

Reading Questions for April 24

These questions cover a reading by Ole Martin Moen called “Is Prostitution Harmful?” The answers do not have to be turned in. You will probably have to read more than once to get the answers. Today’s reading covers page 76 through the end of the article.

*Background:*

We will spend the next three days discussing prostitution. We have started by reading an article by Ole Martin Moen which is, to some extent, defending prostitution. Today we’re going to finish the Moen article. Next Monday we’ll read two criticisms of his article, one by Scott A Anderson and the other by Rosalind J McDougall, then we’ll read a response to the criticisms by Moen.

*Questions:*

1. In his section “The male dominance argument argument” (page 76-7) Moen states and criticizes the male dominance argument. What is the argument? What are his criticisms? Are his criticisms plausible?
2. In his section “The selling one’s body argument argument” (page 78) Moen states and criticizes the selling one’s body argument. What is the argument? What are his criticisms? Are his criticisms plausible?
3. In his section “The selling one’s soul argument” (page 79) Moen states and criticizes the selling one’s soul argument. What is the argument? What are his criticisms? Are his criticisms plausible?
4. What are Moen’s key points in the section titled “Costs and Benefits” (pages 79-80)? Are they plausible?