

The Myths About Strip Clubs

How can we be shocked by 'The President's Club' if we think Strip Clubs are OK?

'Strippers are Loaded'

SOME may make good money but performers only get £20 a lap dance yet must pay to work in clubs, give back a portion of takings, buy expensive 'House Clothes', work quiet nights, pay their cab fares home & are fined frequently. Clubs invariably have far too many performers to punters, making it even harder to make that £20.

"Some nights it is possible to actually lose money" Lucy, ex lap dancer

It's Empowering

SOME WOMEN may find lap dancing empowering, especially when they first start. How can they not? Society constantly tells girls from a very young age that being desirable is *how* women are empowered. Funny how no *man* ever 'got empowered' by stripping.

"When I started, I thought I was in control .. empowered. I now see it was a form of sexual exploitation" ex dancer, anonymous

It's a Choice

WOMEN OFTEN go into stripping through *lack* of choice, as single mums or with student debts and, of course, without knowing any negatives of the industry.

You'll Put Women into Poverty

ACTUALLY it's Lap Dancing that tends to put women into poverty. Most performers would be much better off financially & emotionally working in the bar or café that sets up once a strip club shuts down. Dancers are very capable, engaging young women isn't it somewhat patronising to suggest they couldn't possibly get a job anywhere else?

It's Harmless Fun

RESEARCH shows that most performers are harassed, or worse, in clubs. A dozen clubs have shut in the last 2 years because of assaults, prostitution and links with trafficking. Undercover journalists reveal a catalogue of abuse. Clubs can create 'no go zones' in their vicinity. And they promote hugely damaging attitudes towards women in wider society.

"It was dehumanising and soul destroying" Liz, ex lap dancer

The Truth About Strip Clubs

“You can go in there and shop for a piece of meat” *punter*

Seven years ago strip clubs were licensed like cafes, the industry exploded and we have been dealing with the consequences ever since. They are now licensed for what they are - part of the commercial sex industry.

What is Lap Dancing? A LAP DANCE involves full nudity, exposed genitals and typically straddling punters and grinding on their laps. This often happens in private booths or cubicles.

“There’s only one reason you have a cubicle .. It’s because touching is going on and all sorts” Bristol Club Manager

So? SO lap dancing is basically ‘paid for foreplay’. It tells men that they have the right and power to buy women sexually – peddling the attitudes of Harvey Weinstein and The President’s Club.

“With all this sexual harassment stuff going around these days, men need somewhere to go where they can act like they want” *punter*

Is That All? MEN who go to clubs are often drunk & expect much more than a dance whilst the club gives the illusion that much more will be provided. At the same time women may only make good money by providing ‘additional services’. So no, often that is not all.

“Groping at a seedy lap dancing club, isn’t that what you do at a seedy lap dancing club?” Tweet by *H-male, Cheshire*

But Clubs are Regulated THE LAW is supposed to give Councils the power to say no to strip club operators but they are often cowed by a powerful industry, which thinks nothing of court action if a license is not granted or not granted on their terms.

The Unregulated Strip THE LAW allows ‘occasional’ lap dancing without any license, regulation or control. This puts performers at even more risk & turns towns like Cheltenham into ‘walk through brothels’ during race season.