

I'm writing to say how appalled I am by the idea of criminalising consensual paid-for sex. There has to be a legal distinction between consensual and non-consensual sex, otherwise known as rape. Making prostitution illegal will not stop people selling sex, and all it will do is further marginalise people who do so. If a sex worker is raped, will they feel comfortable reporting their attack to the police when to do so will draw attention to themselves and criminalise their non-violent clients? No. If people cared about women in the sex industry they would support decriminalisation.

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