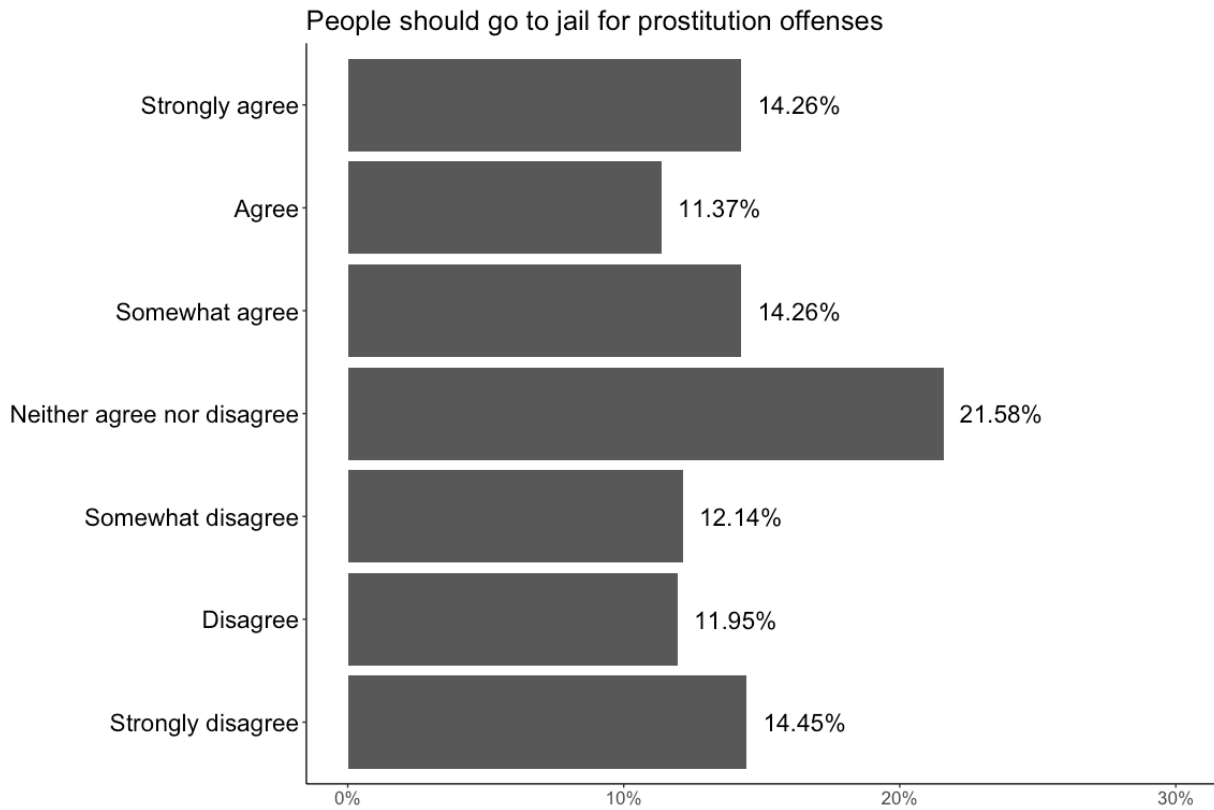


Variable	N (%)
Gender	
Male	205 (39.50%)
Female	314 (60.50%)
Race	
White	361 (69.56%)
Black	67 (12.91%)
Other	91 (17.53%)
Ethnicity	
Hispanic	122 (23.51%)
Not Hispanic	397 (76.49%)
Marital Status	
Never married	208 (40.70%)
Married	190 (37.18%)
Divorced/Separated/Widowed	113 (22.11%)
Sexual Orientation	
Heterosexual	447 (87.99%)
Not heterosexual	61 (12.01%)
Education	
High school degree	165 (32.16%)
Less than HS	13 (2.53%)
Some college	140 (27.29%)
2 Yr. degree	59 (11.50%)
4 Yr. degree	91 (17.74%)
Postgraduate degree	45 (8.77%)
Political Orientation	
Extremely conservative	8.83%
Conservative	10.27%
Slightly conservative	11.09%
Moderate, middle of the road	39.63%
Slightly liberal	6.98%
Liberal	12.32%
Extremely liberal	10.88%
Country region	
Southeast	150 (29.24%)
Midwest	104 (20.27%)
Northeast	94 (18.32%)
Southwest	78 (15.20%)
West	87 (16.96%)
Religion	
Christian	197 (38.48%)
Catholic/Orthodox	96 (18.75%)
Not religious	152 (29.69%)
Other religion	67 (13.09%)

