

2. What do you demand?

We want a world without pornography and without prostitution!

That is why we demand abolishment of prostitution as well as legal prohibition of pornography of any kind in Switzerland and worldwide.

We demand that equal rights for women and men will be implemented once and for all on an international, national and regional basis. We demand in particular the implementation of the Women Convention, as it was formulated in 1979 and has been enacted since 1981 and which includes the abolishment of prostitution as well.

- We demand that human traders and pimps will be threatened with lifelong imprisonment, because they deliberately destroy the life of women mercilessly and irrevocably.
- We demand that clients of prostitutes will be outlawed and punished, depending on the level of exploitation of the affected women.
- We demand police protection as well as financial, social and medical support for women that previously worked as prostitutes.
- We demand educational work at all school levels on sexual abuse of children, trafficking of women and gender fight which serves pornography.
- We demand public relations in colleges and universities to make young women aware of the psychological consequences it will have for them if they sell their bodies to finance their education.
- We demand a full-scale campaign on sexual education and for the protection of women in developing countries, which reaches all women who are potential targets of human traders, touts and pimps.
- We demand abolition of prostitution as well as the legal ban of pornography of any kind in Switzerland and worldwide.
- We demand a worldwide awareness campaign of the ability to respect, honor and appreciate each other in dignity and of a healthy sexuality.

Why is this important?

According to one of the leading newspapers in Switzerland, 'Tagesanzeiger', 18.11.2013, prohibition of prostitution in Switzerland, one of the wealthiest countries in the world, hardly has a chance of success¹. We ask ourselves, why is it, that in a country where education is a common property, women still are treated by men as merchandise that can be exhibited, gaped at, bought, used and stained, as much as the financial means allow. With its liberal prostitution-politics, Germany has transformed itself into the turntable of trafficking of women². With its big brothels with very low rates and so called flat rates, Germany has become a sex paradise for foreigners³. We fear that Switzerland, in particular Zurich with its "performance boxes", is going into the same direction, in case the legal basis still remains liberalized. We want that people – men and women – realize, that with accepting these circumstances, they support the expansion of pornography.

In deep reflection with the Christian church, which shapes Switzerland with its values, we have realized that the church has been splitting women in whores and seductresses (Maria Magdalena, Eva) and saints (Maria) for 2000 years. Whores are demonized, saints are adored and real women try to somehow find their own self in between. Patriarchal men abuse this split to live their desires unrestrained and without bad conscience. Here the whores – there the women/wives. How can a relationship between a man and a woman blossom sexually, if the patriarchal oriented man has got such a split condition and doesn't even recognize anymore, how abnormal and adverse this split, based on extremes, is? Built on the basis of this split, men nurtured the widespread belief that women have much less desire for sexual activity than men themselves. From our own experience it is not true that women have less desire for sexual activity than men. A woman, who feels loved and appreciated, wants to open and dedicate herself sexually to a man, that is how we experience it. A woman on the other hand, who suspects or consciously edges out that her partner, while sexually active with her, has pornographic pictures on his mind or is secretly sneaking off to prostitutes, will be rightly so increasingly disgusted by this man and withdraw from him and refuse him.

Pornography turns men into bad lovers because it changes their behavior towards a real woman and makes them ignorant towards a real woman and her sexual needs. Men will become incapable of having an appreciative, loving and esteeming relationship⁴. Frequent masturbating while looking at pornographic pictures, neuro-biologically generates an addiction behavior as gambling does too⁵. Pornography and prostitution serve patriarchal oriented men in their madness, which makes them believe that they can satisfy their own addiction with money, without being in touch with neither themselves nor with a woman.

¹ Ref. Tagesanzeiger from 18.11.13 "Mit Prostitutionsverbot auf dem Holzweg"

² Ref. Alice Schwarzer "Prostitution – Ein deutscher Skandal", preface

³ Ref. Alice Schwarzer "Prostitution – Ein deutscher Skandal," p. 10

⁴ Ref. Naomi Wolf, "Vagina", p. 262 – 270

⁵ Ref. Naomi Wolf, "Vagina", p. 262

Instead of discussing with a real woman, pornography creates a world where men can get a short kick like in a fast food-take away. Like this, women are treated as a commodity and are robbed off their dignity completely. In her book “Vagina” Naomi Wolf cites biologist Robert Sapolsky, who indicates the biology of desire and satisfaction and therefore explains, why pornography consuming men become insensitive and that they need stronger and stronger sexual stimuli to generally be able to still feel something⁶. From our experience insensitivity serves the patriarchy because the patriarchy needs hardy men, who are suited for the war on the economic battlefields. These are the men who stay closed for the sensitivity and the dignity of their wives, their relationships in their family won’t blossom and that is why these men become seducible for more vicarious satisfactions and addictions. Therefore these men have to climb the career ladder in order to earn as much money as possible to be able to finance pornography and prostitution. In the end prostitution and pornography are spirals of addiction and violence which rob people off any ethics and which solemnly serve the economic profit.

