPODS AND BUSTS

PANDERING

- NEW SB 1240 BILL IN CALIFORNIA IS ATTEMPTING TO PENALIZE ANYONE WHO SUPPORTS OR OFFERS RESOURCES TO SEX WORKERS
- CLINICS PROVIDING BC AND CONDOMS
- FREE AID/HIV CLINICS
- EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
- SW BEHIND BARS ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS
-

Notice to TER Members

The U.S. Congress has passed the Stop Enabling Sex-Trafficking Act ([SESTA, also known as The Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act or FOSTA](#)). SESTA amends Section 230 of the 1996 Communications Decency Act, a federal law which has served as the bedrock of protection for online publishers – from Facebook, Yelp, Reddit and Twitter to The Erotic Review – from being held liable for user's posts on their sites. Under SESTA / FOSTA, the U.S. government can prosecute websites and those that operate them criminally for posts made by users.

As a result of this new law, TER has made the difficult decision to block access to the website from the United States until such time as the courts have enjoined enforcement of the law, the law has been repealed or amended, or TER has found a way to sufficiently address any legal concerns created by the new law. TER is not alone in responding to this threat to your First Amendment Rights: Craigslist has pulled all of its Personal Ads, Reddit has closed a number of Subreddits and sites such as CityVibe and Men4RentNow have gone completely dark. Other websites have taken or are expected to take similar actions.

TER will suspend recurring billing for all U.S. monthly subscribers as well as provide a credit to all other U.S. subscribers equal to the period TER remains blocked to

HONEY POTS AND BUSTS

PANDERING

- [eros.com seized Nov 13, 2018](#)
- suspected honeypot
- the DHS now may have access to millions of people's images, financial information, sexual preferences, gender identity and more
- collecting and organizing database of workers
- Eros ads range from \$75-300 for 15-30 days of listing time

SB 1204 was drafted by the California Senate Public Safety Committee, and its primary goal is to **expand the definition of 'pandering'**, a term used to describe the process of assisting someone with the crime of prostitution. This bill proposes that pandering be a felony charge, and will include such things as **the distribution of condoms, lube, "know yr rights" literature, bad date lists, and other crucial harm-reduction tools**. This is, of course, a potentially huge risk to our Outreach Programming here at St. James, and the general safety of the most at-risk members of our community: street-based sex workers.

In response, SWOP Sacramento has just shut down its direct service programming as a direct result of this bill's existence, which is coming hot on the heels of an already monumental blow to the sex work community in the form of FOSTA/SESTA.



Choose a

Alabama

Auburn
Birmingham
Dothan
Gadsden
Huntsville
Mobile
Montgomery
Muscle Shoals
Tuscaloosa

Alaska

Anchorage
Fairbanks
Juneau
Kenai Peninsula

Arizona

Flagstaff
Mohave
Phoenix
Prescott
Show Low
Sierra
Tucson
Yuma

Arkansas

Fayetteville
Fort Smith
Jonesboro
Little Rock

California

Bakersfield
Chico
Fresno
Humboldt
Imperial
Inland Empire
Long Beach
Los Angeles
Mendocino
Merced



post ad

backpage.com and affiliated websites have been seized

as part of an enforcement action by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, with analytical assistance from the Joint Regional Intelligence Center.

Other agencies participating in and supporting the enforcement action include the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, the U.S. Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, the office of the California Attorney General, and the office of the Texas Attorney General.

Additional information will be provided at around 6:00 pm EST on Friday, April 6, by the U.S. Department of Justice, and all media inquiries should be directed to the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Public Affairs at 202-514-2007 and press@usdoj.gov.