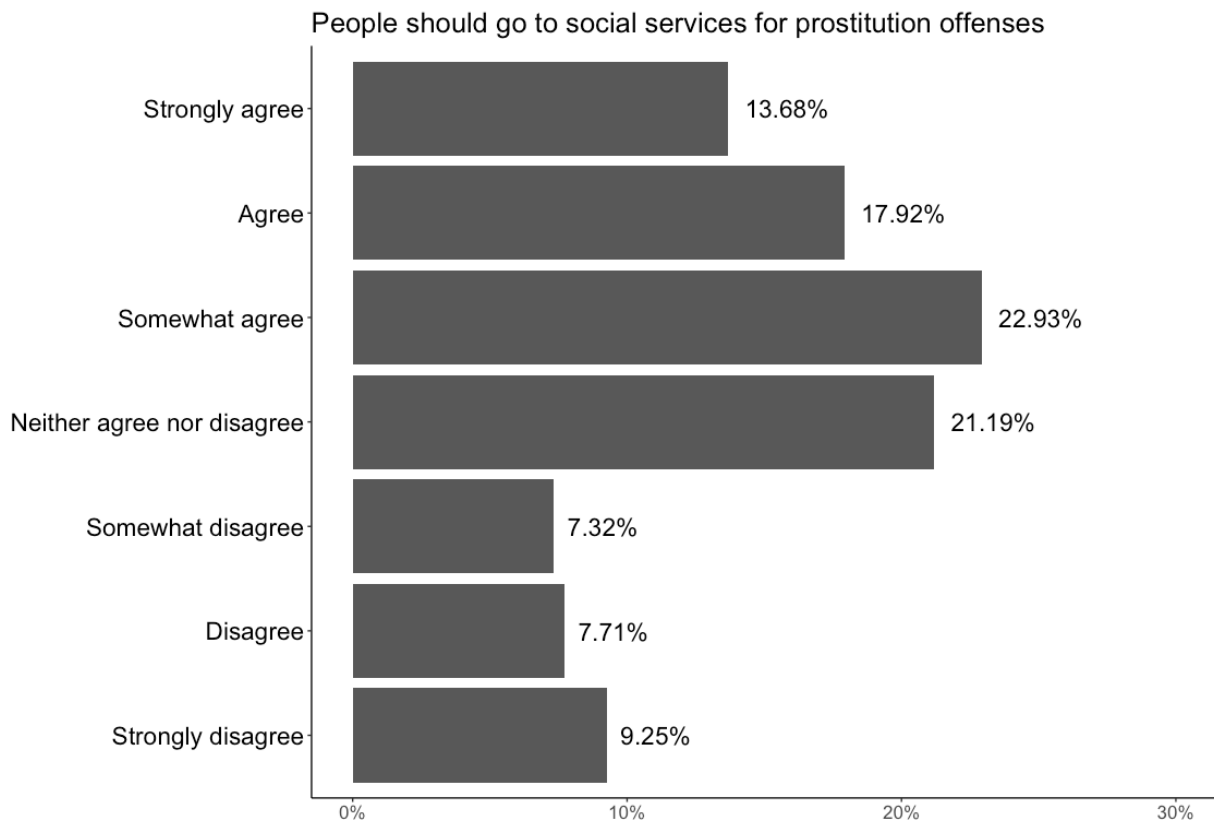
Total sample size 519

## Q: People should be arrested and go to jail for prostitution offenses



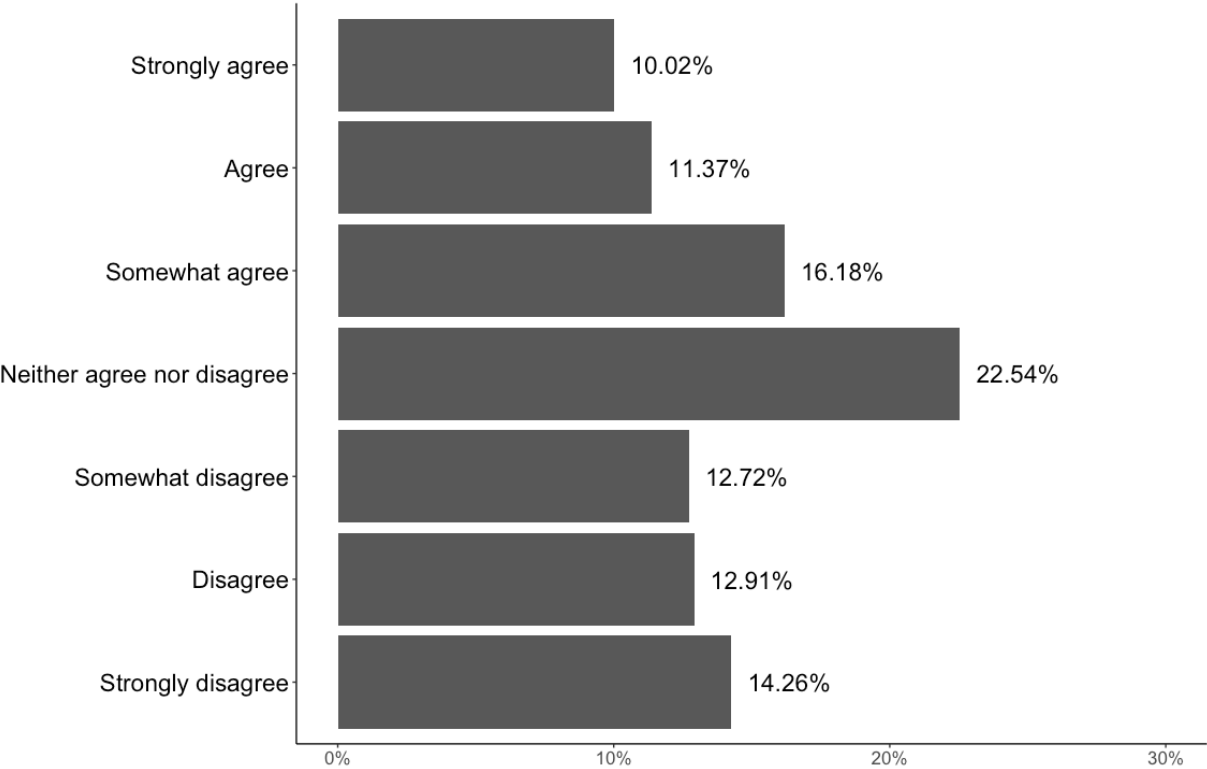
Response	#
Strongly agree	74
Agree	59
Somewhat agree	1749
Neither agree nor disagree	112
Somewhat disagree	63
Disagree	62
Strongly disagree	75

**Q: People should receive social services (i.e., medical and housing assistance, child support, educational/vocational training) instead of jail time for prostitution offenses**