Trafficking in human beings is legally prohibited in Switzerland. Therefore, people should not be treated like merchandise, but should be protected in their human dignity⁷. However, prostitution is allowed in Switzerland, provided that it does not take place with children under 16 years of age⁸. Prostitution, as the public opinion states, happens voluntarily on the part of the affected women. The fact that a lot of prostitutes from abroad are brought in because of false promises by human traders or because of their misery and suffering in their country is edged out. Therefore trafficking in human beings and prostitution are not two different things but belong together. In this context it is spoken of white slavery today⁹. Slavery is based on the fallacious assumption, that one can acquire and own another human being. Prostitution is based on the same principle. Seller of women, as pimps are, earn a lot of money as they offer a foreign body as merchandise on which buyers of women, as clients of prostitutes are, can work off sexually. Slavery was officially abolished. Therefore, prostitution can be abolished too.

Studies prove that approximately 80 percent of prostitutes were sexually exploited and/or experienced violence in their childhood¹⁰. On the website “Missbrauchs-Opfer” (“victims of abuse”) it is explained that physical and psychological abuse in childhood often leads to severe psychological disorders such as dissociative states, drug- and alcohol abuse, post-traumatic stress disorders and the like¹¹.

⁶ Ref. Naomi Wolf, “Vagina” p. 264/265

⁷ Ref. www.ksmm.admin.ch/content/ksmm/de/home/themen/menschenhandel.html

⁸ Ref. www.ksmm.admin.ch/ksmm/de/home/themen/siehe_auch_/prostitution.html

⁹ Ref. Alice Schwarzer “Prostitution – ein deutscher Skandal”, p. 13

¹⁰ Ref. www.wikipedia.org/wiki/prostitution, Absatz 7, Prostitution und psychische Störung [28] Zumbeck Sybille, Die Prävalenz traumatischer Erfahrungen, Posttraumatischer Belastungsstörung und Dissoziation bei Prostituierten. Eine explorative Studie. Verlag Dr. Kovac, Hamburg 2001

¹¹ Ref. <http://www.missbrauch-opfer.info/main.asp?IDS=35>

If women decide to be prostitutes on this basis, one can assume with high probability that this is not done on a voluntary basis. If affected women receive legal protection, comprehensive support for the withdrawal from prostitution and in addition will be well informed about it, then – and only then – we can speak of voluntary if a woman still decides to work as a prostitute.

To all those voices claiming that prostitution is for the protection of women because without it there would be many more rapes and sexual abuse on children we hold against that this view is doing injustice to all those men who know very well that a man has the capability of being a loving and appreciative partner and has the capability to control his sexual desires.

This is just another hidden threat of the women despising patriarchy, not to question prostitution and pornography at all but to continue accepting, tolerating and enduring these inhuman structures. Why is this? Perhaps because for the economy which is still dominated by patriarchal men only profit counts. Those patriarchal oriented men don't care at all about the fact, that today already four year old children in Kindergarten mimic body gestures which they have picked up from pornographic videos and from TV. Those patriarchal oriented men don't care either, that today children and adolescents send out their pictures, on which they pose naked, with their mobile phones (sexting)¹² and that they have easy access to pornographic material through Internet and TV although it is prohibited by law¹³. The sole interest of this is that profit can be generated. With this, children are being manipulated already in their early years to have a wrong perception of their own sexuality and to have a wrong view of the image of a woman. They then consider this false view as normal and therefore become potentially profitable consumers of the pornographic industry in their adult life.

Proponents of pornography as well as prostitution use the freedom of the individual (patriarchal man) as an argument against a ban of pornography and prostitution. These proponents are oblivious to the fact that women, children and non-patriarchal men would also like to enjoy the freedom of living in a world free of pornography and prostitution and of not being bombarded by pornographic material at every possible location and even at locations unthinkable of.

The question, if prostitution and pornography should be prohibited by law, is therefore not about the moral discussion on the demand for freedom but solely about the question how women and men can live together in peace, dignity and mutual esteem for the benefit of the children.

Prostitution and pornography is being tolerated socially because it serves the patriarchy. Each and everyone who tolerates pornography and prostitution and closes his eyes, is, in doing so, supporting the endeavor of power- and money greedy patriarchs who believe that everything can be bought with money and women are there to be used, exploited and oppressed. It's the patriarchal men whose power over a woman means everything to them, even if they destroy their own dignity with this more than they are aware of. **32 years ago the UN human rights organization has ratified a women convention for the abolishment of the discrimination of women. Meanwhile 187 member states have signed this convention. We finally want to see worldwide facts from all governments of the**

world. EVERY woman should be able to live in dignity and should feel vindicated on all pictures of her dignity.

¹² Ref. www.wikipedia.org/wiki/sexting

¹³ Ref. www.147.ch/Was-sagt-das-Gesetz.864.o.html