



Bitcoin and Other Delusions

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I would laugh at the libertarians and their pretensions of the use of "bitcoin" and other cybercurrencies, if the idea of people-created, cybercurrencies would not ultimately be used as an excuse for the mega-corporations to push for a world-wide, universally accepted--in reality compulsory--currency. This world-wide money--the "credit" of so many sci-fi stories--will--during the conversion from national to universal currency--destroy what is left of the middle class in the Western Democracies, and make 'bitcoin" and the rest *de facto* counterfeit money.

The libertarians and others seem to think that they can somehow hide out on the "dark web," the ninety percent of the Internet that is not accessible to the everyday user. What these "cybergurus" seem to not realize is that they are allowed an existence on the World Wide Web by various government agencies in the U.S. and elsewhere in order to hide the more nefarious schemes of those government agencies, and blame any disruption of the Web on these 'cybergurus." This is the impression that I have from years of keeping my eyes and ears open for pieces of information such as that publicized by "60 Minutes," the weekend of April 19, 2015. But how much of this is a diversion from other important matters?

We are all horrified with the police murders of so many males of Afro-American descent in the last month. Walter Scott, Justus Howell, Phillip White, Eric Harris, and Freddie Gray, have all died because of police arrogance and bigotry in the last month. But we ignore the multiple instances of sexual assault and rape against women in this country by law enforcement. Police

sexual misconduct is the second most commonly reported abuse of authority by law enforcement officers in this country, according to the [Cato Institute](#). This is almost certainly due to the American public's refusal to [recognize that women are victims of police misconduct in any form](#). As Tony Morrison so recently opined in Britain's [The Daily Telegraph](#), about whether racism is over in America, "...I want to see a white man convicted for raping a black woman. Then when you ask me, 'Is it over?', I will say yes." When I see white police officers convicted of raping prostitutes regularly, and not convicted of a lesser charge, then I will begin to believe that women have begun to make progress towards equal rights.

I hate to tell all of the second generation feminists out there this, but the sex workers--especially the prostitutes--are the canaries in the mine shaft. The vast majority of prostitutes, in spite of religious and law enforcement authorities attempts to convince us otherwise,[are not trafficked, did not start as under-aged runaways, and do not have pimps](#).

In my March 24, 2012 OpEdNews article "[Making Sex a Crime](#)," I pointed out that the total number of individuals trafficked into this country for all purposes, including sex, every year, is between [14,500 and 17,500](#). But trafficking of tens of thousands for sex makes better headlines, and scares the hell out of parents; who hear the wildly exaggerated numbers of [as many as 2.5 million people trafficked in this country every year](#) for sex, guarantees lavish budgets for the vice squads across the nation, even though it [exceeds law enforcement's own numbers for the total number of prostitutes in this country by 300 percent](#). The more realistic number, of around 1500, while still appalling, is barely worth the last page of the front section of the paper, and certainly not worth extravagant budget increases to the Vice Squad.

In my article, I wrote the following (words in brackets added for clarity):

"...[I]t is in demeaning the professional sex provider [prostitute] that we reach the real nexus of [so] many problems in American society: [violence, especially against women](#); equality, for women and everyone else in America; freedom, to live life as you want to, provided it causes no harm to others; basic human rights to food, shelter, clothing, medicine, education, a job that pays you a living wage that permits the attainment of these without having to work like a slave; and the right to better your own life as well as the lives of your children."

"One of the worst parts of the current programs of fighting against prostitution in the United States [and I would add today, elsewhere--RJG] is that they automatically assume the victimhood of the professional sex provider, making them a form of second class citizen. On top of that, and in a supreme piece of cruel irony, society in general, and both media and the government in particular, go out of their way to make the professional sex provider into a victim, even if they weren't one before."

Sex workers are not automatically intellectual or emotional children. They do not all come from backgrounds of abuse, or neglect, nor do they all have problems with substance abuse. In a society where women receive only 77 percent of the pay of a man for doing the identical job, and [where the glass ceiling is still too often either bullet-proof glass or surrender of your humanity](#), should we be surprised that women exploit men's desire for the different to make some cash, whether it's on a stripper's pole, a webcam, or in a motel room? Ask yourself, why do

you despise the sex worker: is it because of what she does, or because she represents a threat to your preconceived notions of how the world should be, influenced by America's Calvinist-Puritan heritage, or quasi-Marxist morality? If it's one of the later, I have one question for you:

Why do you hate individual freedom so much?

Think about it.