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**THE FEMINIST MORAL ANALYSIS OF SEX WORK**

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**Abstract**

The representation of the sex worker as the victim subject is a transnational phenomenon. In the academic discussion of sex work, the question of the possibility of harm and agency has always been dominated. The construction of the sex worker has often been formulated purely based on victimization, economic disempowerment, and abuse. In particular, female sex workers are supposed to have a small amount of agency or, in some cases, have no agency at all. However, an important portion of academic writings shows otherwise. Pro-sex work proponents frequently criticize abolition feminists' claim that female sex workers are victims of patriarchy, and they face several difficulties in exercising their agency while working in the sex industry. This article offers an in-depth exploration of philosophical perspectives on the moral dimensions of agency in sex work, analysed through the feminist lens. A feminist moral analysis of sex work, particularly through the lens of power dynamics, examines how societal structures and relationships of power impact the agency, autonomy, and well-being of individuals engaged in sex work. This article delves into the multifaceted concept of agency within the realm of sex work, aiming to challenge dominant narratives and misconceptions. I conclude this article by showing that sex workers can find creative ways to develop and manifest their agency and establish themselves as rational, intentional, resilient, and goal-oriented workers within the sex industry. Sex workers are qualified as real workers, and they also have control over their working lives and, most importantly, are not always passive victims of patriarchy without voices. Finally, it offers insights into the complexities of the capacity of sex workers to exercise their agencies and its transformative potential in reconstructing societal perceptions of sex work.

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