

Stop sexual exploitation

93%

of police-reported trafficking victims in Canada are women and girls

Statistics Canada, *Trafficking in persons*, 2023

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Individuals who have had their intimate content disclosed without their consent have experienced severe consequences including reputational, financial and emotional harm.”

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

Sex trafficking

Sex trafficking involves forcing, coercing or deceiving a person to sell sexual services or provide sexual content.

The overwhelming majority of trafficking cases in Canada involve Canadian women and girls being trafficked within our borders, primarily for sexual exploitation.

Traffickers prey on a range of vulnerabilities including poverty, homelessness, disability, a history of abuse and government care. Indigenous women and girls are particularly targeted for exploitation.

Sex trafficking wouldn't happen if there wasn't a demand for paid sexual services.

Prostitution

Under Canada's current prostitution laws, it is illegal to buy sex or to attempt to buy sex. The laws have penalties for sex buyers and third parties who exploit, not for those who are being prostituted. This approach recognizes that prostitution is inherently exploitive and dangerous, especially for women and youth. It seeks to reduce the demand for prostitution.

Image-based abuse

Pornography platforms have been found hosting videos of child sexual abuse and intimate images of women and youth posted without their consent. This has devastating impacts on the victims. Once posted, these images are almost impossible to remove from the internet.

How will your party combat sexual exploitation, prostitution and human trafficking in Canada?

Do you support the approach of the current law which criminalizes pimping and sex buying?

Do you think pornography sites should have to verify the age and consent of a person before their intimate images are posted?