

Many times when people here the word prostitute that associate it with a negative stigma. They rarely take the time to analyze why a person became a prostitute in the first place. Every prostitute has a story and deserve to be heard. They deserve to be free from the eyes of the world that would look down upon them. The enigmatic plight of the prostitute is one that deserves to be looked at.

"One day, a [US] serviceman offered the manager a "bar-fine" for me. I refused, saying that I was just a waitress. The manager told me that if I didn't go, I would lose my job. "He threatened to withhold my transfer documents, papers releasing me from his employment and allowing me to work elsewhere. I was scared that my children and I would end up homeless and hungry, so I reluctantly agreed." This quote is from a woman named Alma who worked at a restaurant in Olongapo City that was the home of a upcoming US military base in the 1980s. She continues: "When women are not given equal opportunities for employment or education, their options are limited and they grow desperate. Because women are often viewed as powerless sex objects they are constantly driven into the sex industry. "(Elgot)

Alma's case is like many in America. Many woman are forced into sex work against their will or because things have gotten desperate and the only way they can make money in their minds is through prostitution.

Another case is Rebecca. "I was abused by my step-father from the age of six. I

told my mother but she didn't care. She was just concerned about me not getting pregnant. "There was a club in our town where if you were a girl and under 16, the bouncers would let you in for free at the end of the night. "My friend, who, like me, was completely f**ked up and hated the world, took me there. It was strange because we were told to sit at the bar, not talk to each other and were given lots of cocktails. "It all felt very sophisticated. I was 14. On that first night some men took me to a flat and gang raped me for 6 hours. "There was a queue of men outside the door; one would finish and another would come in. "Now, when I look back, it feels like it was a test to see if I would be a good prostitute. I don't know how I made it out alive."(Elgot)

Prostitution is not as black and white as some people think it is. It is a field that in my opinion no woman or man wants to go into but hard times or circumstances force them into that line of work. We should examine the laws in this country to better protect these men and women who are in this field.

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