

SEXUAL FREEDOM CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!

In 1967, Justice Minister Pierre Trudeau introduced the most extensive revisions to the Criminal Code since the 1950s, which would decriminalize homosexuality and bring Canada's laws up to contemporary society.

“There’s no place for the state in the bedrooms of the nation. ...what’s done in private between consenting adults doesn’t concern the Criminal Code.” ~ Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Justice Minister

December 2014, Harper’s Conservative government replaced Canada’s old prostitution laws (which were struck down by the Supreme Court of Canada) with much broader new laws that make “Obtaining sexual services for consideration,” “Material benefit from sexual services” and “Advertising sexual services” crimes.

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**RED UMBRELLA MARCH
FOR SEX WORK SOLIDARITY
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017, 2:30 P.M.
VANCOUVER ART GALLERY, ROBSON ST**

TRIPLE-X
WORKERS’ SOLIDARITY
ASSOCIATION OF B.C.

WHY BUYING SEX SHOULD NOT BE A CRIME

1. Laws that make buying sex a crime infringe upon our sexual freedom, in particular, the freedom to set the terms under which we agree to have sex.
2. Sex buyers' access to healthcare that is relevant and non-judgmental is hindered when buying sex is a crime.
3. When buying sex is a crime, sex workers are denied protection under labour law.
4. When buying sex is a crime, sex workers' choices for work are severely limited.
5. When buying sex is a crime, sex workers are discriminated against and face social exclusion.
6. When buying sex is a crime, sex workers must work alone or incriminate their associates.
7. When buying sex is a crime, our families are torn apart.
8. Stigma and violence against sex workers are fueled when buying sex is a crime.
9. Risks that sex workers may face — such as violence, extortion, kidnapping or confinement— are already against the law.
10. Any law that makes buying sex a crime limits sex workers' ability to earn a living and does not protect sex workers from harm.