

DECRIMINALIZE SEX WORK

INVEST IN COMMUNITIES

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THE PROBLEM

Policing and criminalization of sex work is one of the primary ways Black women, girls, trans and gender nonconforming folks experience racial profiling, police violence, and mass incarceration.

Black girls in DC are the fastest growing jail population due to the criminalization of "prostitution" and truancy.

Criminalization of sex work interferes with people's rights to sexual autonomy and their ability to protect their health.

The government doesn't invest in Black women, girls, trans and gender nonconforming folks. We need housing, jobs, healthcare, good schools, healthy food, affordable transportation, and safe communities.

Lack of resources makes Black youth more vulnerable to sex trafficking (which is coercive.)

THE SOLUTION

Decriminalize sex work and stop arresting sex workers and sex trafficking victims.

Redirect resources currently used to enforce "prostitution" laws away from policing and towards meeting the needs of people and communities who have been criminalized.

Decriminalizing sex work would reduce violence against Black women, girls, trans and gender nonconforming people by reducing violence from police and by diminishing the harms brought by criminalization and stigma.

WHY DO WE CARE?

Every Black person deserves to feel safe and supported in their communities.

Every Black person deserves to have their basic needs met so they can support their families.

Our communities are overpoliced and overcriminalized and we must stop it.

Our caretakers, siblings, and children don't deserve to be in jail.

Every Black person deserves self-determination over their bodies and sexuality.

WHO ARE WE?

We're the DC Chapter of BYP100 (Black Youth Project 100), a collective of 18-35 year-old Black organizers fighting for safety and liberation for all Black people.

Learn more about us at www.byp100.org.



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