

Student Survey 2013

A snapshot of young student's views
about abuse, trafficking and
exploitation

Literature

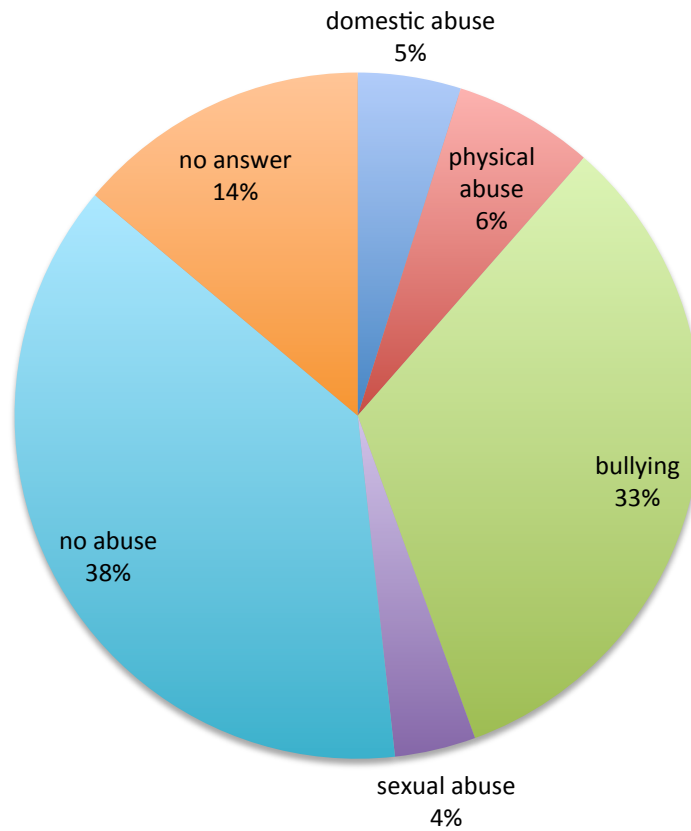
- Study involving students (n=130) found 10% knew other students involved in sex industry due to increasing financial problems Robert's et al (2007)
- Study Roberts et al (2010) found 16.5% of students (n=315) indicated a willingness to engage in sex work
- Roberts(2013) study involving 200 students found 6% said they were involved in sex industry to make ends meet
- Maher (2012) found students (in Victoria, Australia) used sex work to pay for their studies with pay better and hours more flexible than hospitality or services work.

Who took part?

- N = 556
- 288 male
- 268 female
- 10 in care
- 84% of males aged 25 or under
- 76% of females aged 25 or under
- Students from Dundee Colleges

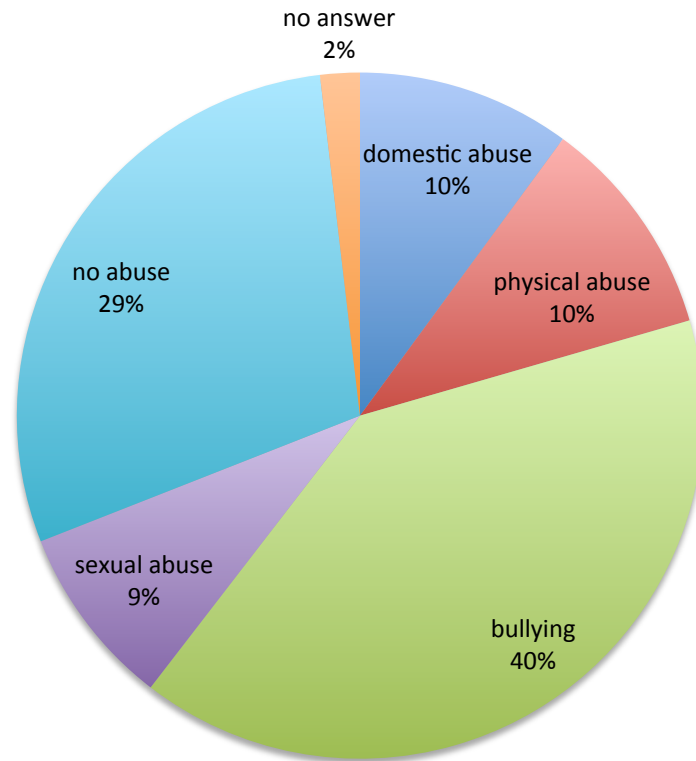
Abuse history

Abuse (Male)



