

THE TEAM!



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POLITICAL DIRECTOR

Rob Kampia co-founded and ran the Marijuana Policy Project for 23 years. He was an architect of half of the medical-marijuana and adult-use legalization laws in 32 states.

"The ACLU supports the decriminalization of prostitution and opposes state regulation of prostitution. The ACLU also condemns the abuse of vagrancy or loitering laws or licensing or regulatory schemes to harass and arrest those who may be engaged in solicitation for prostitution. ...

[S]olicitation for prostitution is entitled to the protection of the First Amendment."

"Amnesty International recommends the decriminalization of consensual sex work, including those laws that prohibit associated activities — such as bans on buying, solicitation and general organization of sex work. This is based on evidence that these laws often make sex workers less safe and provide impunity for abusers, with sex workers often too scared of being penalized to report crime to the police."

DONATIONS

Donations to Decriminalize Sex Work are tax-deductible, while donations to the Campaign to Decriminalize Sex Work (the lobbying branch) are not tax-deductible.

Online donations can be made using a credit card or PayPal at www.DecriminalizeSex.Work/donate
Checks or money orders can be sent to DSW or CDSW at **360 Nueces Street, Suite 1102, Austin, TX 78701**

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END HUMAN TRAFFICKING.
PROMOTE HEALTH & SAFETY.

Founded Oct. 2018
A national nonprofit organization

DSW's MISSION & STRATEGY

DSW is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is "to end the prohibition of prostitution in the United States."

Specifically, DSW works to change U.S. laws to stop the arrests -- and remove all criminal and civil penalties -- for consensual sexual activities between adults, regardless of whether money is exchanged. (This is typically called "decriminalization.")

We do not favor the "legalization" of sex work, which restricts legal prostitution to government-licensed businesses in specified locations, such as the legal brothels in Nevada. This model has not reduced the arrests and incarceration of people involved in the sex trade.

DSW is pursuing a state-by-state strategy to end the prohibition of prostitution. We are partnering with allies in Rhode Island and New Hampshire, employing professional lobbying firms to pursue a disciplined strategy toward enacting model laws that can be replicated in other states.

Following success at the state level, DSW will expand into lobbying Congress to remove federal laws that threaten the safety and trample the rights of sex workers, such as the Mann Act and SESTA/FOSTA. Instead, DSW is advocating for laws that actually combat human trafficking and improve the safety of all.

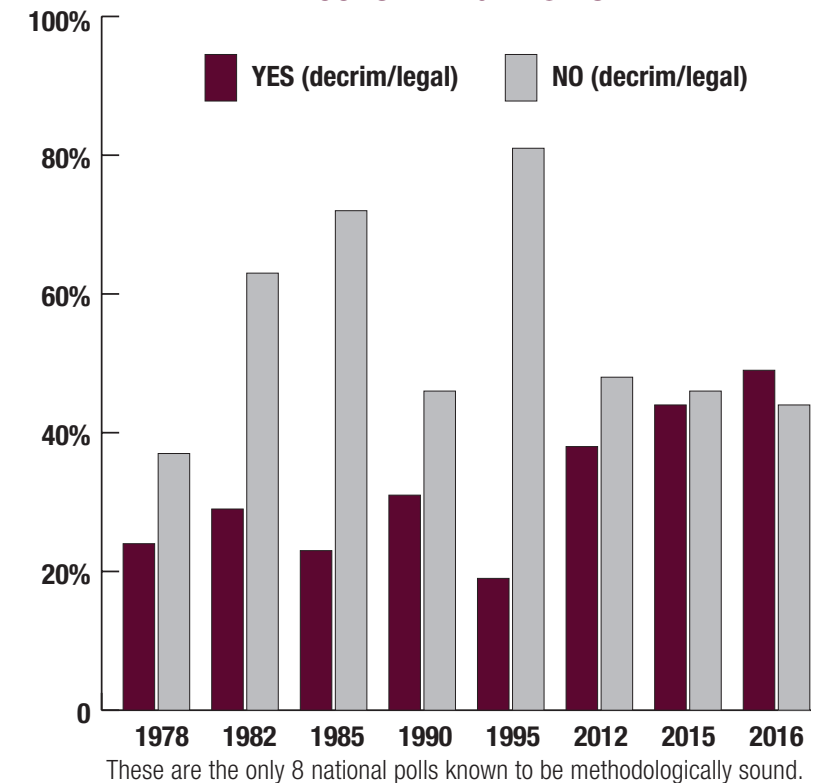
"The Libertarian Party supports the decriminalization of prostitution. We assert the right of consenting adults to provide sexual services to clients for compensation, and the right of clients to purchase sexual services from consenting sex workers."

ARGUMENTS FOR & AGAINST DECRIM

PRO: Decriminalizing consensual adult prostitution would reduce human trafficking, improve public health, help people out of poverty, reduce street-based sex work, reduce crime, deter minors' involvement, and stop the arrests and public humiliation of consenting adults who prefer to keep their sex lives private.

CON: Opponents believe that prostitution leads to increases in sexually transmitted diseases and human trafficking. DSW responds that existing evidence actually points to the opposite of both claims. Opponents also allege that prostitution is inherently immoral, commercially exploitative, empowers the criminal underworld, and promotes men's repression of women. DSW contends that decriminalizing sex work will empower vulnerable people in the sex trade to report crimes committed against them.

