

“Aren’t there some prostitutes who *are* victims of sex trafficking? You can’t claim that every prostitute *chooses* to engage in prostitution... especially the children... Shouldn’t we continue to prohibit prostitution to protect THOSE who are victims?”

There are victims of sex trafficking, among many other types of labor into which children and adults are trafficked. As noted previously, **some put the percentage of trafficking into NON sex related labor at 89% of the trafficking victims.** According to some sources, domestic servitude is the primary destination for child and adult victims of human trafficking.

And there are untold numbers of victims of domestic violence and spousal abuse. The 2013 World Health Organization report says that 33% of all women worldwide are victims of violence. And the US Government says that there are over 12 MILLION incidents of intimate partner violence and 1 MILLION intimate partner rapes every year.

The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS)

“On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States, based on a survey conducted in 2010. Over the course of a year, that equals more than 12 million women and men. Those numbers only tell part of the story—more than 1 million women are raped in a year and over 6 million women and men are victims of stalking in a year. These findings emphasize that sexual violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence are important and widespread public health problems in the United States.”

Would it help ANY victim of domestic violence OR rape to prohibit marriage or prohibit consensual sex outside of marriage?

Would it help battered wives or rape victims if we arrested the people who DO NOT COMMIT domestic violence and/ or who have *NOT RAPED ANYONE*?

How would any child victim be helped by arresting consenting adult sex workers and their non violent, non abusive, non violent adult clients?