



PERCEPTION OF LOCAL PEOPLE TOWARDS THE PROSTITUTIONS AND ITS IMPACTS IN DISTRICT HYDERABAD, SINDH PROVINCE OF PAKISTAN

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<p>Received: June 21st 2021 Accepted: July 7th 2021 Published: September 1st 2021</p>	<p>Prostitution is the business or practice of providing sexual services to another person in return for payment. Prostitution profession is emerging rapidly worldwide, particular in Pakistan. The purpose of this study is to investigate the perception of local people towards prostitution and its impacts over the societies of Sindh, province of Pakistan. This study is qualitative in nature and based on in-depth interviews with the 10 respondents from different areas of Hyderabad. On behalf of the data collection from local people, the results revealed that, the prostitution is being considered to be as one of the worst act of the society, which is generally done for the sack of money or drug addiction. In findings, there were multiple pushing factors of women/children/male involvement into sex work, like, unemployment, poverty, sex for enjoyment, trafficking and drug addictions. In view of the results, the prostitution have some sort of negative impacts over the society as well as high incidence of violence to other girls/children's too who are far from those evil works. Besides that, the prostitutes were of the opinion that the prostitution is an act made for the issues in family, diseases as well as poverty which force the local people to fall in such evils. With regards to the recommendations, this study may not generously contribute in generating recommendations but some of the suggestions could be useful for government as well as political institutes. It is suggested that government should ensure the implementation of law with regards to the prostitution. However, the rights should be provided to those who are doing this kind of work for the sack of different aspects as to eradicate such evil from the society as a whole.</p>

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1. INTRODUCTION

Prostitution, the practice of engaging in relatively under discrimination sexual activity, in general with anyone who is not a spouse or a friend, in exchange for immediate payment in money or other valuables. Prostitutes can be female or male or transgender, and prostitution may entail heterosexual or homosexual activity, but historically most prostitutes have been women and most client's men (Jenkins, 2020). However, the word 'prostitution' does not merely refer to commercial sex; often, it also carries a strong negative connotation that reflects the opprobrium of the practice felt by modern western as well as other societies of the word too (Davidson,

2001). Moreover, Connell (2001) stated that, the provision of such service is relatively indiscriminate: just like any other type of service, within certain limits, anybody willing to pay the price asked will be accepted as a client. Few societies have exercised the same severity toward clients; indeed, in many societies, clients suffer few if any legal repercussions. In some cultures, prostitution has been required of young girls as a rite of puberty or as a means of acquiring a dowry, and some religions have required prostitution of a certain class of priestesses (Jenkins, 2020). The ancient Greeks and Romans mandated those prostitutes wear distinctive dress and pay severe taxes. Hebrew law did not forbid prostitution but



confined the practice to foreign women. Along With the ordinances laid down by Moses to regulate public health were several dealing with sexually transmitted diseases. (Jenkins, 2020)

Lubin (2012) articulated that, there are about 42 million prostitutes in the world, living all over the world (though most of Central Asia, the Middle East and Africa lacks data, studied countries in that large region rank as top Sex tourism destinations. Estimates place the annual revenue generated by prostitution worldwide to be over \$100 billion. (Prostitution market value, 2010). Since, the majority of prostitutes are supposed to be female/women having male clients. The position of prostitution and the law varies widely worldwide, reflecting differing opinions. Some view prostitution as a form of exploitation of or violence against women and children (Joyce. F, 2008), that helps to create a supply of victims for human trafficking carol (Gershons, 2018), Some critics of prostitution as a nutrition are supporters of the Nordic Model: which decriminalizes the act of selling sex but makes the purchase of sex illegal. (Young, 2015). Nussbaum (1998) argues that to understand why prostitution is such a troubling topic for so many we need to consider in what ways people who sell sexual services are similar and different than others who sell their bodies and emotions for pay in capitalist societies. She argues that prostitution is not much different from many other jobs like the opera singer, factory worker, nightclub singer, domestic servant, masseuse, and even university professor. She says that all involve selling parts of one self and often the use of one's body in exchange for money, and historically doing so has been frowned upon. She suggests that the only difference between sex work and these other pursuits today is that the stigma of exchanging sex for money remains.

2. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Prostitution and sexual exploitation are deemed to be highly gendered issues within most cases women and girls selling their body, either by coercion or consent, to men or boys who pay for this service. Accordingly, the majority of those trafficked for sexual exploitation are women and girls (Schulze, 2014). As prostitution is the oldest business in the world running in each societies without any fear. Since, no any attention is paid from local, political, as well as official perspectives for such masses. Thus, the researcher is of the opinion and keen to investigate the perception of local people towards prostitution as well as its impacts over the society as a whole. After recognizing the problem, it is therefore necessary to

recommend some justifiable solutions to eradicate such evils

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Qualitative method ensures an in-depth understanding of the existing situation which could hardly be determined through a structured procedure (Neuman, 2003). Besides, qualitative research is an inquiry process of understanding which is based on distinct methodological traditions of inquiry that explores comprehensively social or human issues. Hence, this study was conducted in line with qualitative parameters because the issue of "norms and values" could hardly achieve considering quantitative research methods using in-depth interviews from local defendants. Therefore, the attempted actions were proved as proper way to investigate the perception of local people towards prostitution and its effects. For the purpose, ten respondents were selected from the district Hyderabad due to the availability of data collection as well as objects, because many call girls are available in that side to fulfill the research requirements. Thus, the purposive sampling method was scrutinized using 10 in-depth interviews from diverse well known prostitute areas. Finally, the data was transcribed, translated and finally analyzed manually in process using thematic analysis

4. RESULTS AND FINDINGS

4.1 Perception of local people towards the practice of prostitution in the context of Pakistan

This section is about how ordinary people think about prostitutes, whether the action they do is right or not, how can this process be done in Pakistan.

