

2016 PRESIDENTIAL  **CANDIDATE SURVEY**
ON SEXUAL EXPLOITATION 
DIRECTED BY NATIONAL CENTER ON SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

AMERICA NEEDS A PRESIDENT WHO WILL TAKE A STAND AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.

Every individual has an inherent right to sexual justice—freedom from sexual exploitation, objectification, and violence. A country that espouses principles of respect and equality cannot simultaneously advance policies that foster sexual abuse and degradation. Sex trafficking, pornography addiction, sexual assault, and more, are issues significantly impacting American citizens, families, and communities, necessitating that the full spectrum of sexual harm be addressed on a national level. Accordingly, National Center On Sexual Exploitation has developed the 2016 Presidential Candidate Survey on Sexual Exploitation to gauge the positions of all presidential candidates in order to better inform voters of the candidates' level of commitment to ending the pandemic of sexual exploitation in the United States.

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★ IF ELECTED PRESIDENT, ★

- YES NO
1. As evidenced by the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Annual Report, America has a significant sex trafficking problem. If elected president will your administration redirect resources to determine all factors contributing to sex trafficking, as well as allocate the law enforcement resources necessary to aggressively combat the demand for commercial sex?
- YES NO
2. If elected president will you ensure the continuation of National Security Presidential Directive-22 preserving the federal government's abolitionist approach to combating sex trafficking?
- YES NO
3. The Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons of the U.S. State Department is at the helm of our nation's efforts to combat human trafficking. The position of Ambassador-at-Large for Trafficking in Persons is therefore one of great importance in the effort to eradicate sex and labor trafficking. If elected president will you nominate to the position of Ambassador-at-Large for Trafficking in Persons an individual who is committed to combating all forms of human trafficking (sex and labor trafficking), who will emphasize the role of demand for commercial sex in the sex trafficking phenomenon, and who will vigorously support National Security Presidential Directive-22?
- YES NO
4. Backpage.com and similar sites are major facilitators and profiteers of sex trafficking via on-line advertising. If elected president will you support the efforts of the National Association of Attorneys General in their call for Congress to amend the Communications Decency Act of 1996, which, as some courts interpret, allows companies such as Backpage.com to profit from the child and adult sex trade?
- YES NO
5. The consumption of adult pornography by a widespread segment of the American public has caused an emerging public health crisis that manifests itself in sex and pornography addiction of men, women, and children, child sexual exploitation, violence against women, and sexual dysfunction. If elected president will you direct the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services to undertake a major effort to abate the effects of pornography addiction?
- YES NO
6. As a result of the failure of previous administrations to enforce federal adult obscenity laws, the United States is being inundated with pornography, much of which normalizes sex with children and which is increasing violent and abhorrent. Federal obscenity laws prohibit distribution of hardcore pornography on the Internet, on cable/satellite TV, on hotel/motel TV, in retail shops, and by common carrier. If elected president will you direct the U.S. Department of Justice to vigorously enforce federal obscenity laws.
- YES NO
7. Internet service providers in the United Kingdom block pornography to user accounts unless users specifically opt in to receive pornography. If elected president will you use your leadership position to encourage U. S. Internet service providers to adopt the UK "opt in" model and thus protect children and families from unwanted pornography?
- YES NO
8. In the last seven years, the Federal Communications Commission has issued only one enforcement action against a broadcaster for distribution of indecent material at the same time that broadcasters are featuring more and more sexually explicit or sexually suggestive content. If elected president will you insist that the FCC vigorously enforce the federal indecency law designed to protect children from damaging sexual content and appoint commissioners committed to fulfilling this mission?
- YES NO
9. A federal statute (18 U.S.C. §2259) requires that, in child sexual exploitation cases, a defendant must pay restitution for "the full amount of the victim's losses." That works for crimes in which a defendant directly causes specific harm to a victim, but child pornography crimes are different. "Amy" and "Vicky" are the victims in two of the most widely-distributed child pornography series in the world. On April 23, 2014, in *Paroline v. United States*, which reviewed Amy's case, the Supreme Court found that the existing restitution statute is not suited for cases like theirs. The Amy and Vicky Act creates an effective, mandatory restitution process for victims of child pornography. If elected president will your administration encourage Congress to pass this bill as quickly as possible so that you can sign it into law, and victims of child pornography may receive the restitution they rightly deserve?
- YES NO
10. Prostitution is a system whereby individuals are supplied as public sexual commodities and which preys upon vulnerable members of society. Decriminalization of prostitution in no way rectifies the conditions of inequality, abuse, violence, and dehumanization which animate prostitution—it tragically assents to them. Full decriminalization of prostitution grants impunity to pimps, morphing them into "sexual-oriented business entrepreneurs," and transforms sex buyers into respectable "clients." If elected president will your Departments of Justice and State give guidance to the U.S. states and foreign governments advising against the full decriminalization of prostitution and against the normalization of prostitution as "sex work"?

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