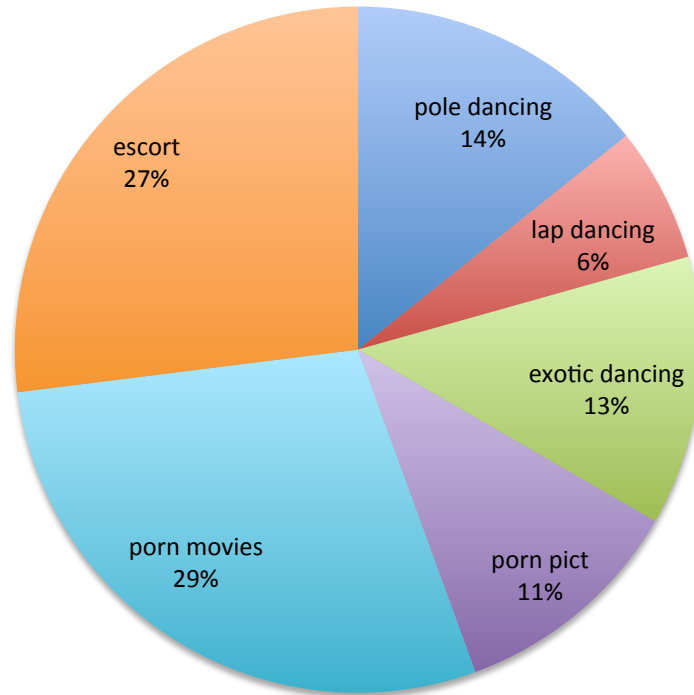
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Abuse Female



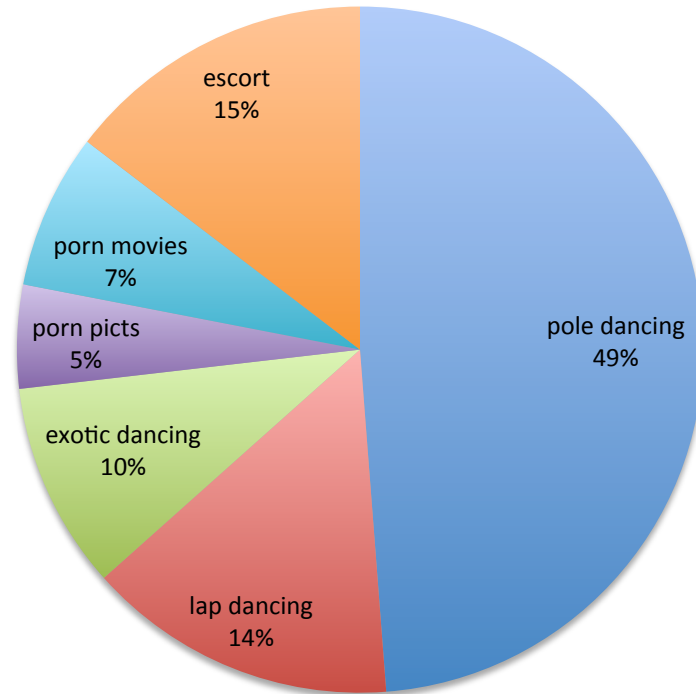
Considered working in sex industry?

