

# Guide to the Issue Clippings Collection 2014 - 2019

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 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.

If you wish to see any of these articles and cannot access them on the Web, please feel free to contact me at [terrijeanbedford @ gmail.com](mailto:terrijeanbedford@gmail.com).

## LISTING AND DESCRIPTIONS OF CLIPPINGS AS AT 2020 JAN 06

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. Announced plans for demonstration.
2014 JUL 20 MACLEANS A RED LIGHT FROM THE CLERGY Dozens of Anglican ministers oppose C-36 for most of the reasons most sex workers oppose it – mainly for safety reasons related to driving the trade underground.
2014 SEP 23 MACLEANS FIRST NATIONAL STUDY SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON SEX WORK IN CANADA About the major study which refutes many of the assumptions and claims used to support C-36. Notably says most sex workers not victims and Nordic model worsens things.
2015 OCT 06 NATIONAL POST THE NORDIC MODEL FOR PROSTITUTION IS NOT THE SOLUTION – IT'S THE PROBLEM About the evidence and reasons the Nordic model has failed where implemented, and why it is flawed morally.
2015 OCT 13 STRAIGHT TALK SEX WORKERS PRESS LIBERALS, NDP, GREENS TO REPEAL PROSTITUTION

<p><b>LAW BROUGHT IN BY CONSERVATIVES</b>  An open letter by sex trade worker activist groups issued during the federal election campaign to attempt to get the parties to clarify their positions pre-election.</p>
<p>2016 AUG 01 GLOBE AND MAIL  <b>JODY WILSON-RAYBOULD HOLDS PRIVATE MEETING ON LEGAL SYSTEM REFORM</b>  The article indicated that the minister was seriously engaged in the discussion about C-36. This was indicated by the presence of Professor Young at the meeting.</p>
<p>2016 AUG 24 NPR (WRITTEN SUMMARY)  <b>RADIO PROGRAM ON PROSTITUTION IN MICHIGAN</b>  Study of 71 pimps in 3 U.S. cities and police initiatives to limit their activities. Discusses reasons why police not effective and recommends legalization and regulation.</p>
<p>2017 JAN 19 GLOBE AND MAIL (WRITTEN SUMMARY)  <b>SUMMARY OF ARTICLE “THE CORPORATIZATION OF KINK”</b>  Notes recent trend towards more S&amp;M themed entertainment mainstream. Discusses the reactions of feminists and others. Notes how female submissive themes are timed for Valentines Day.</p>
<p>2017 DEC 13 NOW MAGAZINE  <b>IN DEFENSE OF NOW MAGAZINE’S SEX WORKERS’ ADS</b>  Explains how open advertising enhances safety, compared to covert Internet advertising and street based sex work, which is often or usually underground, creating danger.</p>
<p>2018 JAN 15 NATIONAL POST  <b>WHO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PROSTITUTION AND SEX WORK?</b>  Terminology means a great deal in this discussion. The article suggests that grouping different types of sex trade workers under a single or few group classifications makes discussions less meaningful.</p>
<p>2018 JAN 32 UNSOURCED  <b>SEX WORKERS</b>  This article also suggests that grouping different types of sex trade workers under a single or few group classifications makes discussions less meaningful.</p>
<p>2018 JAN 26 NATIONAL POST  <b>YOUNG LEAD OLD ON SEX WORK LAW REFORM</b>  Notes the failure of the federal government to repeal or revise, or even discuss C-36. Notes that the law is not only poor public policy, but is disrespectful to the top court and to sex trade workers.</p>
<p>2018 JAN 19 NATIONAL POST  <b>PROSTITUTION INERTIA MAY LEAD TO CHARTER CHALLENGE</b>  Discusses the frustration of leading activists and others with the federal government’s lack of movement on the issue of C-36, noting that is likely because doing so may lose votes.</p>
<p>2018 JUL 15 GLOBAL NEWS</p>

