

Guide to the Issues Clippings Collection 2014 - 2021

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My supporters and I have clipped some articles which have appeared in the mainstream media and sometimes elsewhere. The articles provide information useful in opposition to the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act (PCEPA), formerly Bill C-36, the federal law meant to restrict the sex trade. The articles are ordered by date.

This collection is not comprehensive in any way. The Web site of the Canadian Alliance for Sex Work Law Reform is an excellent source of information about this law.

LISTING AND DESCRIPTIONS OF CLIPPINGS AS AT JANUARY 2021

2014 JUN 16 SOURCES NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BILL C-36: DECRIMINALIZATION COST SEX WORKERS' LIVES Initial reactions of sex worker groups against C-36. Anger and disappointment that after Bedford the federal government has gone with the so-called Nordic approach. Plans for demonstrations were announced.
2014 JUL 20 MACLEANS A RED LIGHT FROM THE CLERGY Article describes how and why a large number of clergy and parishioners are opposing PCEPA.
2014 SEP 23 MACLEANS FIRST NATIONAL STUDY SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON SEX WORK IN CANADA Researchers from around the world met in Ottawa and explained that the government's rationale for PCEPA was flawed.
2015 OCT 06 NATIONAL POST THE NORDIC MODEL FOR PROSTITUTION IS NOT THE SOLUTION – IT'S THE PROBLEM The article argues that the radical feminist ideology that shapes the Nordic model is not evidence based and makes false assumptions.
2015 OCT 13 STRAIGHT TALK SEX WORKERS PRESS LIBERALS, NDP, GREENS TO REPEAL PROSTITUTION

<p>LAW BROUGHT IN BY CONSERVATIVES Sex workers demonstrate to remind the Liberal and New Democratic parties of their pledge to remove or amend PCEPA.</p>
<p>2016 AUG 01 GLOBE AND MAIL JODY WILSON-RAYBOULD HOLDS PRIVATE MEETING ON LEGAL SYSTEM REFORM The federal minister of justice consulted directly with lawyers and others on their concerns about current criminal law and related matters. Included was Professor Young, who led the team that overturned the sex trade laws in 2007-2013, who was critical of PCEPA.</p>
<p>2016 AUG 24 NPR (WRITTEN SUMMARY) RADIO PROGRAM ON PROSTITUTION IN MICHIGAN Professors studied sex trade in some American cities. Discussed impediments to enforcing laws against the trade. Argued against Nordic model. Suggested legalization and regulation.</p>
<p>2017 JAN 19 GLOBE AND MAIL (WRITTEN SUMMARY) SUMMARY OF ARTICLE “THE CORPORATIZATION OF KINK” Discussed how S&M and related themes becoming more mainstream in the entertainment media and why. Discussed the reactions of feminists.</p>
<p>2017 DEC 13 NOW MAGAZINE IN DEFENSE OF NOW MAGAZINE’S SEX WORKER ADS Article by Val Scott on behalf of Sex Professionals of Canada. Article argues that advertising ban leads to more danger for sex workers.</p>
<p>2018 JAN 15 NATIONAL POST WHO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PROSTITUTION AND SEX WORK? The article describes the many obstacles to having a meaningful debate on sex work.</p>
<p>2018 JAN 19 NATIONAL POST PROSTITUTION INERTIA MAY LEAD TO CHARTER CHALLENGE The article noted the commitment of the federal government to reform or replace PCEPA, and speculates on why this has not happened. It suggested another charter challenge may occur as a result.</p>
<p>2018 JAN 26 OTTAWA CITIZEN YOUNG LEAD OLD ON SEX WORK LAW REFORM The article discusses how and why the Young Liberals were attempting to put sex trade law reform on the agenda at the upcoming annual meeting of the federal party.</p>
<p>2018 JAN 32 UNSOURCED SEX WORKERS The author explains why she thinks that “It’s time to stand with Amnesty International, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organization and others in calling for the immediate decriminalization of sex work.”</p>
<p>2018 JUL 15 GLOBAL NEWS</p>