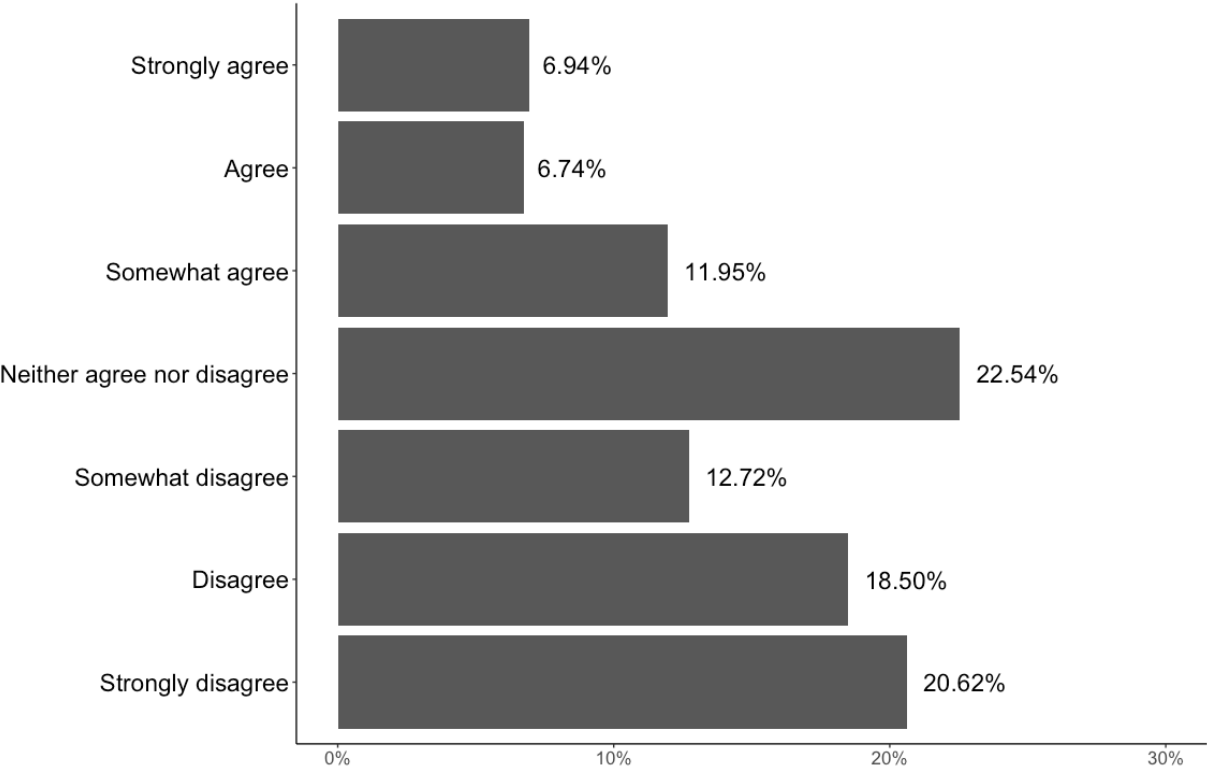
Response	#
Strongly agree	71
Agree	93
Somewhat agree	119
Neither agree nor disagree	110
Somewhat disagree	38
Disagree	40
Strongly disagree	48

**Q: Criminalizing prostitution is an effective way to address exploitation**



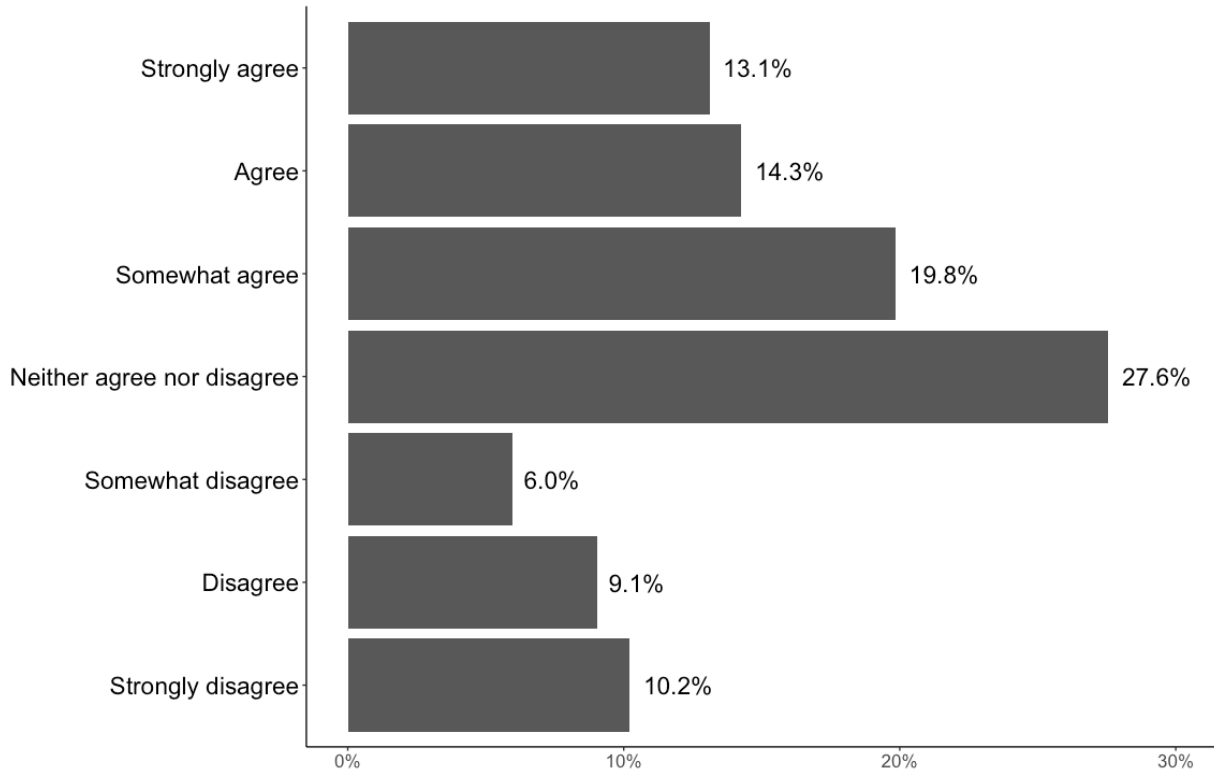
Response	#
Strongly agree	52
Agree	59
Somewhat agree	84
Neither agree nor disagree	117
Somewhat disagree	66
Disagree	67
Strongly disagree	74

**Q: Criminalizing prostitution keeps sex workers safe**



Response	#
Strongly agree	36
Agree	35
Somewhat agree	62
Neither agree nor disagree	117
Somewhat disagree	66
Disagree	96
Strongly disagree	107