males who would consider sex work

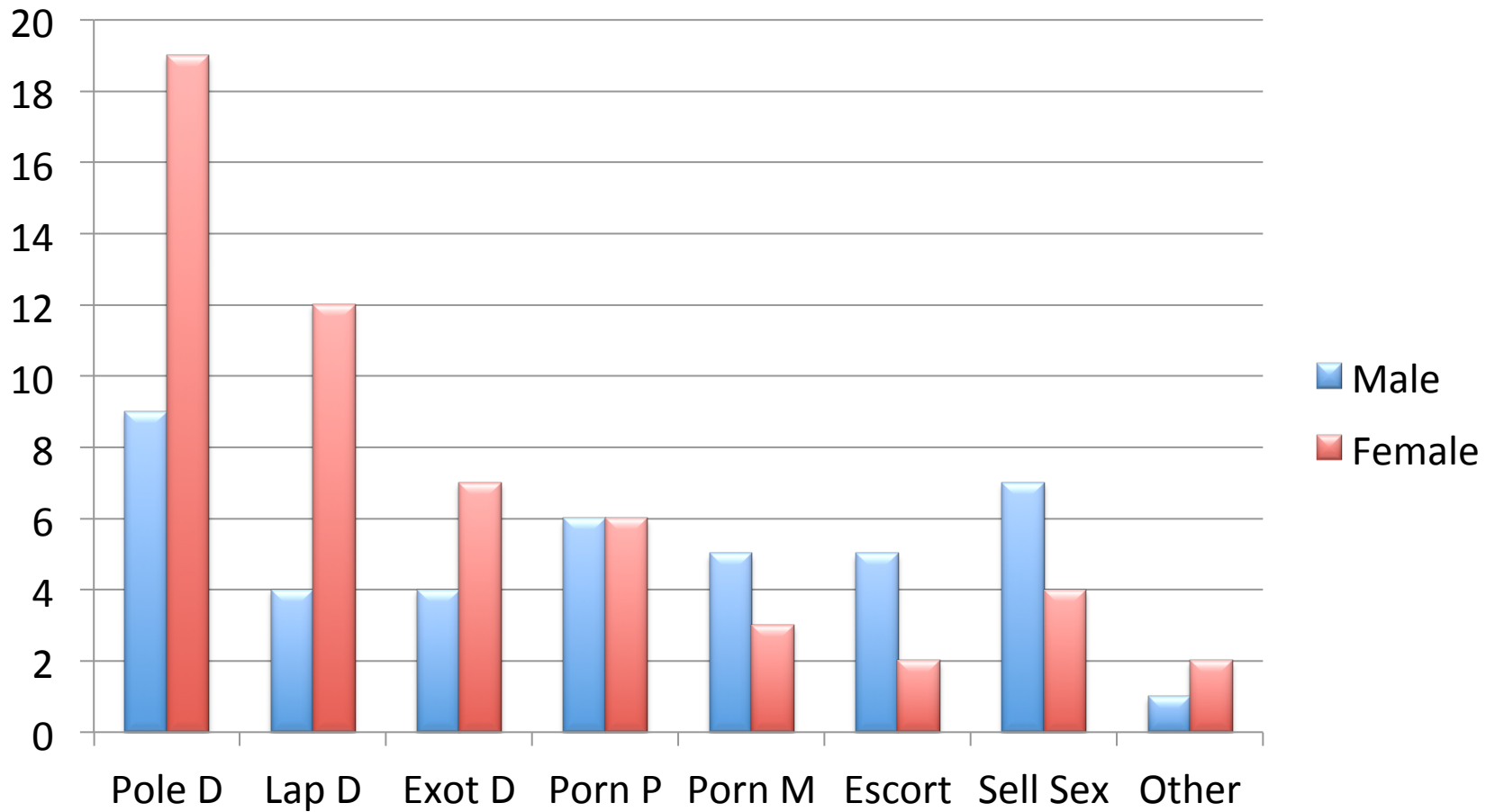


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