April 6, 2018

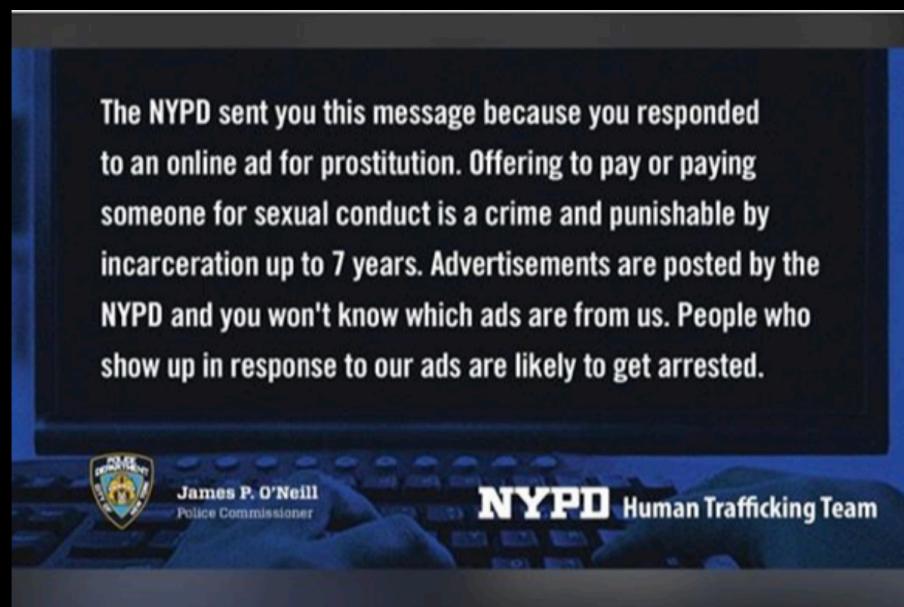
Worcester

Harrisburg

HONEY POTS AND BUSTS

SURVEILLANCE

- NEW NYC HUMAN TRAFFICKING TEAM SENDING TEXTS AND EMAILS TO FOLKS RESPONDING TO CERTAIN ADS ON BACKPAGE, EROS AND SEEKING ARRANGEMENTS.



HONEYPODS AND BUSTS

RENTBOY

English | Español | Português | Français | 中文 (简体字) | 中文 (正體)

rentboy.com

- Connecting you to quality men since 1996
- Over 10,500 men in 2100+ Cities Worldwide
- Dedicated customer service team

SITE USER AGREEMENT

THIS SITE MAY NOT BE USED FOR THE ADVERTISING OF SEXUAL SERVICES OR TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF MONEY FOR SEX OR OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES. You must be 18 years of age to use this Site or register as a Member. Use of this Site is subject to your express agreement to our legal terms and conditions, which you must read, [HERE](#). By clicking "I AGREE" below, YOU AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND SWEAR UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT YOU ARE OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN (18). A FALSE DECLARATION IS A

I AGREE
ENTER THIS SITE

I Do Not Agree

- Aug 25, 2015 Rentboy was raided by DHS and ICE
- 20 years as an ad service
- six arrests
- Federal agents seized \$1.4 million dollars in six bank accounts controlled by the website
- offered advertising space for a fee as a service to independent escorts, known as one of the safest ways to operate
- Those arrested were accused of violating the 1961 Travel Act forbidding interstate commerce in the promotion of illegal activities. The only illegal activity invoked in the complaint was promoting consensual adult prostitution.



Eric Sprankle, PsyD
@DrSprankle



If you think sex workers "sell their bodies," but coal miners do not, your view of labor is clouded by your moralistic view of sexuality.

4/19/16, 2:14 AM

1,892 RETWEETS 2,397 LIKES



Fact Sheet | Sex Work & Sexual Assault

Criminalization, Stigma, and Vulnerability

Sexual Assault Prevalence Among Sex Workers:

Sex Workers Experience extremely high levels of sexual violence: Globally, sex workers have a 45 to 75% chance of experiencing sexual violence at some point in their careers and a 32 to 55% chance of experiencing sexual violence in a given year.¹

- ★ **Miami, FL:** 34% of street-based sex workers reported violent encounters with clients in the past 90 days.²
- ★ **Phoenix, AZ:** 37% of prostitution diversion program participants report being raped by a client, and 7.1% report being raped by a pimp.³
- ★ **San Francisco, CA:** Half of sex workers reported domestic violence, and 36.0% reported sex work-related violence. Those engaged in street-based sex work (61.8%), erotic dance (43.2%), sensual massage (48.1%) reported higher levels of work violence, as did those with a history of arrest (47.1% versus 25.9%).⁴

