

# ***THE SEX INDUSTRY AND ITS IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS***

*The sex industry has flourished in more and more forms over the past few decades. In the world, this is a billion-dollar business, which is constantly expanding and covers both the horizontal and vertical connection of the economy and society. It interferes with the most intimate parts of human experience, and it is this intervention that is mostly problematic in theory and practice. The sex industry has its main branches in pornography and prostitution.*

Pornography has always caused friction between its supporters and opponents. The main opinion of the opponents is that pornographic content is sexist and that women are discriminated against and always in a subordinate position. They also believe that pornography leads to violence against women. They see in it unconditional evil, because as such, especially in the context of heterosexual film pornography, it offers an exemplary symbolic representation of patriarchal power in heterosexual relationships. Anti-porn oriented feminists are of this opinion. The defenders, however, believe the exact opposite of them. They agree that some pornographic content is sexist, but they also believe that pornography portrays sexuality in a positive light, and that the female character is not passive and asexual. Some authors are also of the opinion that pornography is not "bad" because sexuality is natural anyway. The defenders of pornography also include pornographic actors and actresses, who see it as a good and easy source of income. Many Europeans are even of the opinion that pornography has a positive effect on society, as it reduces the level of violence against women (e.g. Denmark). Both have arguments for their positions, which I will present. Some see it as art, while others see it as exploitation of women. I also assume that it is relatively difficult for me to determine between erotica and pornography. It is defined by different authors or placed in different places, but it also depends on the free-thinking of the individual's spirit.



Today, we almost live in a world where it is no longer clear what is original and what is not. In this world, obsession with new technologies, enchantment with apparent (virtual) reality, surrendering to technologically supported entertainment, perception and sensuality is just another of the modern ways of making sense of life. With technology, we can achieve almost anything. We can indulge in unbridled electronically simulated sexuality in a beautiful environment without restrictions and prohibitions, in a world of electronically constructed reality. The World Wide Web connects millions of people all over the world, which has a direct impact on changing



our way of thinking, on a different understanding of our sexuality, even on a completely different perception of our (sexual) identities and the resulting social roles. The computer is no longer just a tool with the help of which we store and process data, but a new medium with the help of which we direct and develop our ideas and re-create our fantasy world.

There is actually no real definition, the concept of prostitution, and there is no point in looking for one. Not only because of the complexity of the phenomenon or the bias of the author, but also because it is not entirely clear what all needs to be taken into account when defining what prostitution actually is. Some authors associate the emergence of prostitution with a departure from the traditional way of life. It appears in all levels of civilization, the higher this level, the more prostitution there is and the more "perverted" its forms are. The fact is that prostitution is not only part of a primitive society or societies where various sexual activities are not taboo. Prostitution or its definition could be divided into two main branches. Prostitution before Christianity and after the establishment of Christianity. The word prostitution in antiquity did not have the same meaning as it does today. In today's sense of the word, we know it only since the beginning of mass urbanization and the establishment of a market economy. Everyone imagines the definition of prostitution in their own way, each author writes his own definition, so to speak, and includes determinants in it that, from his point of view, describe the phenomenon as best as possible.





The legalization or legal regulation of prostitution would primarily contribute to greater control over the influx of illegal prostitutes from the East and help curb the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS. Of course, before that, it is necessary to thoroughly study the specific conditions prevailing on the Slovenian sex services market. This task was already assigned to a special expert group back in April 2000. Since the role of activity coordinator is constantly hanging in the air, the

profession and politics have been giving each other the problem like a hot chestnut. A concrete shift took place in November 2001, when the association Ključ was founded, a center for the fight against trafficking in white goods, which offers twenty-four hours a day help to victims of human trafficking. This also includes women who were forced into prostitution in any way and could not be protected until now because they were threatened with either criminal prosecution or a misdemeanor judge.

Prostitution, the voluntary provision of sexual services for payment, has been decriminalized in the Republic of Slovenia since July 31, 2003 and is defined as a profession in the Regulation on the introduction and use of the standard classification of professions (prostitute profession is listed under the code: 5149.04) and as an activity in the Standard Classification activities that came into use on 1 January 2008 (prostitution is classified as other service activities under code 96.090). However, there is no more detailed legal regulation that would determine the conditions for performing the registered activity of prostitution. Thus, legal and natural persons carry out the mentioned activity without entering it in the appropriate register or notifying the competent authorities.



Slovenia belongs to the abolitionist model. It is characterized by the fact that prostitution is allowed, but not regulated as in the Netherlands, which means that there are no specific regulations that determine the conditions for performing this activity. In relation to prostitution, only the abuse of prostitution is a crime. The legal regulation in the field of prostitution thus enables the practice of prostitution as a profession and activity, but since no special conditions are prescribed for the practice of prostitution, a prostitute can start performing her activity immediately after being entered in the court register.

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