U.S. ADULTS ARE INCREASINGLY SUPPORTIVE OF MAKING PROSTITUTION LEGAL AMONG CONSENTING ADULTS



PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

There aren't many public-opinion polls on this issue, but national support for decriminalization appears to have been increasing since 1995. In 2015 and 2016, between 44% and 49% of U.S. adults supported making "prostitution between consenting adults" legal.

And back in 2008, a decriminalization ballot initiative in San Francisco received 41% of the vote with almost no funding.

Amnesty International, the World Health Organization, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Libertarian Party, and the Democratic Socialists of America all have positions supporting decriminalization. There is growing support across the political spectrum to listen to sex workers and stop the arrests.

Internationally, criminalization has been linked to higher rates of violence and STD rates. New Zealand and New South Wales in Australia both decriminalized sex work in 2003. The impact of these laws has been consistently positive.

DSW's PROJECTS

1. NEW HAMPSHIRE: In late 2018, DSW retained a Republican lobbying firm in Concord to work toward the passage of our model state legislation, which removes all penalties for adults engaging in consensual sex work, while maintaining penalties for human trafficking and the involvement of minors. This process will begin with a study commission in 2019 to help legislators move toward consensus legislation in 2020.

In 2016, a NH House committee voted against what is essentially our model state bill, which failed to progress to the House or Senate floors. In 2017, the NH House voted 177-134 to pass a bill establishing a commission to issue recommendations on prostitution legislation for the next legislative session; Gov. Chris Sununu opposed the bill, and the Senate rejected it with a 21-3 vote.

2. RHODE ISLAND: Also in late 2018, DSW began working with a Democratic lobbying firm in Providence to dually lobby for our model legislation and a study-commission bill. While neither passed in 2019, there are strong indications that either or both chambers of the RI legislature could pass legislation in 2020 to study the impact of prostitution prohibition on public health and safety. Rhode Island has a long history of sex-worker activism, including a period of time when indoor sex work was decriminalized between 2003 and 2009, which reduced gonorrhea by 40% and reported rapes by 30%.

In 1980, the RI legislature inadvertently decriminalized prostitution, which the state Supreme Court affirmed in 1998, and which a lower court used in 2003 to dismiss charges against four people. Starting in 2005, the state legislature made the first of its annual attempts to re-criminalize prostitution, finally succeeding in 2009.

3. GRANTS PROGRAM: DSW's grants program provides funding for projects that foster measurable changes in U.S. public policy that will lead to prostitution decriminalization on the local, state, or federal levels. Most initial grantees are statewide organizations working to change state-level laws.

4. TWO ADVISORY BOARDS: In 2020, DSW will build a robust "Policy Council" of academics, clergy, physicians, and other U.S. thought leaders. In addition, DSW will be launching a "VIP Advisory Board" of influential U.S. actors, musicians, comedians, and politicians who support the decriminalization of sex work.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS: DSW is continually promoting its message of decriminalization through the news media by: (a) responding to major news developments, such as the arrest of Robert Kraft; (b) accurately describing the nature and impact of prostitution-related legislation and other policy developments; and (c) generating our own news, such as releasing public-opinion polls and an analysis of state-level prostitution laws.

"The new WHO guidelines recommend that countries work towards decriminalization of sex work and urge countries to improve sex workers' access to health services."

WHY WE FIGHT

Police, social-service providers, health-care professionals, academics, and sex-worker-rights advocates know that the best way to reduce trafficking, street prostitution, sexually transmitted diseases, and violence against women is to decriminalize prostitution.

The criminalization of sex work wastes taxpayer money, demoralizes the police, and undermines the health and safety of citizens who aren't even involved in sex work. Ending the arrest of otherwise law-abiding sex workers would positively impact all of the above.



Bailey hosts news conference in Florida with sex worker activists, April 2019.



Broudo (far right) sits on FOSTA panel, June 2018.

DSW's BUDGET

DSW is a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible educational organization. And its lobbying branch, the similarly named Campaign to Decriminalize Sex Work, is a 501(c)(4) lobbying organization. These two nonprofit organizations' portions of the combined budget shown here are 90% and 10%, respectively.

	NET REVENUES for the year	CASH ON HAND end of the year
2018 partial year	67,549	67,549
2019	120,000	187,549
2020	105,000	292,549
2021	90,000	382,549

EXPENSES	2018 partial year	2019	2020	2021
Staff salaries/wages, taxes & benefits	157,418	609,000	728,000	830,000
Lobbying firms	4,000	83,000	95,000	100,000
Travel	13,615	59,000	60,000	65,000
Online services	5,361	38,000	35,000	35,000
Grants to allied orgs.	2,000	34,000	54,000	66,000
Misc. programs (includes ads)	2,000	19,000	21,000	23,000
Printing	65	7,000	8,000	9,000
Events	10,558	36,000	37,000	38,000
Polling & focus groups	0	6,000	6,000	6,000
Overhead	5,598	14,000	16,000	18,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	200,615	905,000	1,060,000	1,190,000

REVENUES	2018 partial year	2019	2020	2021
Six-figure donors	220,000	560,000	640,000	720,000
Five-figure donors	48,000	390,000	410,000	430,000
Four-figure donors	0	40,000	50,000	60,000
Smaller donors	1	9,000	10,000	11,000
Foundation grants	0	25,000	50,000	50,000
Events & merchandise	0	1,000	5,000	9,000
TOTAL REVENUES	268,164	1,025,000	1,165,000	1,280,000