<p><b>MAJORITY OF ONTARIANS OPPOSE ANY CHANGE TO CURRENT PROSTITUTION LAWS: IPSOS</b>  Poll done for pro-C-36 organizations. Comments sent in point to flawed methodology of the poll, but it does point out that the general public is not necessarily favourable to change, mainly because it does not understand the harms of C-36.</p>
<p><b>2018 JUL 26 GLOBE AND MAIL</b>  <b>CANADA’S NEW PROSTITUTION LAWS MAY NOT MAKE SEX WORK SAFER: RESEARCH.</b>  Conference in Amsterdam heard from researchers in Canada and France that says Nordic model is a failure.</p>
<p><b>2018 SEP 06 MACLEANS</b>  <b>GOVERNMENTS HAVE FAILED CANADA’S SEX WORKERS – AND THEY’RE RUNNING OUT OF PATIENCE</b>  Lengthy article on why C-36 has made life worse for those it purported to want to help. Article also deals with how federal government has backed off of its promise to repeal the legislation.</p>
<p><b>2018 SEP 30 CBC</b>  <b>PROSTITUTION LAW PUTS SEX TRADE WORKERS AT RISK, ADVOCATE SAYS</b>  Another lengthy article on why C-36 has failed in a number of ways.</p>
<p><b>2018 NOV 13 NATIONAL OBSERVER</b>  <b>SEX WORK: TIME TO END THE STIGMA AND THE CONDESCENDING NARRATIVES</b>  Discusses the misconceptions about sex workers. Discusses the debate between legalization and decriminalization.</p>
<p><b>2018 DEC 11 NATIONAL POST</b>  <b>CANADA’S LAWS DESIGNED TO DETER PROSTITUTION, NOT KEEP SEX WORKERS SAFE</b>  Legal researcher says C-36 not designed to make sex work safer, but to discourage and reduce demand for it. It is, the article says, constitutional for that reason.</p>
<p><b>2018 DEC 12 REUTERS</b>  <b>LEGALIZING PROSTITUTION LOWERS VIOLENCE AND DISEASE, REPORT SAYS</b>  Explains why Nordic model has been a failure and the need to legalize or decriminalize the sex trade to make it safer.</p>
<p><b>2019 FEB 19 MARTLET</b>  <b>IT’S TIME TO LEGALIZE PROSTITUTION IN CANADA</b>  Another article on why C-36 has increased the dangers in the sex trade and why it should be replaced with legalization.</p>
<p><b>2019 MAR 04 WASHINGTON POST</b>  <b>HY LAWS TO FIGHT SEX TRAFFICKING OFTEN BACKFIRE</b>  The title says it all. Along with this short bit. “We don’t have cops go door to door asking</p>

women if they are victims of domestic abuse.”
<p>2019 MAR 10 MARTLET  DECRIMINALIZING SEX WORK IS A BETTER SOLUTION  A response to an earlier article touting legalization in the same publication.</p>
<p>2019 JUL 03 GLOBAL NEWS  FIRST FEMALE MAYOR OF AMSTERDAM PLANS OVERHAUL OF RED-LIGHT DISTRICT  The mayor was concerned about sex workers advertising in windows, where their pictures could be taken. There was no suggestion about criminalizing the trade.</p>
<p>2019 OCT 03 GLOBAL NEWS  DEMANDS GROW FOR CANADA TO DECRIMINALIZE SEX WORK AFTER THE ELECTION  Another article about how the federal government, when in opposition, opposed C-36, but when in power did nothing about it. Also once again summarizes the many ills caused by the legislation.</p>
<p>2019 DEC 22 GLOBAL NEWS  SEX WORKERS SAY CANADA’S LAWS PUT THEM IN DANGER – AND DEMAND THE NEW GOVERNMENT FIX THEM  Yet another article about the negatives of C-36 and the failure of the government to do anything about it.</p>