Perpetrators are Often Serial Predators: A small portion of clients are responsible for violence against sex workers.⁵

Stigma Increases Violence: Various studies have noted a correlation between anti-sex work rhetoric that sees street-based workers as a nuisance or threat to public order and an increase in violence against workers.^{6,7}

Criminalization Increases Violence:

- ★ 70% of New Zealand sex workers were more likely to report violence to the police after decriminalization of sex work.⁸
- ★ Rates of sexual and physical violence against sex workers are lower in contexts where sex work is not criminalized.⁹

Barriers to Convictions:

- ★ **Sex Workers frequently aren't protected by rape shield laws:** New York and Ohio explicitly exclude prostitution to be used as character evidence against rape victims. Judges in states without explicit exclusion of sex work often allow for prostitution to be brought up.¹⁰
- ★ **Judges and juries hold bias against sex workers:** In Philadelphia, Judge Theresa Carr-Deni called gang-rape of a sex worker at gunpoint "theft of services" and refused to allow prosecution to press aggravated sexual assault charges.¹¹

Sex Worker Rape Victims Rarely Report Victimization to the Police:

- ★ **Vancouver, Canada:** 75% of youth engaged in survival sex did not report rape to the police.¹² Of youth who had been victimized, 18% did not receive help from anyone, including boyfriends, other sex workers, friends or parents.
- ★ **San Francisco, CA:** 95% of rape victims engaged in street-based sex work did not seek formal help (e.g., from a rape crisis center), and 96% did not report the rape to the police.¹³

Despite Low reporting rates, sex workers make up a large portion of rape reports: *One in Five* sexual assault police reports from an urban emergency room were for sex worker victims. Sex workers were younger, poorer and suffered a greater number of injuries than other victims.¹⁴

¹ Deering, Kathleen N., et al. "A systematic review of the correlates of violence against sex workers." *American journal of public health* 104.5 (2014): e42-e54.
² Sikkink, Karen, et al. "HIV risk among sex workers in the United States: impact of violent victimization and untreated mental illness." *AIDS care* 24.5 (2012): 553-561.
³ Sheppard, Elizabeth, et al. "A Community of Adult Transgender and Female Prostitutes." *Sexual transmitted infections* 82.5 (2006): 419-422.
⁴ Morris, M. (2004). Female prostitution, customers, and violence. *Violence Against Women*, 10(2), 193-198.
⁵ Lomax, J. (2007). The social construction of sex work. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 6(3), 987-1011.
⁶ Penfold, C., Hunter, G., Campbell, R., & Barham, L. (2004). Tackling client violence in female street prostitution: Inter-agency working between outreach agencies and the police. *Policing & Society*, 14(4), 365-379.
⁷ Report of the Law Reform Committee on the Operation of the Prostitution Reform Act 2003, New Zealand.
⁸ Report of the Prostitution Law Reform Committee on the Operation of the Prostitution Reform Act 2003, New Zealand.
⁹ Anderson, Michelle J. "From chastity requirement to sexuality license: Sexual consent and a new rape shield law." *Geo. Wash. L. Rev.* 79 (2002): 51.
¹⁰ Ferguson, David, et al. Outrageous Justice: How the Sex Trade's Rape of Women's Services Face is Acceptable. Raw Story. Retrieved from www.rawstory.com
¹¹ Day-Campbell, Linda, et al. (2008). Violence Against Women's Services. San Francisco: Sex Trade and the Police Response Pace Society.
¹² Mimi Silbert, Sexual Assault of Prostitutes, San Francisco (Dilettany Street Foundation, 1981).
¹³ Mont, Janice Du, and Margaret J. McGregor. "Sexual assault in the lives of urban sex workers: A descriptive and comparative analysis." *Women & health* 39.3 (2004): 79-98.