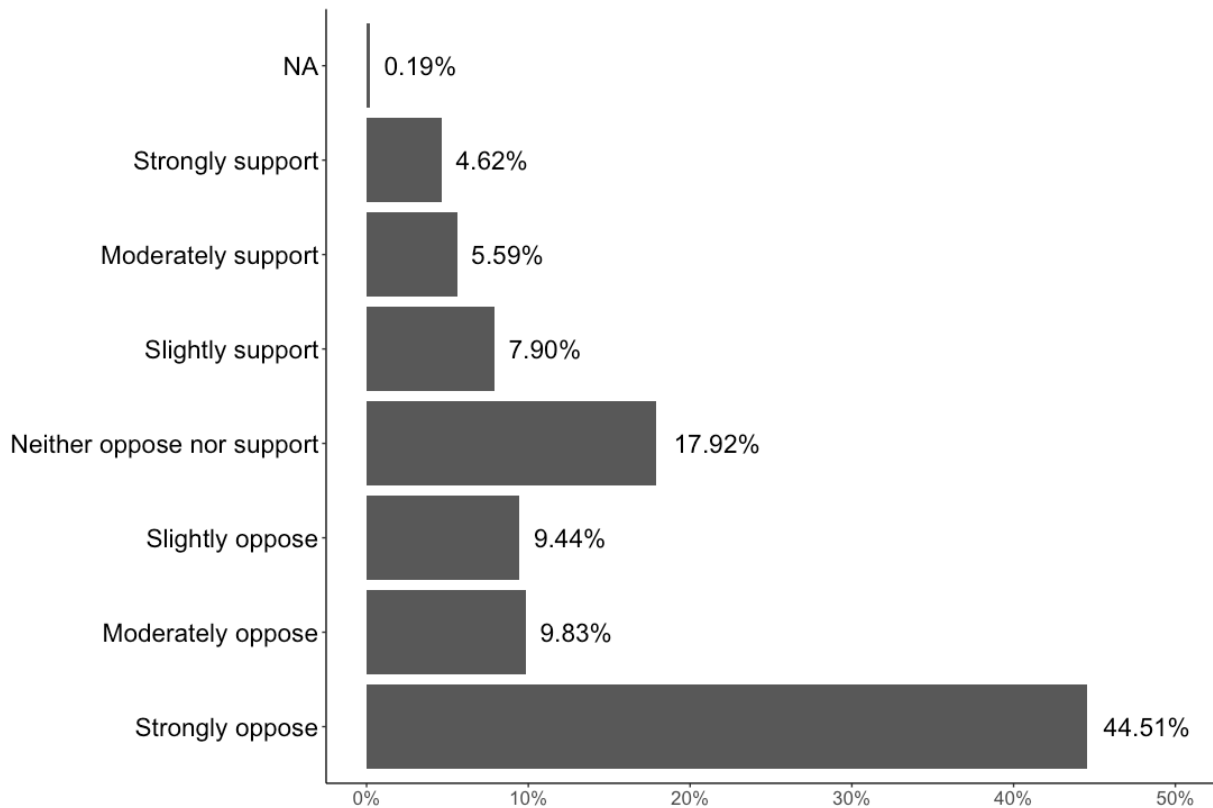
**Q: Prostitution regulations should be created by sex workers and sex trafficking survivors**



Response	#
Strongly agree	68
Agree	74
Somewhat agree	103
Neither agree nor disagree	143
Somewhat disagree	31
Disagree	47
Strongly disagree	53

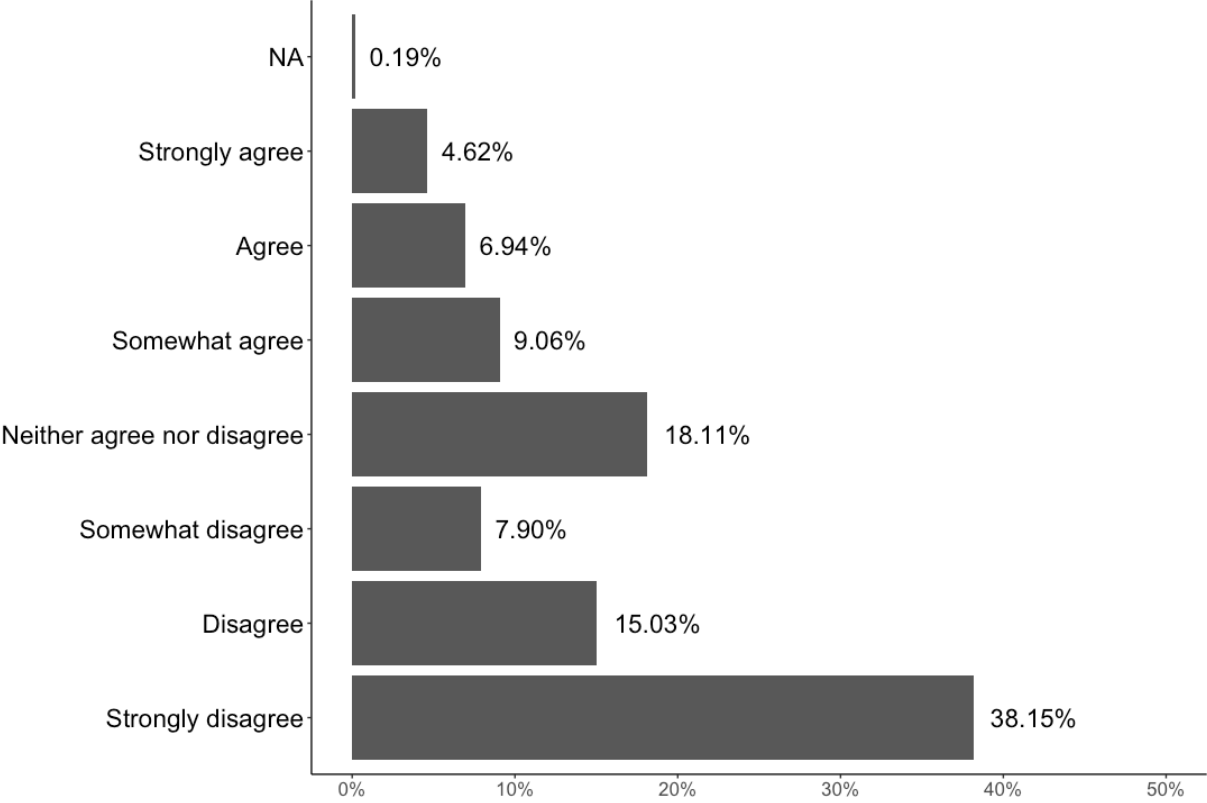
**Q: During undercover stings and raids, which plainclothes officers pose as potential customers, solicit sex workers, and then arrest them.**