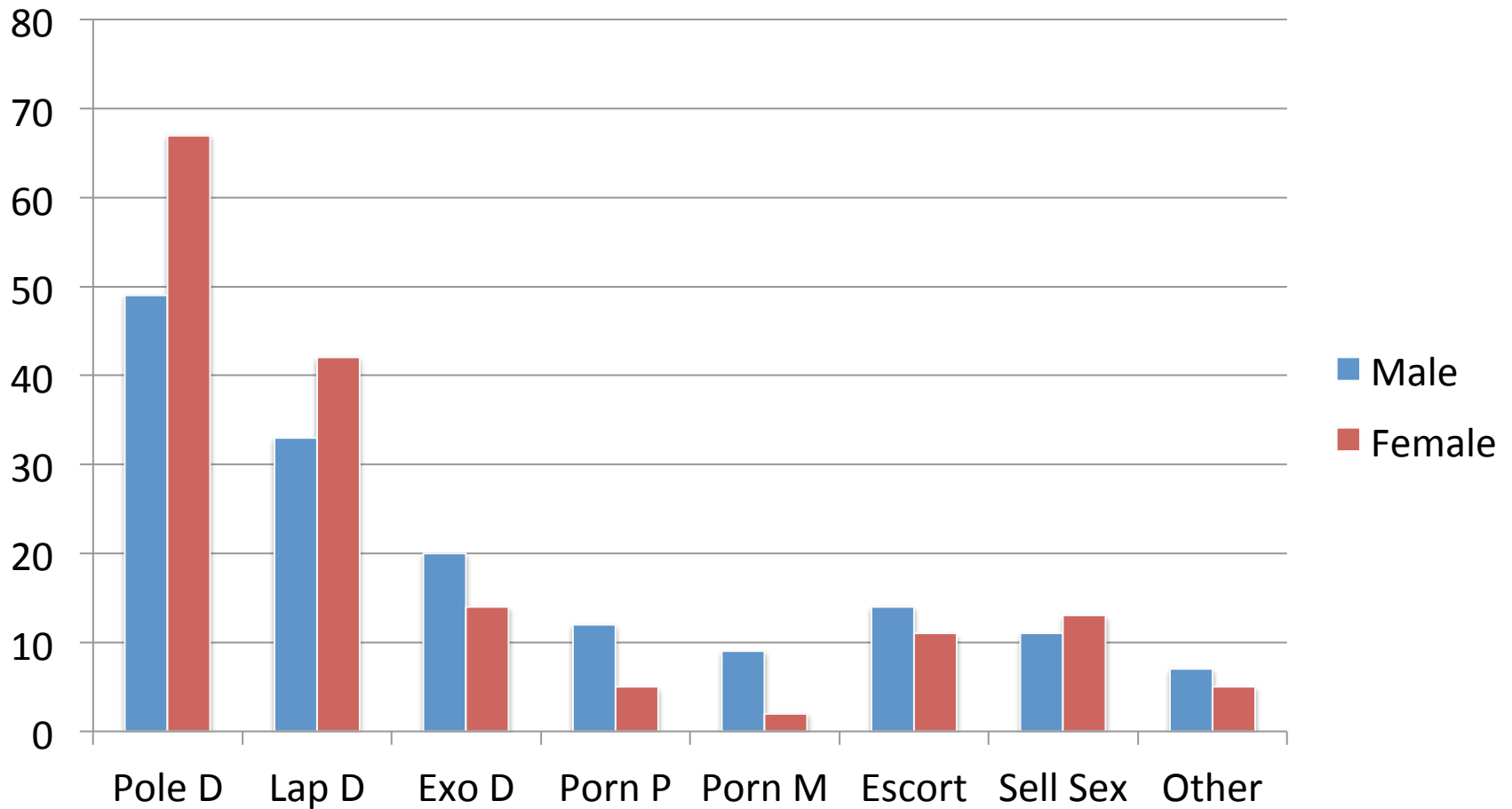
females who would consider sex work