Violence Against Trans Sex Workers

Fact Sheet | Intersections of Gender Identity, Race, Class, & Criminalization

- ★ 12 trans women and femme-presenting gender nonconforming individuals who engaged in sex work were murdered in United States in 2015. They comprised 29% of all U.S. sex worker homicide victims.¹ 10 of these victims were black. One was Latina. 10 were 35 or younger, and 50% were 25 or younger.
- ★ 23% of 2012 GLBT homicides in the United States were connected to sex work, continuing a trend from 2011 and 2010 where 22% and 18% of homicides were connected to sex work.²
- ★ 4 in 5 transgender D.C. residents have been verbally, physically or sexually assaulted.³ 44% of D.C. trans residents were denied a job they were qualified for, 45% were discriminated against at work, and 41% have worked in the sex industry.
- ★ 40 percent of transgender inmates in the United States reported sexual victimization compared to 4 percent of all inmates.⁴ Nearly one in six transgender people (16%) (including 21% of transgender women) have been incarcerated at some point, and 47% of black transgender people have been incarcerated.⁵
- ★ Transgender people engage in sex work at a rate ten times that of cisgender women, and 13% of transgender people who experience family rejection have done sex work.⁶
- ★ Black (53%) and Latino/a (34%) trans folks have extremely high rates of underground work, likely related in part to structural exclusion from educational systems and dramatically higher rates of employment discrimination.
- ★ Trans people of color were more likely to have reported having done sex work: 44% of African-American and 28% of Latin/a transpersons reported engaging in the sex trade.
- ★ 33% of trans people without a high school diploma engaged in sex work, compared to only 7% with BA degrees.
- ★ Trans people who did sex work were almost four times as likely to have been incarcerated (48%) than trans women who did not engage in sex work (16%).
- ★ Trans people with sex trade experience were 25 times as likely to be HIV-positive (15.32%) than the general population (0.6%).
- ★ 60% of trans people with sex work experience had attempted suicide, a rate more than 37 times that of the general population (1.6%).
- ★ 29% of trans people who experienced domestic violence reported engaging in sex work for income.
- ★ Trans people who had experienced homelessness were 2.5 times more likely to have been incarcerated (34%) than those who had not (13%), and were more than four times more likely to have done sex work for income (35%) than those who had not (8%). They were more likely to be HIV-positive (7.12%) than those who had not (1.97%) and were much more likely to have attempted suicide (69%) than those who had not (3%).

¹ Kozer, Katherine & Domer, Derek. 2015 Sex Worker Homicide Report, SWOP-USA (forthcoming).
² Chestnut, Shirley, et al. 2012.
³ Lamb, Elena, et al. 2012 Washington D.C. Transgender Community Needs Assessment, DC Trans Coalition, 2013.
⁴ Park, Anna, et al. 2012. Sexual Victimization in Prison and jails Reported by Inmates, 2011-12. Washington: National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 2011.
⁵ Grant, Jaime M., et al., Injustice at Every Turn: A Report of the National Transgender Discrimination Survey. Washington: National Center for Transgender Equality and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 2011.
⁶ Ibid (through end)

HONEYPOTS AND BUSTS

EROS

EROS.COMTM

ESCORTS TRANS BDSM TANTRA MASSAGE FETISH DANCERS POST AD LOCAL DATING LIVE CAMS SEARCH

Home > Escorts New York

Escorts in New York City

All Escorts (320) What's New (88) VIP (98) GFE (103) XXX Stars (16) Visiting (82)
Available Now (65) Eros Verified (253) Super Busty (108) Mature (33) College Girls (33) Video (25)

SHOW MORE ▾ Change Location ▾

Diamond Escorts

Elisabeta Michela
Escort New York City, Soho, Manhattan
✓ Eros Verified + Available April 4th - 10th SOH O. Seattle - 16th - 20th, San Fran.
If You Enjoy Fine Wines...

Li-Mei
Escort New York City, NYC and worldwide
✓ Eros Verified + VIP
Jesetter - Dancer - Model | New Sydney Photoshoot

Mora More
NYC, Toronto, Miami, Montreal

Dolly Jewel - World's Top Verified Escort Midtown

Samantha Meadows
Manhattan

Jasmine
Midtown incall out all manhatt...

