

Sex Work Is Work

Toward a Framework for Easing
(Potential) Allies into Advocacy

Points of Entry

What tactics can we use to bring people into advocacy?

What can help people who only understand sex work as violating to understand it as an (imperfect, perhaps) place of agency?



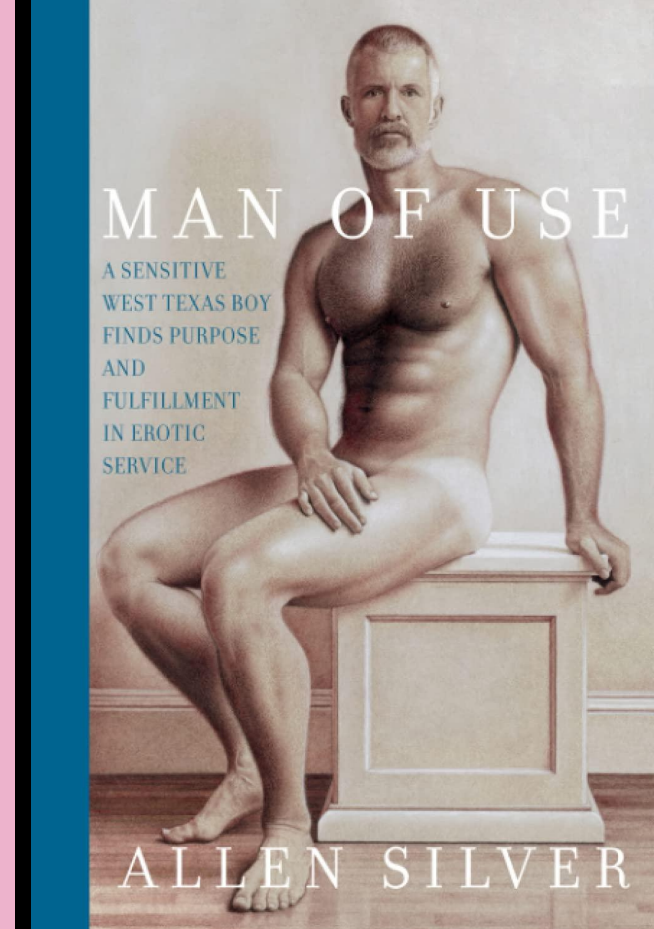
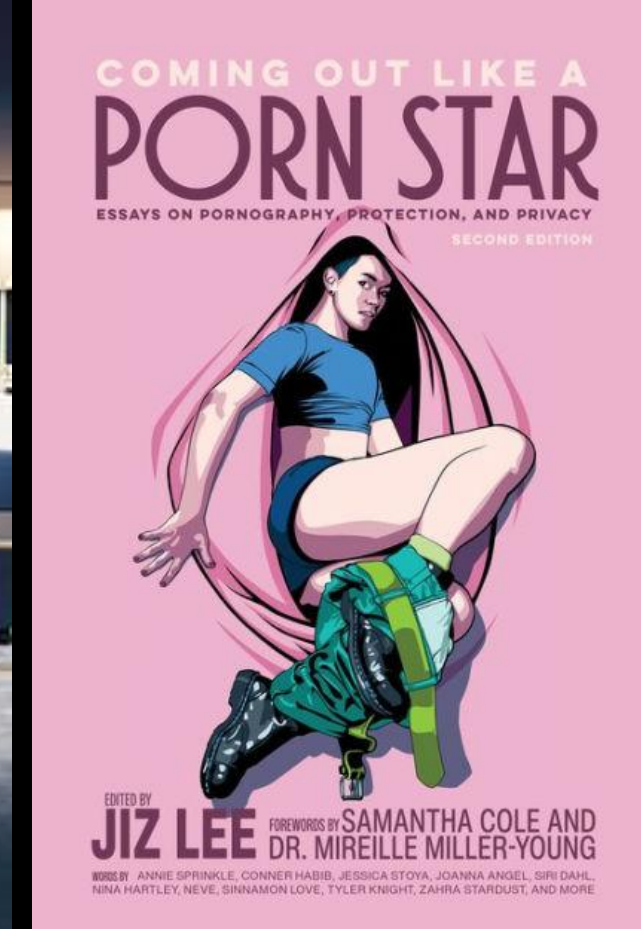
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Labor in Regulatory & Economic Systems



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- Researchers
 - Monique Huysamen: gender, sexuality, disability, neurodiversity, power, sex work
 - Alberto Cifuentes Jr.: inclusive and equitable policies/practices for sex workers
 - Rosa Cho: poverty, gender, low-wage work, harm from anti-trafficking efforts
 - Adam Robersmith: public intimacy, commonalities among various types of performers, including clergy, advocates, and sex workers
 - Meredith Ralson: women's studies, political studies, and sexual freedom/autonomy including sex work. Author of *Slut Shaming, Whorephobia, and the Unfinished Sexual Revolution* and "Sex Workers' Rights" on *The Conversation*.
- Resource for easy to read & share articles:
The Conversation
theconversation.com/topics/sex-work-3235

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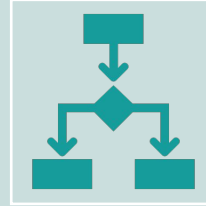
Many different types of study:
social, political, experience,
performance, and more

Some more accessible,
some less...

Sex Work as Labor

What is labor?

What social, legal, and economic systems shape the lives of laborers?



Agency, Choice, &
Need



Regulatory Systems



Economic Systems



Decriminalization: New Zealand



Legalization: Turkey & The Netherlands



Abolition: India & Spain



Neo-Abolition: Sweden (Nordic Model)



Prohibition: Most of the USA

Regulatory & Economic Systems

Different systems in use around the world

Economic restrictions (access to banking, credit, etc) are shaped by law, policy, and banking practices

Connect Person to Person

What is your relationship to the person?

What things do you have in common?

What bridges can you build between you?

Appeal to Their Moral Center

What do they care about most deeply?

How do they understand right and wrong?

What are their ethical/social/political commitments?

Appeal to Their Curiosity

What do they like to learn or discuss?

What draws their interest and why?

What makes them ask more and deeper questions?

Choosing Your Strategy