

# Gender Equality and Sexual Exploitation in Canada

## Educate, Reflect, Act

**Goal:** To inform and educate the community on the issues of gender equality and sexual exploitation.

**Background:**

**Prostitution is both a cause and consequence of male supremacy and that if women and men are equal, prostitution would not exist; it also means that if women and men are ever to become equal, prostitution must not exist.**

Intro, xxviii – Julie Blindel, *The Pimping of Prostitution*

As a global leader, Canada took a courageous step forward in 2014 by adopting the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act, (PCEPA) which criminalizes those who purchase sex while decriminalizing those who sell.

Several other countries including Ireland, Northern Ireland, France, Norway, Sweden and Iceland have introduced similar laws that hold the buyers of sex accountable for their behavior.

Research focused on Amsterdam, Germany and New Zealand has indicated that full decriminalization and/or legalization have failed. In those countries, there has been an increase of trafficking, increase in the number of murdered women, increase in organized crime and violence towards women and children. It is a gift to the pimps and organized crime!

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VCASE is a diverse and experienced group of individuals and organizations that have worked to end the sexual exploitation of men, women, and children for many years. We are lawyers, judges, social workers, professionals, teachers, front-line activists and advocates for an end to sexual exploitation in Canada.

**NORDIC MODEL  
EQUALITY MODEL**

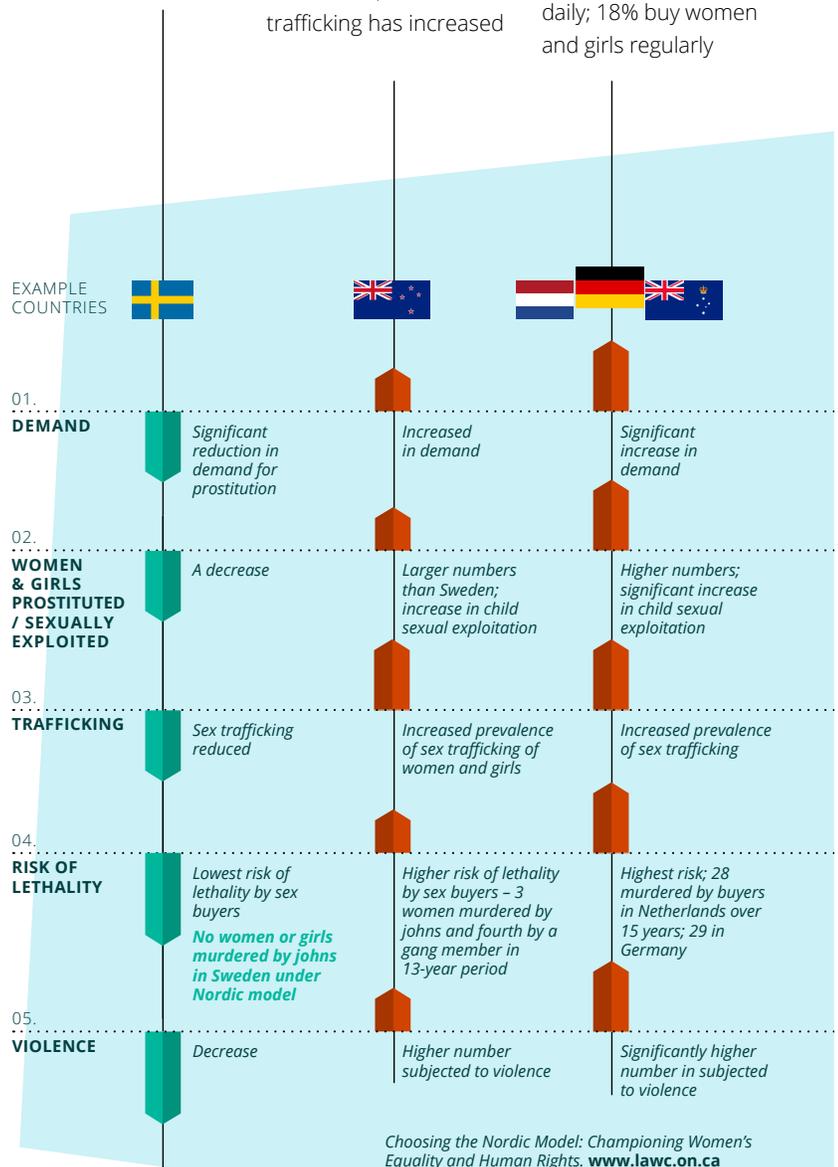
In Sweden, the number of men buying sex has decreased by 40%

**FULL  
DECRIMINALIZATION**

In New Zealand, the demand for prostitution has increased; prostitution has become normalized; sex trafficking has increased

**LEGALIZATION**

In Germany, the demand has had a huge increase; 80% of German men visit brothels; 1.2 million buy women and girls daily; 18% buy women and girls regularly



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