- [eros.com seized Nov 13, 2018](#)
- suspected honeypot
- the DHS now may have access to millions of people's images, financial information, sexual preferences, gender identity and more
- collecting and organizing database of workers
- Eros ads range from \$75-300 for 15-30 days of listing time

DAY TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST SEX WORKERS FACT SHEET

- Every 6.3 minutes, a woman is arrested for prostitution in the United States.
- At \$2000 per arrest, the United States spent \$1.7 Billion arresting sex workers between 2001 and 2011.
- 839,300 individuals were arrested for prostitution in the US between 2001 and 2011.
- In the last 10 years, the Chicago Police Department alone has made 39,056 prostitution arrests.
- Criminalization and economic inequality and stigma make sex workers vulnerable to violence.
- A study of New York Street-Based Sex Workers reported that 80% of participants had reported experiencing violence, including 27% at the hands of police.
- A 2004 study of Chicago street-based sex workers found they were more likely to provide "free sex" to cops to evade arrest than face arrest.
- Since January, 2014, 24 cis and transwomen were violently murdered while engaging in sex work in the United States.
- 23% of GLBT murder victims on the 2012 Anti-Violence Project report were killed while engaging in sex work.
- In Russia and Eastern Europe, 42 percent of sex workers reported physical violence from the police and 36 percent being sexually assaulted by the police.
- In Russia, the Balkans, and Most Eastern European countries, less than 25% of sex workers believe they can report assault to the police.
- The homicide rate for female sex workers is estimated to be 204 per 100,000, according to a longitudinal study published in 2004. This constitutes a higher occupational mortality rate than any other group of women ever studied.
- In a report on violence against sex workers in India, 70% had reported abuse by police, and 80% had been arrested without evidence
- In the past three years, 14 sex workers were murdered in the Dominican Republic.
- In El Salvador, a single organization has registered the murder of 27 sex workers in the past three years.
- In Honduras, 16 sex workers were murdered between September 2013 and April 2014.

SEX WORKERS OUTREACH PROJECT

WWW.SWOPUSA.ORG | WWW.DECEMBER17.ORG | T. 877-776-2004 | E. INFO@SWOPUSA.ORG

ADAPTED FROM RESOURCE CREATED BY K. KOSTER FOR SWOP-CHICAGO

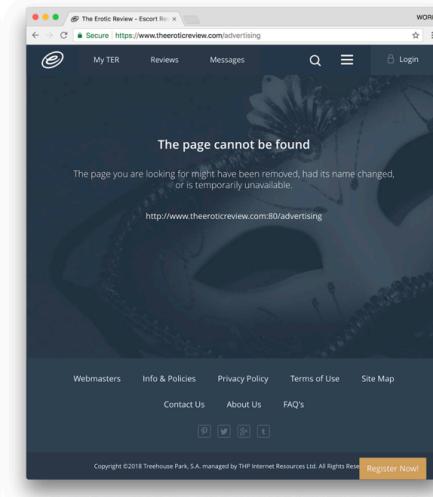
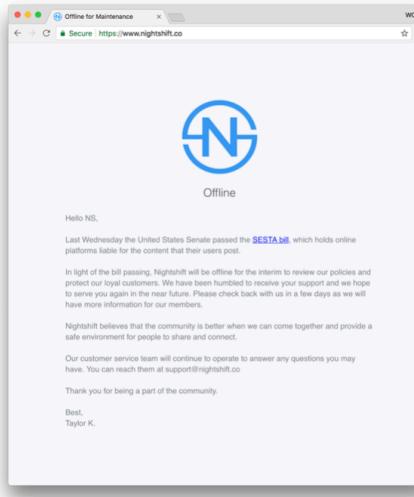
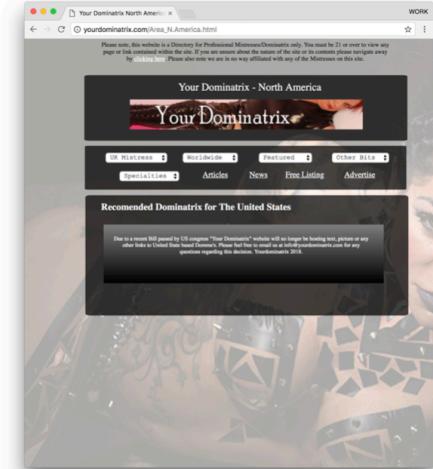
—

