

## **PROSTITUTION – AN ETERNAL SOCIAL AND ETHICAL ISSUE**

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**Introduction.** Prostitution – is a paid sexual service. Contradictory public attitude to prostitution as a paid professional sex is connected with the ambivalent character of sex. On the one hand sex brings pleasure so sex service can be considered by analogy with any other services. On the other hand sex without childbirth was usually condemned in past. So public morality “taboo” disordered sexual relationships and condemned those people who had sex out of family. This conviction was the stricter in more monogamous society. Rehabilitation of sex started in Western countries only in the last third of the XX century.

**Purpose of the study.** The aim of the research is to consider the historical aspects of prostitution and to identify the “roots” of its survival throughout the history of mankind. The negative attitude to prostitution in society is connected with the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases in frequent sexual relations. Gonorrhoea was known in ancient times. In Western Europe of New Time Era the negative attitude to prostitution was connected with a large scale of syphilis and AIDS epidemic.

Prostitution in modern world is considered to be a manifestation of deviant behavior. However, can we judge so simple? What sources make the fight against prostitution a hard task?

**Research methods.** Dialectics as a method of studying phenomena in the process of its formation and development contradictory is among the research methods. The study is also based at hermeneutics as a method involving the compulsory registration of the atmosphere and the conditions of a particular era in analysis of historical events.

**Results.** Prostitution emerges a long time ago in completely different parts of the world with some few differences. Men always needed women’s attention. Many centuries “fallen” women were an integral part of society, so they could achieve by their impact on men, helping them in their self-realization.

Sexual life is extremely important for men in aspects of emotional terms and natural biological needs. Prolonged abstinence may be a risk factor of neuroses and erectile dysfunction, which may lead to problems with impregnation. In many religions the attitude to the male self-gratification is negative. But what should do a single man if he wants to maintain his health, refusing self-satisfaction? The only one solution is a girl whose profession connected with sex service.

A strong need of prostitution occurs in crisis times in country with some military conflict when the male psyche has serious congestion. So there is a need to ensure the male population of healthy women who have undergone medical examination.

The main problem is in the fact that prostitution is not legalized in our society (that means lack of proper medical supervision), so men who use a sex service have a risk to be infected by a sexually transmitted disease.

Other countries' example shows that the legalization of prostitution is quite acceptable in the modern world. Prostitution is legalized in eight European countries (Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Greece, Turkey, Hungary and Latvia). In Asia prostitution is legal in Japan.

**Conclusions.** Prostitution as a social phenomenon has a negative side. However, the biological nature of man and his sexual needs turn prostitution into phenomenon that has a strong position. And losing these positions in a short term is unlikely to be possible.