**Do you support or oppose police being allowed to engage in sexual contact with sex workers during these stings?**



Response	#
Strongly support	24
Moderately support	29
Slightly support	41
Neither oppose nor support	93
Slightly oppose	49
Moderately oppose	51
Strongly oppose	231

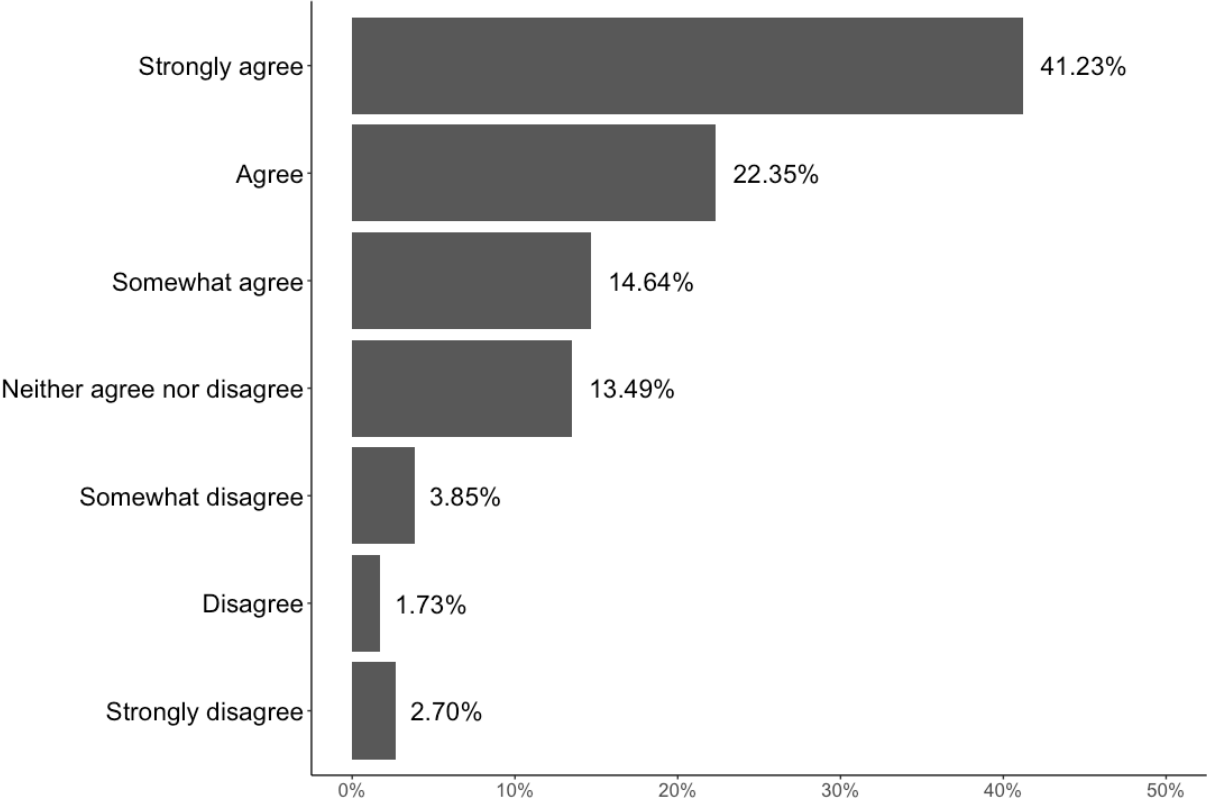
**Q: Police should be allowed to use possession of condoms as evidence that someone is engaging in prostitution**



Response	#
Strongly agree	24
Agree	36
Somewhat agree	47
Neither agree nor disagree	94
Somewhat disagree	41
Disagree	78
Strongly disagree	198



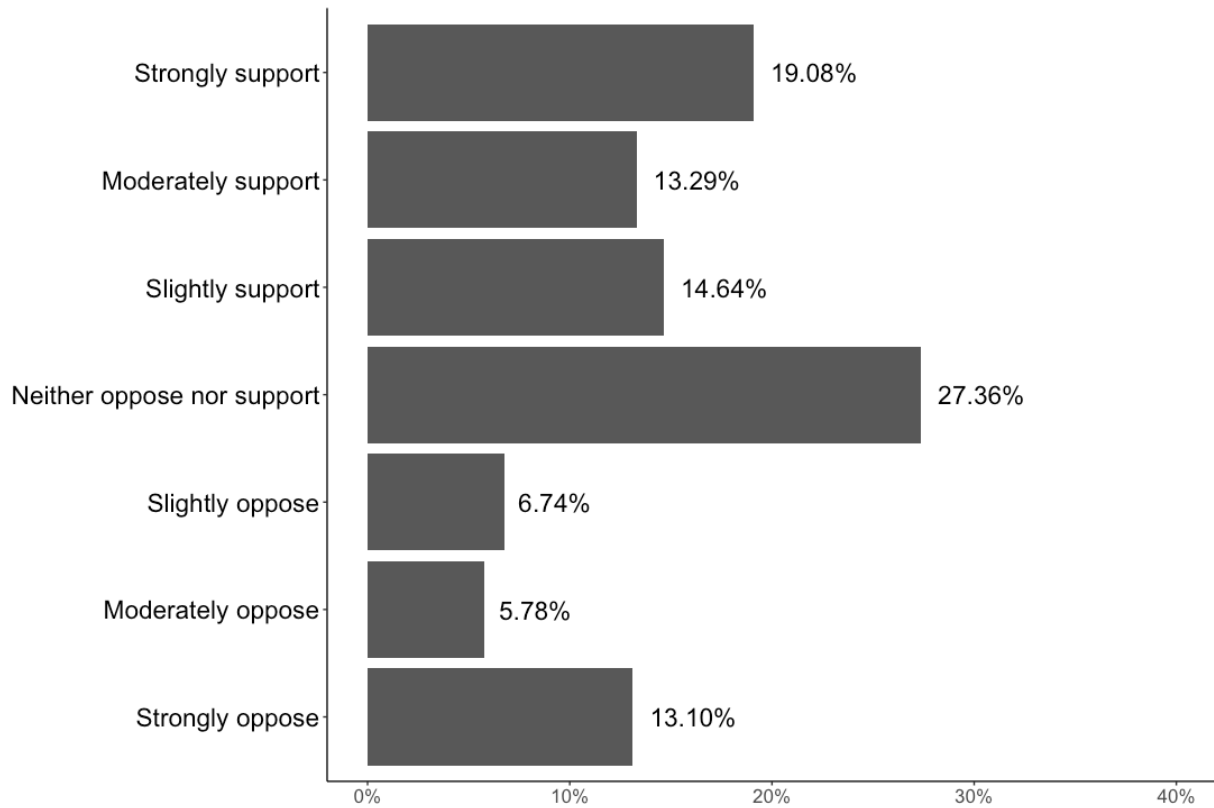
**Q: Sex workers should be able to report crimes like rape or sex trafficking to the police without being arrested for prostitution**