<p>MAJORITY OF ONTARIANS OPPOSE ANY CHANGE TO CURRENT PROSTITUTION LAWS: IPSOS</p> <p>Article reviews results of a poll commissioned by a group supportive of PCEPA. The results were what the title of the article suggests. However, there is little discussion of what controls were or were not in place to ensure results were not pre-determined.</p>
<p>2018 JUL 26 GLOBE AND MAIL</p> <p>CANADA'S NEW PROSTITUTION LAWS MAY NOT MAKE SEX WORK SAFER: RESEARCH.</p> <p>Author argues that PCEPA has worked its stated aims. Points out that many international organizations have advocated decriminalization of sex work.</p>
<p>2018 SEP 06 MACLEANS</p> <p>GOVERNMENTS HAVE FAILED CANADA'S SEX WORKERS – AND THEY'RE RUNNING OUT OF PATIENCE</p> <p>Author points out how PCEPA has worked against its stated aims. Speculates on why the federal government has not addressed the issue.</p>
<p>2018 SEP 30 CBC WEB SITE</p> <p>PROSTITUTION LAW PUTS SEX TRADE WORKERS AT RISK, ADVOCATE SAYS</p> <p>The article cites interviews and studies showing that the Nordic model increases dangers to sex trade workers and why it does so. Evidence also indicates that most sex workers are satisfied with their jobs, but would be more satisfied if PCEPA was withdrawn.</p>
<p>2018 DEC 11 NATIONAL POST</p> <p>CANADA'S LAWS DESIGNED TO DETER PROSTITUTION, NOT KEEP SEX WORKERS SAFE</p> <p>The title says it all.</p>
<p>2018 DEC 12 REUTERS</p> <p>LEGALIZING PROSTITUTION LOWERS VIOLENCE AND DISEASE, REPORT SAYS</p> <p>The title says it all.</p>
<p>2019 FEB 19 MARTLET</p> <p>IT'S TIME TO LEGALIZE PROSTITUTION IN CANADA</p> <p>The article summarizes the reasons for this view, and notes that Amnesty International and other world groups are calling for decriminalization of the sex trade.</p>
<p>2019 MAR 04 WASHINGTON POST</p> <p>WHY LAWS TO FIGHT SEX TRAFFICKING OFTEN BACKFIRE</p> <p>The article concerns laws in the United States. Some myths and falsehoods about human trafficking are discussed.</p>
<p>2019 MAR 10 MARTLET</p> <p>DECRIMINALIZING SEX WORK IS A BETTER SOLUTION</p> <p>A brief summary of some of the arguments for this approach.</p>
<p>2019 JUL 03 GLOBAL NEWS</p> <p>FIRST FEMALE MAYOR OF AMSTERDAM PLANS OVERHAUL OF RED-LIGHT</p>

<p>DISTRICT</p> <p>The practice of women displaying themselves in windows is discussed. The advantages and disadvantages of ending the practice are given.</p>
<p>2019 OCT 03 GLOBAL NEWS</p> <p>DEMANDS GROW FOR CANADA TO DECRIMINALIZE SEX WORK AFTER THE ELECTION</p> <p>The article notes that over 150 human rights groups are calling for decriminalization of the sex trade. Organizations and prominent individuals are cited, including Vice-President Harris in the United States. The status of discussions in the political parties at the federal level in Canada is reviewed. Reasons for inaction against PCEPA are discussed.</p>
<p>2019 NOV 29 HALIFAX CHRONICLE HERALD</p> <p>CANADA'S PROSTITUTION LAWS THE WORST OF ALL WORLDS</p> <p>Five reasons for thinking this are given.</p>
<p>2019 DEC 22 GLOBAL NEWS</p> <p>SEX WORKERS SAY CANADA'S LAWS PUT THEM IN DANGER – AND DEMAND THE NEW GOVERNMENT FIX THEM</p> <p>A brief summary of problems with PCEPA and how some activist groups are seeking to address these problems.</p>
<p>2020 FEB 06 NUANCE MEDIA</p> <p>WHY IT MATTERS THAT BEDFORD IS BLACK</p> <p>Blacks have faced discrimination because they are black. Women because they are women. Sex workers because they are sex workers. Within the sex trade black women faced another layer of discrimination. Bedford, as a black woman, has had her perspective informed in all these areas. Her Supreme Court victory is all the more important for these reasons. Same for what she has to say. Few know she is a black woman. The article ties all these considerations together.</p>
<p>2020 FEB 21 CBC WEB SITE</p> <p>ONTARIO COURT JUDGE RULES PARTS OF CANADA'S PROSTITUTION LAWS ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL</p> <p>The article reviews the long-awaited decision and its implications.</p>
<p>2020 FEB 22 POST MILLENNIAL</p> <p>PROFESSORS PROMOTE IDEOLOGY, IGNORE EVIDENCE, WHEN DISCUSSING (OPPOSING) PROSTITUTION</p> <p>Article documents how professors opposed to sex work lack evidence-based arguments.</p>
<p>2020 FEB 25 NOW MAGAZINE</p> <p>COURT STRIKES DOWN HARPER-ERA PROSTITUTION LAWS</p> <p>Article by Terri-Jean Bedford. She notes the unfairness and ineffectiveness of PCEPA, and what should be done going forward.</p>
<p>2020 JUL 02 STRAIGHT</p> <p>LIBERALS LAY GROUNDWORK FOR AMENDING LAW THAT CRIMINALIZES THE SALE OF SEX IN CANADA</p>

<p>Member of Parliament interviewed about considerations that will arise when PCEPA reviewed by Parliament, and why the review has been delayed.</p>
<p>2020 JUL 29 THE LAWYER'S DAILY REVIEW OF SEX WORK LAW MUST BEGIN RIGHT AWAY BECAUSE LIVES ARE AT RISK: NDP MP Member of Parliament interviewed as to his position that PCEPA must be amended and soon because of risk to lives.</p>
<p>2020 OCT 26 CBC WEB SITE FOR CANADIAN SEX WORKERS, CERB WAS A LIFELINE – IF THEY COULD GET IT Article documents the obstacles facing sex workers seeking to access government assistance during the pandemic, and the consequences.</p>
<p>2020 NOV 04 THE RUNNER VANCOUVER'S WISH DROP-IN CENTRE SOCIETY OPENING CANADA'S FIRST 24/7 SHELTER FOR SEX WORKERS About the new centre for street based sex workers in Vancouver. Beyond being a shelter, WISH is also resourced to counsel and assist women after they leave.</p>