THREAT OF RAIDS

SHUTDOWN OF SERVICES

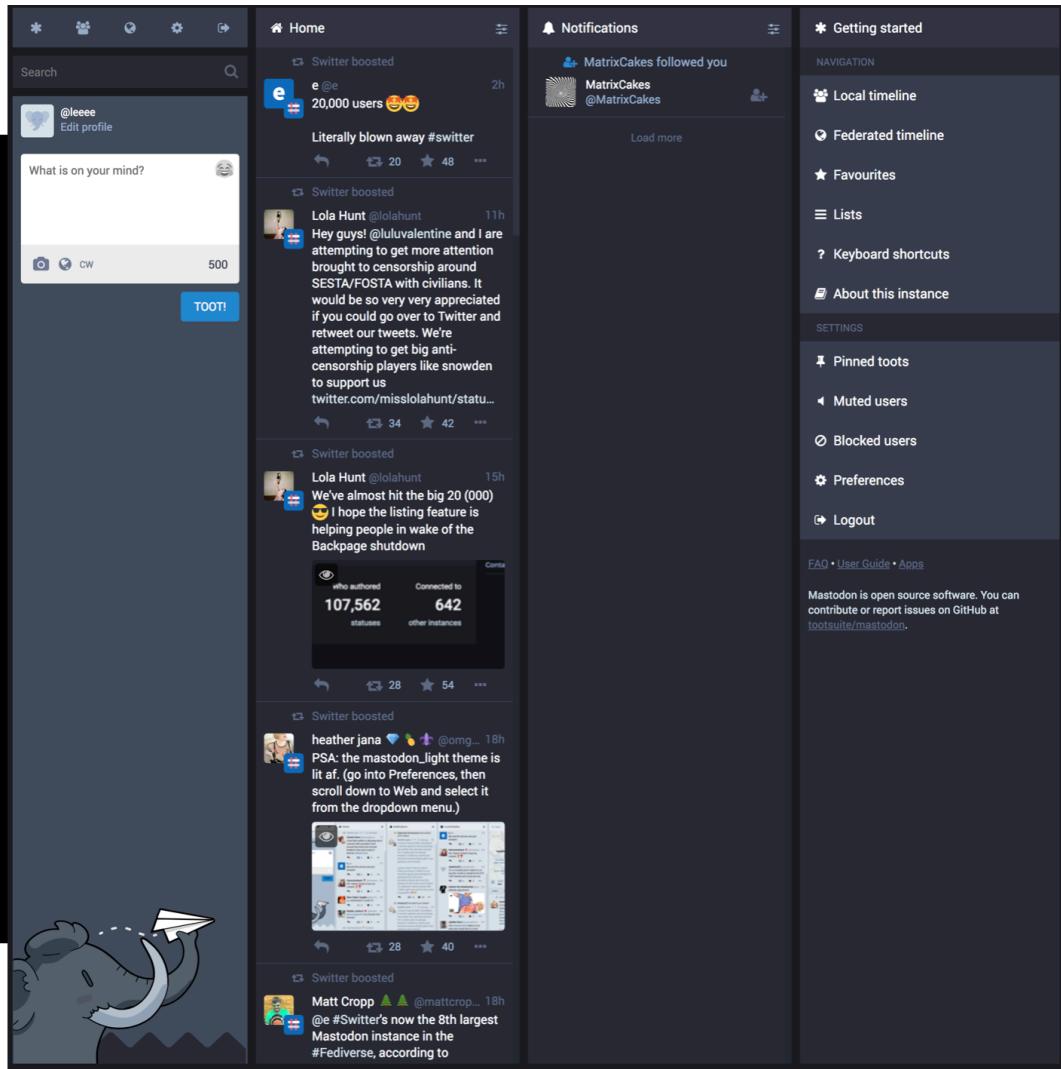
Although current shutdowns are specific to sex worker ad sites, Craigslist and the suspected shutdown of Fetlife trickle into more civilians lives.

Activists, journalists and anyone fond of counterculture could very well face the same ramifications.