Students asked to work in sex industry

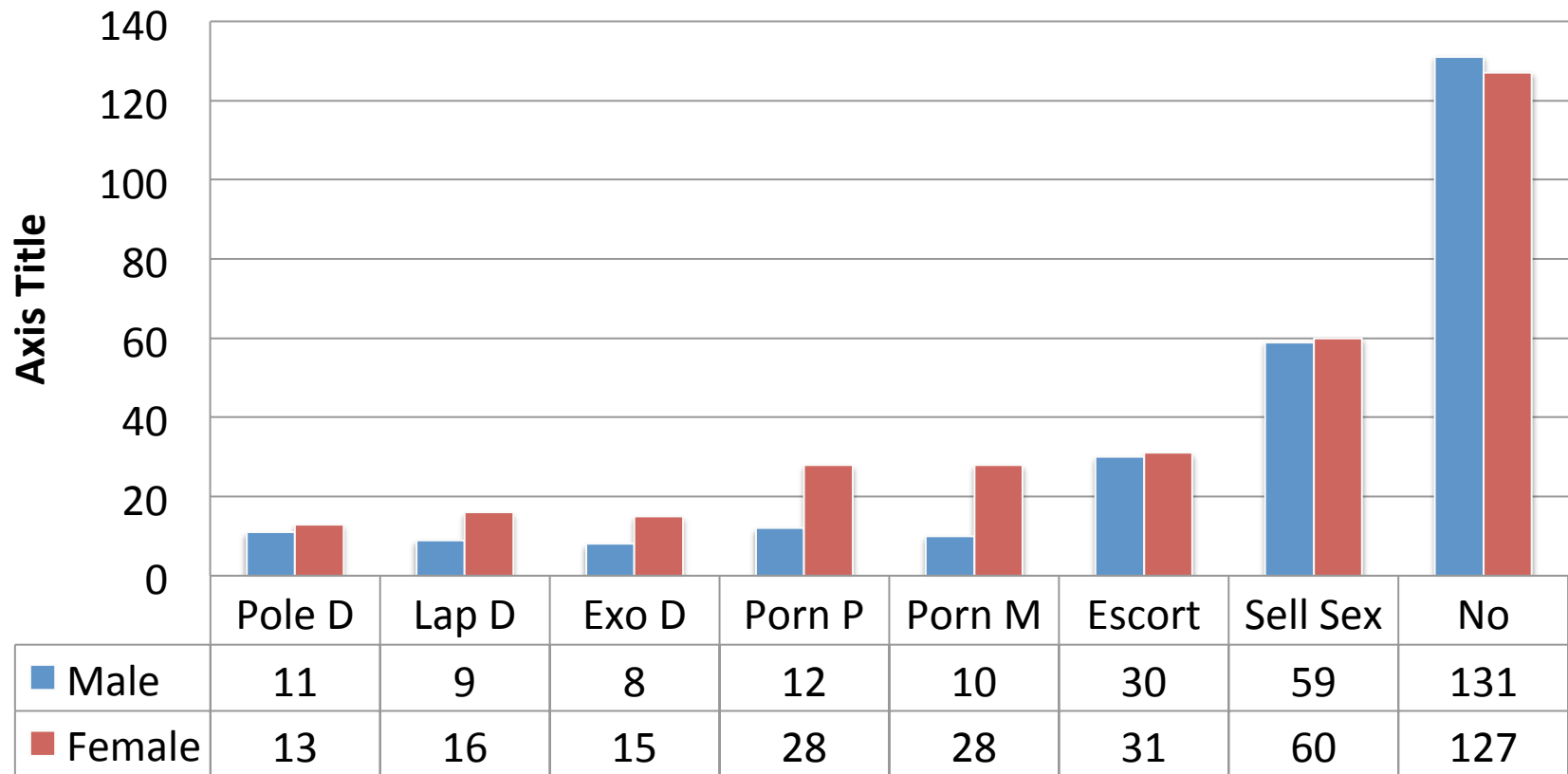


Know someone working in sex industry



Are you opposed to any particular part of the sex industry?

