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WHAT

**Pornography Production Harm in Sweden:
Filmed Prostitution is Inseparable from Non-Filmed Prostitution**

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With a stellar group of Swedish and international survivors, researchers, and advocates we offer the first look at groundbreaking Swedish research on the connections between pornography and trafficking, based on findings from a 3-year research study of 104 women and men in the pornography sex trade. A few highlights:

81% of pornography was produced on *cell phones*
84% of interviewees were *raped* in prostitution and pornography
64% were filmed in pornography *without their consent*
71% were *coerced* into performing sex acts they did not want to perform
77% had *head injuries* from their involvement in pornography production.
54% had been *threatened via text* and 39% were *doxed*.
25% reported *organized crime* involvement in pornography production

When prostitution is filmed, it causes very high rates of *PTSD and dissociation*, conditions associated with overwhelming stress.

We name the *websites, applications, and banks* involved in Sweden's pornography production

We discuss *legal actions* in 3 other countries aimed at stopping the impunity of pornpimps.

A few quotes from pornography production survivors

"When it comes to porn, a lot of people think that there will be a studio. It could just as well be a filmed abuse. The viewer will never know. The viewer could never know if there is a consent. And, even if there was a consent, the consequences are still there."

"The same person who sold me - he was also there to film me. So he was both a pimp and a porn producer, he was a sort of jack-of-all-trades."

"Pornography can haunt you for years. Films can be made public and destroy everything - relationships and jobs."

"Pornography is heartbreaking in many ways. You are nobody, a punching machine, a wank glove, but not a human being."

Everyone who buys sex is a rapist.

Prostitution taught me nothing about sex but plenty about violent men.