

## Sexual Exploitation:

From a 2013 [Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape study](#)

- According to a 2003 study, of those involved in sexual exploitation, 93% had experienced sexual assault, 75% had experienced rape, and 83% had been threatened with weapons
- If the demand to purchase people for sex did not exist, then opportunists such as pimps, traffickers, and exploitative adults would have no one to sell to. However, there is a demand, and a very profitable one. The selling of people sexually grossed an estimated \$32 billion in 2012.

From a 2016 [Guardian article](#)

- “How can sexual consent be a thing that can be bought and sold, yet we can still talk with a straight face about there being such concepts as healthy sexual relationships and meaningful consent?”

From a September 2019 [Washington Post piece](#)

- “What’s wrong with that view is that it buys into the myth of prostitution as a victimless crime, glossing over the harsh realities — abuse from clients and pimps, commonplace drug use, psychological and physical trauma — of sex work.”
- “Giving legal immunity to the men who buy sex or profit from it will, they fear, create a demand that will lead to more young girls and women forced into the sex trade.”
- Prostitution is an organized system of exploitation and oppression of vulnerable women, youth and LGBTQIA persons who enter the sex trade due to difficult economic circumstances, homelessness, physical or sexual abuse, emotional trauma, coercion and abduction.