

Sample 1000 Adult Interviews
Conducted August 26 - 28, 2015
Margin of Error ±4%

1. Have you ever paid someone else for sex?

Yes	7%
No	90%
Prefer not to say	2%
Don't know	0%

2. Do you think that prostitution should be legal?

Definitely yes	16%
Probably yes	28%
Probably no	13%
Definitely no	33%
Not sure	11%

3. Who do you think should be punished the most, if at all, for breaking laws against prostitution?

Only punish the prostitute	3%
Mainly punish the prostitute	4%
Punish both equally	74%
Mainly punish the customer	12%
Only punish the customer	6%

4. Do you think that soliciting a prostitute is morally acceptable or morally wrong?

Morally acceptable	19%
Morally wrong	64%
Not sure	17%

5. Below is a list of arguments in favor of decriminalizing prostitution. Please say which ones you find most persuasive. (Select all that apply.)

- Consensual sex between adults should be free from state interference . . 42%
- It reduces the stigma of prostitution, making it easier to go to the police in cases of abuse 34%
- It empowers prostitutes to earn a fair wage from their customers 18%
- It empowers prostitutes to be more insistent about healthy sex and sex they are comfortable with 33%
- It professionalises the industry, giving prostitutes better access to pensions and employment rights 19%
- It allows prostitutes to share information about abusive or unsuitable clients 31%
- None of these 21%
- Don't know 16%

6. Below is a list of arguments against decriminalising prostitution. Please say which ones you find most persuasive. (Select all that apply.)

- It boosts sex tourism, making towns and cities less safe and desirable ... 25%
- It expands criminal activities related to prostitution, like sex trafficking, drugs and violence 38%
- It encourages people to become prostitutes, when it would be better if they had other jobs 22%
- Prostitution is exploitative, whether or not the prostitute consents to sex . 29%
- Violence against prostitutes would increase, regardless of the safeguards put in place 15%
- People should not be using prostitutes, but seeking sexual relationships with a partner 22%
- None of these 22%
- Don't know 15%

7. Having heard the arguments on either side, do you now think that prostitution should be legal?

Definitely yes	17%
Probably yes	24%
Probably no	15%
Definitely no	35%
Not sure	10%