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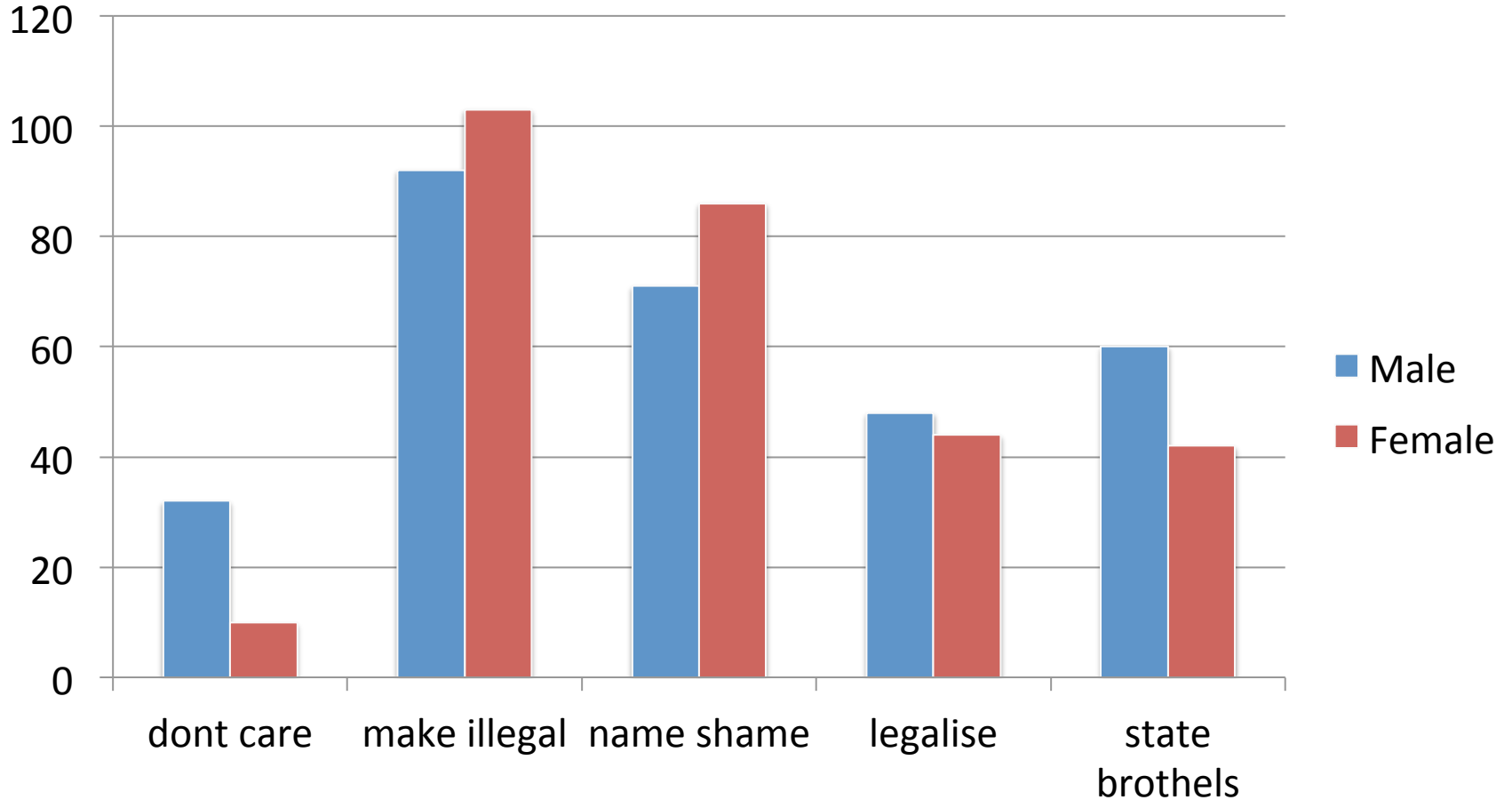
Comments (Men 28)

- “When people are desperate, desperate measures are taken, whilst sad that people may be lowered into any areas perhaps they need a safety net”
- “I think that they can be regulated so that they are safer so that people aren’t forced in to it”
- “As long as no one is forced or hurt or degraded I don’t oppose to these things”
- “Yes been to the strippers with my mates”
- “No people can live their life however they please”
- “I oppose those who have been forced to do such”

Comments (Females 45)

- “Don’t like anything like this”
- “It’s degrading and unnecessary”
- “Not entirely, if it’s a person’s choice and they feel like they wish to do that job then they can. If they’re forced, they should seek help.”
- “It’s a personal choice”
- “If a woman wants to do this, she should be able to do so. I don’t have a problem with it.”
- “I feel that porn related business is degrading and inappropriate”
- “Worked at Private Eye for 2 years”

How to reduce street prostitution



How do we reduce street prostitution?

- State brothels - Making something illegal doesn't solve problems
- State brothels – at least provide safety for the girls
- Would make it safer for the prostitutes if it was legalised
- Legalising it would give women and male escorts safety and protection
- Name and shame- get the pimps
- Help on offer to support sex workers
- Provide support networks for the women to change their lives
- Rehab facilities should be provided for those involved
- Additional comments included naming and shaming the prostitutes

Human Trafficking Awareness



How can we stop human trafficking (from comments)

- Raised awareness and high profile campaigns
- Early intervention and prevention work in schools and other educational institutes
- Stiffer penalties including longer sentences and possible death penalty
- Stricter border patrols and control of immigration
- More police, CCTV, etc
- Support, funding and help for victims
- It can never be stopped and will always happen

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