

Reading Questions for April 27

These questions cover three (extremely short) readings: one by Scott A Anderson called “Comment on ‘Is Prostitution Harmful?’”, one by Rosalind J McDougall called “Intrinsic Versus Contingent Claims About the Harmfulness of Prostitution” and one by Ole Martin Moen 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:*

We have been spending the last several days discussing prostitution. We’ve already 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, then we’ll read a response to the criticisms by Moen. If we have extra time at the end, we’ll also discuss how this issue connects to the other ones we’ve talked about.

*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?