

Hello, I just wanted to email you because I read one of your articles on the sex trade industry and how it is used to control and abuse women. I just want to add, as a former and very brief worker in the sex industry (which I deeply regret, nearly to the point of utter depression...) I truly believe that there need to be more stories out there being told by the women themselves.

We emphasize things in high school, like how important it is to go to university, and how important it is to stay away from drugs, and drinking, but in a culture where sex is everywhere, we never tell women how they may feel about themselves if they get involved with pornography, especially while attending university! I've noticed that lots of producers target college girls in particular, because they represent "young educated women who will do anything for a buck". There are so many basics involved, and tricks that even some of the most respectable women I've met have been lead into video shoots. And it's amazing the impact that men have on us, and the power they exert, even when they aren't a pimp. My wounds are going to take years to heal, and compared to some women of the world, I didn't even have it that bad, yet it tears me apart.

Someday soon, I hope to be able to write to universities studying this subject, and be able to speak freely to a female audience about my experience. I'm not a religious person, but I do believe that things can happen for a reason, and maybe somehow I can save a few girls from going down a path they will regret. No matter how brief that road may be, it's a haunting road that leaves you without much dignity as a woman. I cannot express enough the paranoia etc that goes along with having been in a pornographic film. I'm always afraid that one day, there will be that one creepy guy who recognizes me, and figures out where I live or where I buy groceries or whatever. I never could've imagined this fear before. Even fan mail made me cringe when I realized what these guys were really like. I mean, there are so many husbands out there writing these emails that would never dare say something like that to their wife. I think our society needs to take an honest open look at sexuality because suppression seems to be taken out on a few of us, if you know what I mean. It seems like there's lots of "decent" guys out there who would be strictly indecent if they had the opportunity with someone that they felt couldn't judge them (ex. a "whore" as they would say).