Response	#
Strongly agree	214
Agree	116
Somewhat agree	76
Neither agree nor disagree	70
Somewhat disagree	20
Disagree	9
Strongly disagree	14

## Decriminalizing Buying Sex

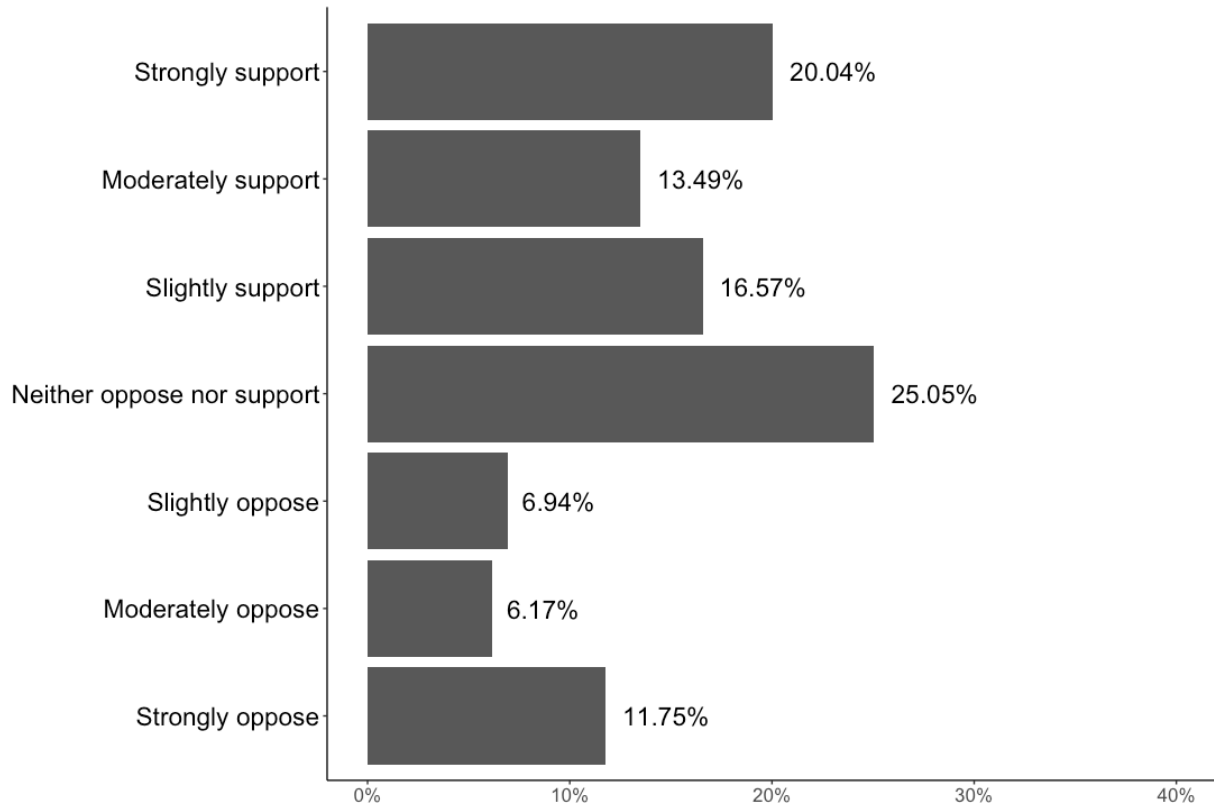
Q: Generally speaking, do you support or oppose a policy that decriminalizes *buying* sex between consenting adults (i.e., non-violent clients of sex workers)?



Response	#
Strongly support	99
Moderately support	69
Slightly support	76
Neither oppose nor support	142
Slightly oppose	35
Moderately oppose	30
Strongly oppose	68

## Decriminalizing Selling Sex

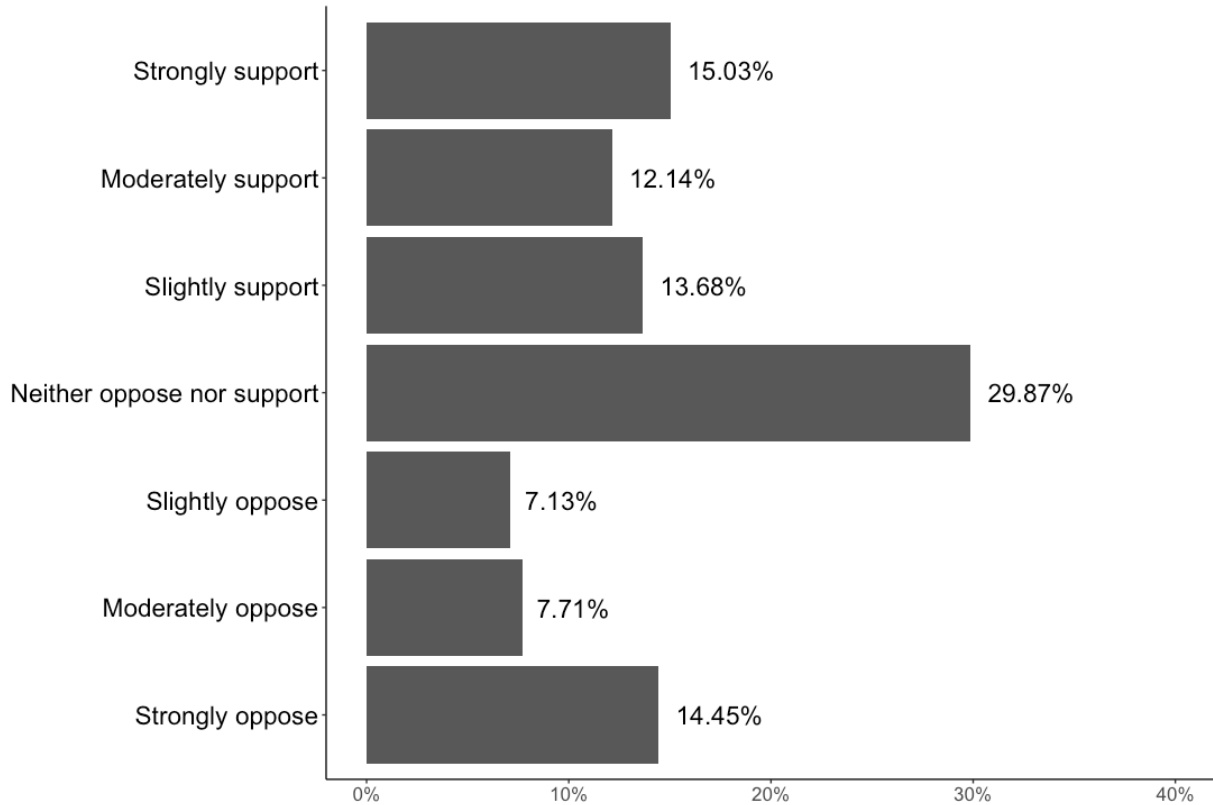
Q: Generally speaking, do you support or oppose a policy that decriminalizes *selling* sex between consenting adults (i.e., sex workers)?



