

As soon as I heard of SB61, I began following its progress. This is because I have devoted the majority of my time as of late to researching the global sexual enslavement and exploitation of women and girls. I've called the Kansas State Legislature many times. I was upfront about my wish to use an alias. Both of the individuals I spoke to about this jumped to the conclusion that I was doing so because my family or I had been directly affected by human trafficking. I assume the assumption was that I, my sister or mother had been sexually exploited or enslaved, something you may consider calling an act of prostitution or human trafficking depending, on your level of knowledge and/or position on the issue at hand. I didn't correct them. Although after the second time this mistake was made, I can safely assume that its stories you want or need.

*Ombeni (Congo)*

*Abducted two years ago when she was 16, Ombeni was kept as a concubine in the forests of eastern Congo. She became pregnant and at nearly nine months gestation, her captors cut her vagina with a machete, leaving the baby dead and abandoning the teenager in the forest. "I laid there for one week," Ombeni said. "Until insects came out of my body." Ombeni was eventually rescued by a woman who was foraging for food and made her way to a clinic for rape victims. (p.43)*

*Jill (United States)*

*For three years I was forced to let men rape me for Bruce's profit. During this time, I'd nearly been killed several times, including Bruce's failed attempt to perform an abortion on me after I'd become pregnant. In 1982, I entered a suburban Los Angeles hospital bleeding extensively from my vaginal area. On my wrists, ankles and neck were burns, cuts and scars. Having been hung from the ceiling by my wrists while my pimp attempted to abort a child that I was pregnant with, I was in shock and nearly unconscious when I was brought to the hospital. A broken, long neck beer bottle had been shoved into my vagina as the object to remove my fetus... (p.93)*

Can a minor engage in sexual acts with an adult without being raped? Can a woman or girl sell her rapist rape? And what is the price the rapists, exploiters and enslavers must pay?

Make no mistake, the issue of forced prostitution, or sexual enslavement and exploitation is one of the most recent blood lines in an ancient family history of sexual violence towards women. People often make statements about 'the civil rights movement of our day.' I'm surprised that women's rights are seen as a thing of a distant past or land. Perhaps it's the fact that sexual violence against women has been the civil rights issue of nearly every day that causes it to go so largely unnoticed and slowly attended to. Sexual enslavement and exploitation of women and girls is the civil rights movement of our day.

There is a war against women to varying degrees, in every nation, city, town and most homes. This is not an exaggeration. Lucky for us, this war will end. In the meantime, look around, look deeper, do the proper research, for time's sake. The questions you have before you aren't hard to answer. Women will not surrender. Most of us just refuse to kill to win. Suspend your belief. I don't hate men. When the tables are turned, the truth will be obvious, as history always is. What is your story?

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