ALTERNATIVE PLATFORMS

- TWITTER
- SCUTTLEBUTT
- peer to peer networking
- beaker browser



DEFENSE OF ISPS UNDER SECTION 230 (1996-2016)

1997

Immunity was **upheld** against claims that AOL unreasonably delayed in removing defamatory messages posted by third party, failed to post retractions, and failed to screen for similar postings.

2000

court **upheld** immunity against state claims of negligence based on "chat room marketing" of obscene photographs of minor by a third party.

2003

court **upheld** immunity for an Internet dating service provider from liability stemming from third party's submission of a false profile. The plaintiff, Carafano, claimed the false profile defamed her, but because the content was created by a third party, the website was immune, even though it had provided multiple choice selections to aid profile creation.

2006

court **upheld** the immunity of a city from claims of waste of nuisance, premises liability. The plaintiff's child downloaded pornography from a public library's computers which did not restrict access to minors. The court found the library was not responsible for the content of the internet

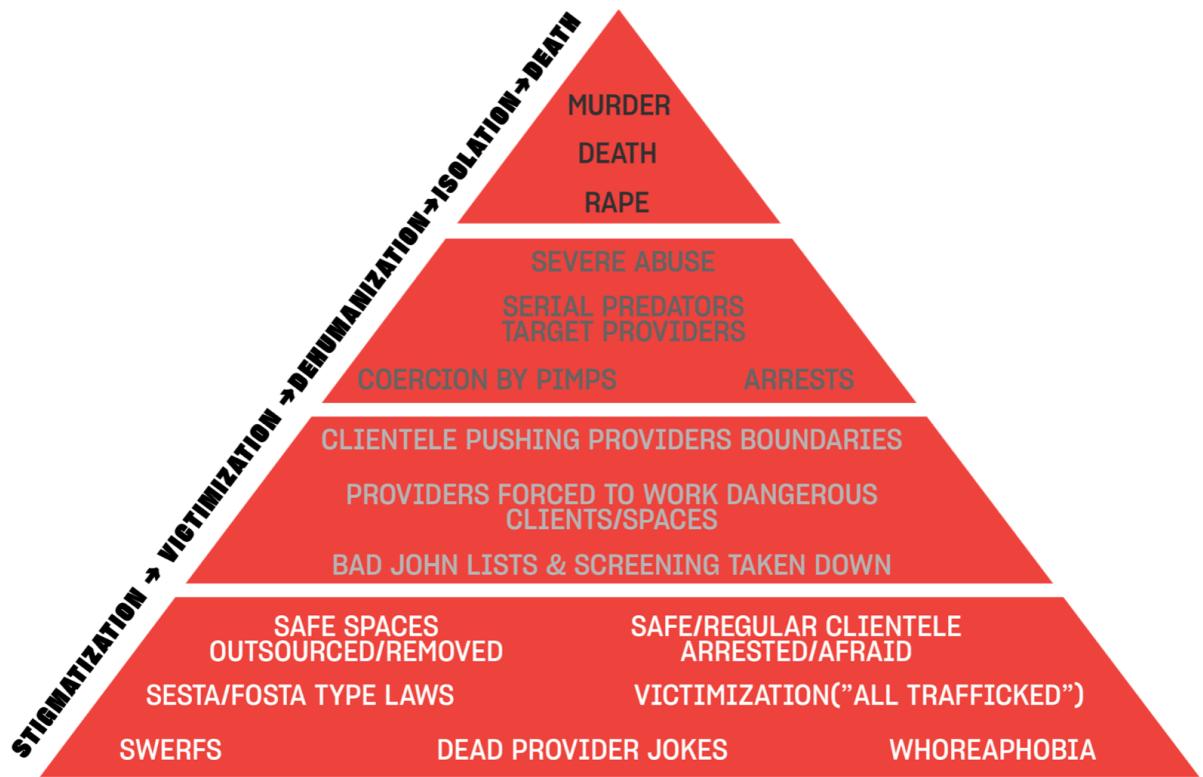
2008

court **upheld** immunity for a social networking site from negligence and gross negligence liability for failing to institute safety measures to protect minors and failure to institute policies relating to age verification. The Does' daughter had lied about her age and communicated over MySpace with a man who later sexually assaulted her.

