The Nordic Model (alternative to total decrim)

The Nordic Model in practice

According to this [Nordic Model Now! Fact sheet](#)

- Prostitution causes damage to those in it and it can never be made safe and its existence makes women’s human right to equality with men a distant pipe dream. Vast sums of money are made from the heinous trade in (mostly) women’s and children’s bodies and this leads inexorably to sex trafficking.

According to this [CNN article](#)

- “It stops the age-old mistake of prosecuting victims -- prostituted persons -- and puts the criminal onus on the victimizers. Prosecution of clients (or even just publication of the names of those arrested) causes the exploitation business model to collapse for lack of demand.”
- “But keeping legal sex-trade opportunities open to those few must not come at the price of the enslavement, abuse and exploitation of many others.”
- “In short, the sex trade thrives because traffickers, pimps, and clients -- mostly men -- exploit vulnerable women and underage girls (as well as a smaller number of men and boys). It is the traffickers and pimps who get rich, not the victims.”

10 Myths About the Nordic Model

According to 2016 [Feminist Current article](#)

- "Points out that, in the U.S., there are concerted efforts to separate prostitution and trafficking despite the fact that “it is one in the same.”
- “Girls age out of social housing at 18, coincidentally the same age at which it suddenly becomes acceptable for women to be prostituted — the magical birthday when exploitation becomes “consensual.””
- Discusses issues of Germany’s total decrim – not only has it allowed brothels to run rampant, but has forced sex workers to work despite sustaining injuries or being threatened.