Response	#
Strongly support	104
Moderately support	70
Slightly support	86
Neither oppose nor support	130
Slightly oppose	36
Moderately oppose	32
Strongly oppose	61

## Decriminalizing Third Parties

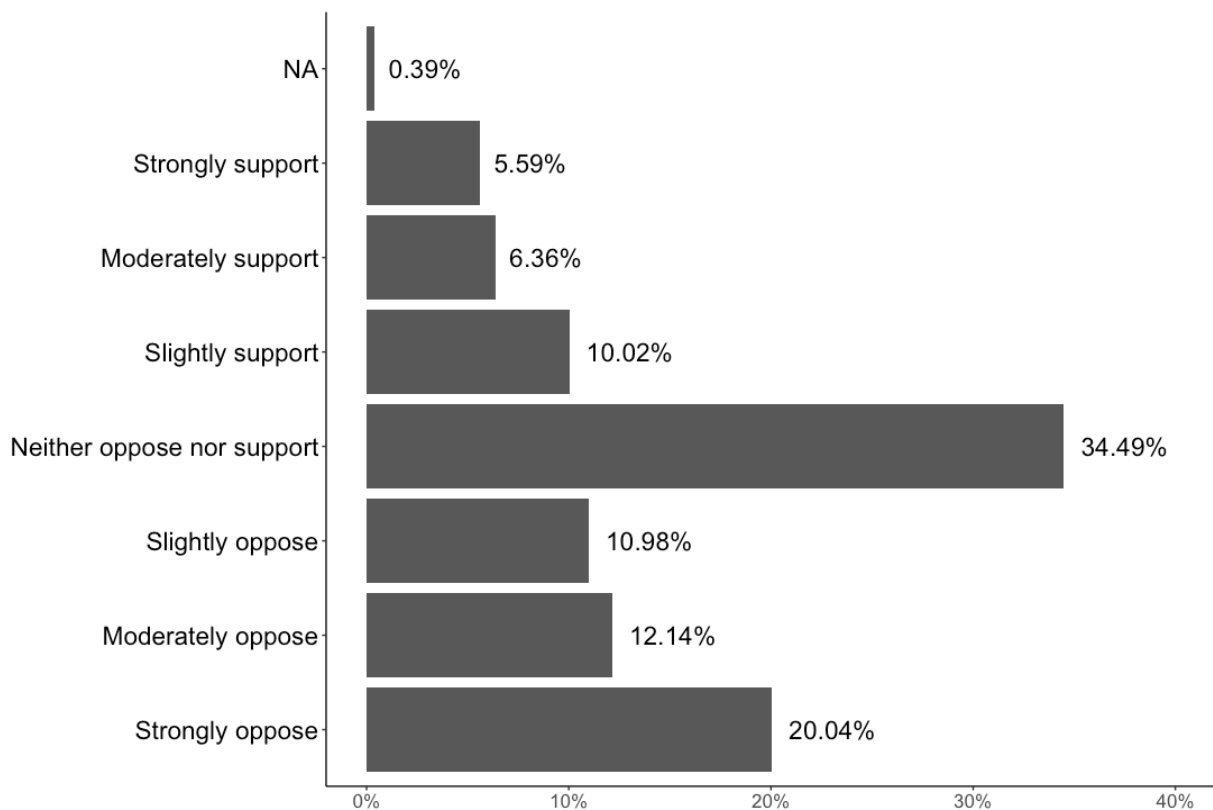
Q: Generally speaking, do you support or oppose a policy that decriminalizes third parties in commercial sex transactions (i.e., neither sex workers nor clients)? This can include people who schedule appointments, advertise, screen clients, and/or provide security to sex workers.



Response	#
Strongly support	78
Moderately support	63
Slightly support	71
Neither oppose nor support	155
Slightly oppose	37
Moderately oppose	40
Strongly oppose	75

## Nordic Model

Q: Generally speaking, do you support or oppose a policy that **decriminalizes selling** sex, but **criminalizes buying** sex between consenting adults?