2014

rejected immunity against Internet Brands which alleged a "failure to warn" Doe of a known rape scheme, despite her relationship to them as a ModelMayhem.com member. They also had requisite knowledge to avoid future victimization of ModelMayhem.com users by warning users of online sexual predators.

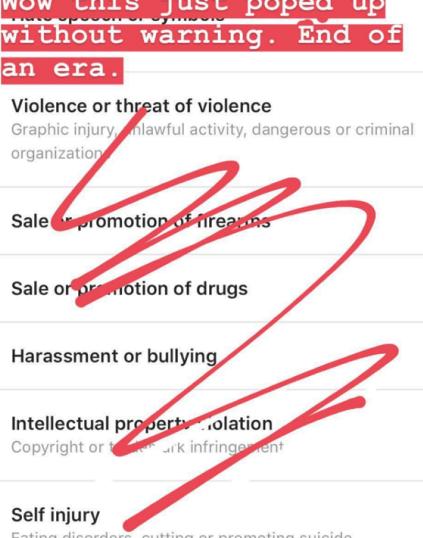
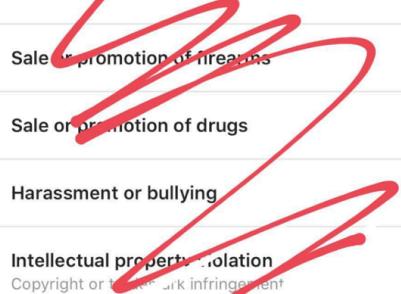
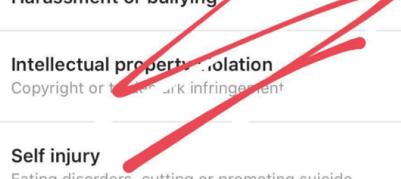
CONSEQUENCES OF SEX WORK PLATFORMS & RESOURCE SHUT DOWN



SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT

- What tags, opinions or beliefs are affiliated with your social media? what would your activity be categorized as?

Choose a reason for reporting this post:

- I just don't like it > 
- Nudity or pornography >
- Wow this just popped up without warning. End of an era.** > 
- Violence or threat of violence
Graphic injury, unlawful activity, dangerous or criminal organization >
- Sale or promotion of firearms > 
- Sale or promotion of drugs >
- Harassment or bullying >
- Intellectual property violation
Copyright or trademark infringement > 
- Self injury > 

— COMMUNICATION DECENCY ACT

1996

"No provider/user of an interactive computer service shall be treated as the publisher/speaker of any information provided by another information content provider."

- The defendant must be a "provider or user" of an "interactive computer service."
- The cause of action asserted by the plaintiff must treat the defendant as the "publisher or speaker" of the harmful information at issue.
- The information must be "provided by another information content provider," i.e., the defendant must not be the "information content provider" of the harmful information at issue.

2017

"Section 230 never intended to provide legal protection to websites that unlawfully promote and facilitate prostitution and websites that facilitate traffickers in advertising the sale of unlawful sex acts with sex trafficking victims"

- websites that promote and facilitate prostitution have been reckless in allowing the sale of sex trafficking victims and have done nothing to prevent the trafficking of children and victims of force, fraud, and coercion
- clarification of such section is warranted to ensure that such section does not provide such protection to such websites.

SEX WORKERS ARE ALLIES

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Sex workers are the first to recognize and understand the signs of a trafficking victim, and most likely to have resources and alternatives to victims of abuse. Dissecting these networks of mutual aid can prove to be fatal.

if someone you know is at risk you can also reach out to

swopusa.org

**THESE CHANGES
ENDANGER SEX WORKERS
AND WILL PUSH HUMAN
TRAFFICKING FURTHER
UNDERGROUND.**

REFERENCES

- SWOPUSA
- Red Umbrella
- @Redlightlegal
- SWOPbehindbars
- educate yourself on what the difference between “sex trafficking” and “sex working”
- New Whoreizons
- Lysistrata NYC