Reading Questions for April 7

These questions cover three readings (don’t worry – they’re pretty short!). One, by Scott A Anderson, is called “Comment on ‘Is Prostitution Harmful?’”, the second, by Rosalind J McDougall, is called “Intrinsic Versus Contingent Claims About the Harmfulness of Prostitution” and the third, by Ole Martin Moen, is called “Prostitution and Harm: A Reply to Anderson and McDougall?” The answers do not have to be turned in. You will probably have to read more than once to get the answers.

Background:

On Monday and Wednesday we read an article by Ole Martin Moen defending prostitution. For today we’ll read two criticisms of his article, one by Scott A Anderson and the other by Rosalind J McDougall, and finally we’ll read a response to the criticisms by Moen.

Questions:

1. What are Anderson’s key criticisms of Moen? What are Moen’s responses? What do you think – who’s right and why?

2. What are McDougall’s key criticisms of Moen? What are Moen’s responses? What do you think – who’s right and why?