



PETITION



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FOR A LEGAL BAN ON PORNOGRAPHY AND ON PROSTITUTION IN SWITZERLAND

TEXT OF THE PETITION

- The UN Convention (The Convention) on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women has been in force since 1997 in Switzerland.¹ We request the implementation of this Women Convention and thus equality of women and men on an international and national and regional level. This includes the abolition of prostitution which clearly discriminates the woman as a purchasable object.
- We request a legal ban on pornography as well as on prostitution in Switzerland.
- We request that human traders and pimps will be threatened with lifelong imprisonment because they destroy the life of women deliberately and irrevocably.
- We request that clients of prostitutes will be held accountable with imprisonment, depending on the severity of exploitation of the affected women.
- We request police protection as well as financial, social and medical support for prostitutes who want to get out of prostitution.
- We request educational work at all levels of education about sexual abuse of children and its consequences.
- We request educational work from middle school onwards about the harmful effects of the consumption of pornography on sexuality and on relationship capability.
- We request public relations in colleges and universities to make young women aware of how they harm themselves if they sell their bodies and their souls in order to get money to buy luxury goods.
- We request a campaign for awareness of a healthy relationship capability and a healthy sexuality.

¹ UN-Convention (Convention) on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (in particular part I, article 2, paragraph f; article 3; article 5, paragraph a, und article 6)
<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/ProfessionalInterest/cedaw.pdf>

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Pornography

In Switzerland, pornography is easily accessible in public media (television and internet) for adults, teenagers and children. It is becoming increasingly difficult for parents to have control over the consumption of pornographic material by phone or internet.² This results in the fact that children and young people cannot be protected anymore from consumption of pornographic material.³ Pictures are imposed on them which convey the impression that other people may be used for one's own sexual satisfaction and deprived of any dignity. Children and young people are misled by these images and grow up believing that this is the correct and only way to create a relationship with a sexual partner.⁴ The effects of these pornographic images then are, among other things, that young girls send out pictures of themselves via sms, on which they pose naked (sexting)⁵, without even being aware of the dangers they expose themselves to by doing so. Young women and men who are looking for a loving and mutually respectful relationship have difficulties to find a partner who is able to and/or who is willing to engage in immediate, interconnected, appreciative sexual experiences beyond pornographic images.

In our opinion our children and young people, who are the future of all of us, do have the right to discover and learn to live their sexuality in a healthy and relationship-promoting way. This is the only way to ensure a future with a society that can implement and live the ethical principles of human dignity.

Prostitution

Trafficking in women is, contrary to all contradictory assertions, associated with prostitution.⁶ Studies show that about 80 percent of prostituted women have experienced violent or sexual assault in their childhood and that many of them suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.⁷ Under these circumstances it can be assumed that prostitution has to do with a repetition of the childhood trauma and does not take place on a voluntary basis as it is often claimed.⁸ Pornography as well as prostitution serve the profit of patriarchal men and do not have anything to do with sexual liberation as falsely assumed.

In Sweden, legislation stipulates that women buyers (clients of prostitutes) will be punished. Women, who had prostituted themselves, receive physical, psychological and social assistance. Trafficking in women could be significantly limited through this legislation and the demand for prostitution declined.⁹ Germany, however, has become the European turntable of trafficking in women with its liberal legislation on prostitution.¹⁰ According to one of the leading newspapers in Switzerland, "Tagesanzeiger", from 25 March 2014, Switzerland is handling the purchase of sex more liberal than Europe. The annual revenue of the industry is estimated at 3.2 billion Swiss francs by experts of the Federal Department of Justice.¹¹ We therefore consider it indispensable that Switzerland appreciates the dignity of women through its legislation in order not to become the new focal space of the inhuman business with sexuality.

More detailed information on the Fluid Spirit Homepage:

<http://fluid-spirit.ch/blog/2014/03/11/wir-wollen-eine-welt-ohne-pornografie-und-ohne-prostitution/>

² Vgl. http://www.projuventute.ch/fileadmin/kundendaten/angebote/medienprofis/downloads/de/Medienprofis_Merkblatt_Sexting_Eltern_DT.pdf

³ Vgl. Anita Heiliger: Zur Pornographisierung des Internets und Wirkungen auf Jugendliche. Aktuelle internationale Studien. Zeitschrift für Frauenforschung 1+2/2005, S. 131 – 140

⁴ Vgl. Interview mit einer jungen Frau zum Thema: Auswirkungen unfreiwilliger Kontakt mit Pornografie

⁵ Vgl. <http://www.projuventute.ch/sexting/landingpage.html>

⁶ Vgl. <http://www.amnesty-maf.de/themen/Frauenhandel-index.htm>

⁷ Vgl. Sybille Zumbeck: Die Prävalenz traumatischer Erfahrungen, Posttraumatischer Belastungsstörung und Dissoziation bei Prostituierten. Eine explorative Studie. Verlag Dr. Kovač, Hamburg 2001

⁸ Vgl. <http://www.missbrauch-opfer.info/main.asp?IDS=35>

⁹ Vgl. <http://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article125824434/Schweden-feiert-sein-Sex-Kauf-Verbot-als-Erfolg.html>

¹⁰ Vgl. Alice Schwarzer: Prostitution – Ein deutscher Skandal, Vorwort. Verlag Kiepenheuer & Witsch, 2013

¹¹ Vgl. Tages-Anzeiger vom 25.3.2014: Schweiz soll den Sexkauf liberaler als Europa regeln; Ausbeutung gehört zum Arbeitsalltag.

Petition to the Federal Council for a legal ban on pornography and prostitution in Switzerland

All information has to be filled in handwritten and legible. Please sign with your own signature.

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Please return the completed list to the following address: Verein Fluid Spirit, Chrüzacherstrasse 46, CH-6331 Hünenberg

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¹ We will enter the e-mail addresses on Avaaz.org, where our petition has been published. We will send more information to the e-mail addresses listed above about other activities regarding the demand for a legal ban on pornography and prostitution in Switzerland at the appropriate time.