We cannot tolerate prostitution in Pakistan because we live in a Muslim country where it is forcedly prohibited to have some sort of bad relations with others. It is against the morality of the country; this process will spoil the younger generation. So, those who are sexually assaulted are so oppressed that they have a lot of problems in the world, so they must sell their bodies. Even so, it is important that the younger generation can satisfy their sexual desires. If they are morally bankrupt, then society should be allowed to do so. Since, it is also considered that, most of those women either involved in that act is due to the feeding their children, yet in many cases women/boys try to satisfy their addiction and drug behavior by doing that evil in the society. Thus, choices can also reduce adultery with children, which is currently immense in our society. Since, the



prostitution in the society has been one of the major businesses to those who have lack of employment chances in different sectors, reasoning the prostitution as a whole. While, this is considered to be the crime as a whole in many laws of Pakistan; but is not paid any attention for the solving of the problem. Since, such evil is schooled in their specific location to teach them about all those works. Speaking about the past, in 2003, approximately 20,000 minors were engaged in prostitution in Pakistan (wikipeida). While, it is quite commonly found in major cities of Pakistan, where there is the larger population commonly found in urban areas. Because in populated areas the ratio of call girls are quite large. Since, most of the girls enter in that business with the help of pimp, which asks for the money for the sack of prostitution. Nevertheless, many are recruited in prostitution by force, fraud, coercion, and many involve in these activities due to the abuse in the society. Yet there are even more factors for this kind of wickedness in our society.

4.2 Impacts on the society, its people, and the environment

This section describes how the process of prostitution has an impact on the society, how it affects the society and how it affects the people their environment.

The process of prostitution has an impact on the society; firstly, people living there have wrong impact to other living societies due to the area consideration. Since, it strongly affects the community as a whole by contributing the women/ girl/ children/ male sex. Yet, this terrible attitude towards women accounts the high incidence of violence to other girls too which are so far from that occupation. However, this act also causes the murders in the society as well as kidnapping of the girls too. Prostitution is such practice which leads the serious negative long-term effects for the prostitutes related to health causing, stress, HIV, Hepatitis as well as great threats to our society. Since, the main reason for this act is considered as the illiteracy, unemployment, and the behavior of drug addiction. Since, it has the large negative impacts to our society due to the misconception of local people for that because they consider all that society as the prostitutes. Since such evils should be stopped to live healthy and disease-free environment.

4.3 Reactions of people if they find them close.

This section describes what your reaction would be if the prostitution process was in the neighborhood and why.

The act of prostitution should not happen in our environment, but if there is a constitutional right on

the other side it has a legal status, we have no idea. If it is illegal there should be police rounds or raids all the time. If not, then it should be closed so if it does not stop illegally then we will get a neighbor and we will close it. So far, mostly people ignore this due to their mutual respect in the society because they are of the opinion to live respectively in society.

4.4 Prostitutes surviving condition in Pakistan from female perspectives

This last section describes how we, as a prostitute, are living their lives in the environment of Pakistan. What are the problems they face?

Prostitution in Pakistan faces many challenges in life; firstly, this business is another unfamiliar business, whereby they do not have their basic right to health care without the availability of any support. Prostitutes are who they are but human beings, but they do not get the honor of this society, everyone wants to sleep in peace with them, but no one wants to have any relationship, marriage or love is far away. Usually who does not even have a friendship with them, Secondly, in Pakistan's society, everyone wants that brothel to be normal, but when a gamer says that this process is a very useless process, it is a social disease.

Most of the respondents reported that the biggest reason for involvement into prostitution was bad economic circumstances and conditions. Poverty is the motivating force to fend their lives for the survival of the family. Among thirty-three respondents, seven narrated that they had chosen this profession under the pressure of debt on their families.

Some domestic issues lead the members to crucial stages. A few women reported that the illness in the family was the reason to join this profession effectively.

Some women reported that their husbands' addiction become the cause of their becoming prostitution. They narrated that their husbands used to alcohol and different types of drugs. They didn't have any concern about their families. In this situation, they were compelled and had to do something for their children.

5.CONCLUSIONS

In Pakistan, there were variety of factors and reasons of women involvement into sex work. On behalf of the consequences the researcher concluded that, the prostitution act has been deemed to be the worst and were fetching the negative effects over the young generation in the study area. Since, the local stance were against this evil act, following that, there have been some sort of negative effects to other



women too, which couldn't be able to work in assorted fields in the society. Since, some of the responses were recorded in the favor of prostitution in terms of business because of lack of employment as well as for the support of the family and sickness.

With regards to the recommendations, this study may not generously contribute in generating recommendations but some of the suggestions could be useful for government as well as political institutes. It is suggested that government should ensure the implementation of law with regards to the prostitution. However, the rights should be provided to those who are doing this kind of work for the sack of different aspects as to eradicate such evil from the society as a whole.

6. AREAS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

The study should be taken ahead in quantitative parameters from those already involved in such evils for knowing the actual causes of prostitutions as well as diseases occurring through prostitution. Besides that, the policy measures must be accumulated of diverse nations as a whole.

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