Sociological View on Sex Work

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Overview of Research

- Reporting on ethnographic data:
  - Compare pro- and anti-sex work activists

- Faith based and secular organization

- Focus on Los Angeles

- Accommodations for change
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Many of us have been in the business and understand its realities. We are here to listen to your story and encourage you on your journey. Whether you are still in the industry, or are no longer working but could use some support, we are here for you!

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- History
- Mission & Vision
- Statistics
- Programs & Services

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History

• Founded by Harmony Dust
• Reaches over 170 strip clubs in Los Angeles, Orange County and Las Vegas
• Located in San Fernando Valley
• Provides training for 60 outreach facilities

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Mission & Vision

- Mission:
  
  “Through Treasures Trainings, we are committed to train, equip and mobilize other churches and leaders to develop sex industry outreaches in their communities.”

- Vision:
  
  “Our vision is to reach, restore, & equip women in the sex industry, including victims of trafficking and let them know there is a God who loves them beyond measure.”

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90% of women in the sex industry were sexually abused as children.

70% of interviewees in a study by Silbert and Pines noted that childhood sexual abuse had an influence on their entry into prostitution.

70% of females who are trafficked are trafficked into the commercial sex industry (This includes Porn, Strip Clubs, and massage parlors in the US).

89% of women in the sex industry said they wanted to escape, but had no other means for survival.

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According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Brings in 1/3 of the annual strip club revenue

$75 BILLION
GLOBAL STRIP CLUB ANNUAL REVENUE

$1 BILLION
CALIFORNIA STRIP CLUB ANNUAL REVENUE

$3.1 BILLION
US STRIP CLUB ANNUAL REVENUE

400,000
ESTIMATE NUMBER OF STRIPPERS EMPLOYED BY US STRIP CLUBS

4000
NUMBER OF STRIP CLUBS IN THE US

FOR THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES!

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Programs & Services

- Outreach
- Mentoring & Support Group
- Care packages
- Retreats

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Sex Work & Treasures

- Treasures’ Goal: Encourage women:
  - Value, Purpose & Relationship with God

- Sex industry linked to sex trafficking

- Sex industry prevalence

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Themes from Treasures Training

• Integrate faith:
  - Build a foundation at church
  - Prayer team

• Roles of other ministries

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Themes Cont.

- Risk Factors:
  - Push factors
  - Pull factors

- Empowerment of women

- Take action

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Conclusion