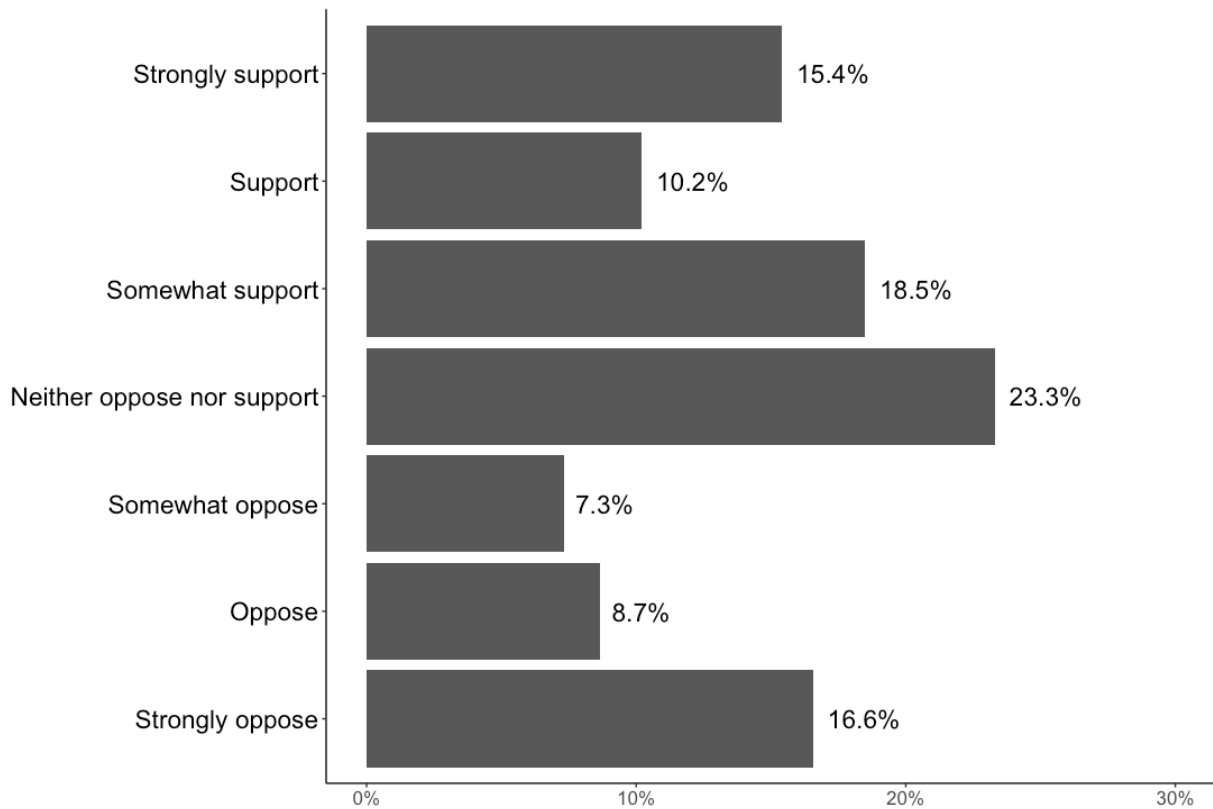


Response	#
Strongly support	29
Moderately support	33
Slightly support	52
Neither oppose nor support	179
Slightly oppose	57
Moderately oppose	63
Strongly oppose	104

## Brothel Sex Work

Q: Brothel prostitution is when commercial sex takes place within designated indoor premises.

What is your level of support for decriminalizing brothel prostitution between consenting adults?

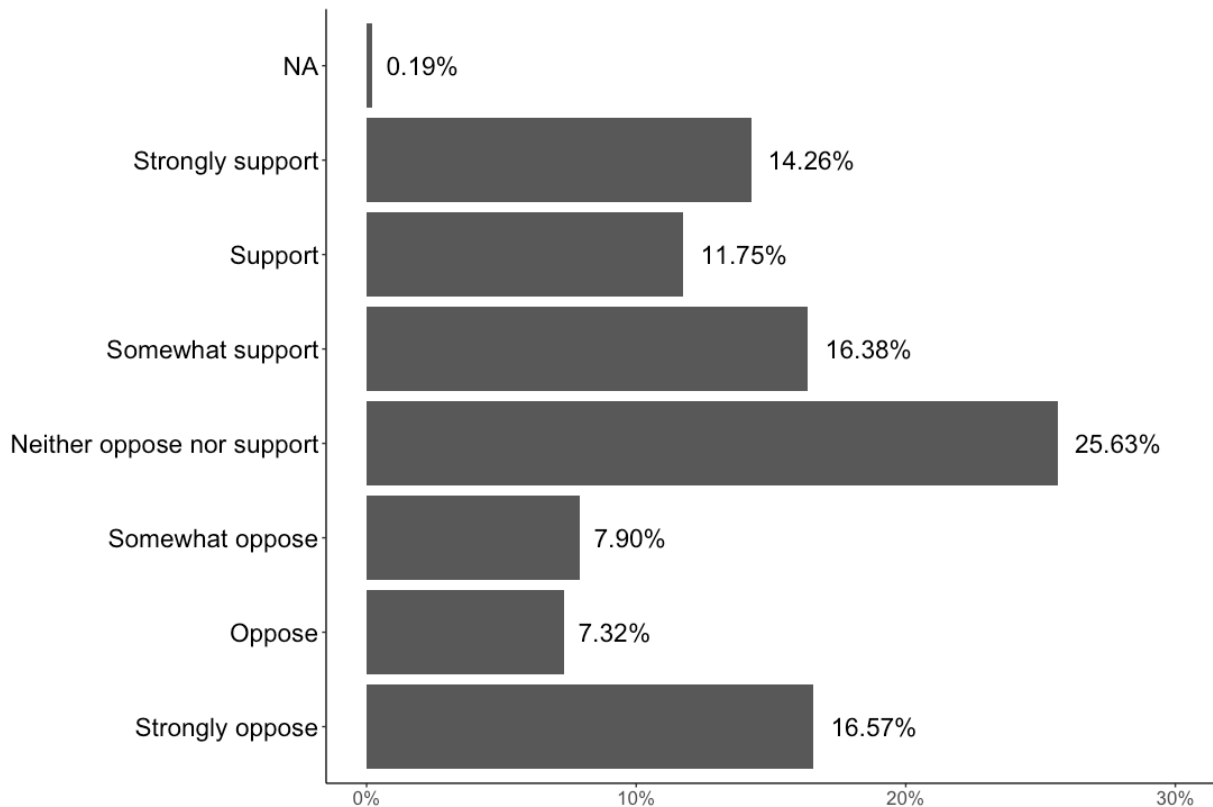


Response	#
Strongly support	80
Moderately support	53
Somewhat support	96
Neither oppose nor support	121
Somewhat oppose	38
Moderately oppose	45
Strongly oppose	86

## Online Sex Work

Q: Independent online prostitution is where workers operate independently by using online platforms to advertise and arrange meetings with clients.

What is your level of support for decriminalizing independent online prostitution between consenting adults?

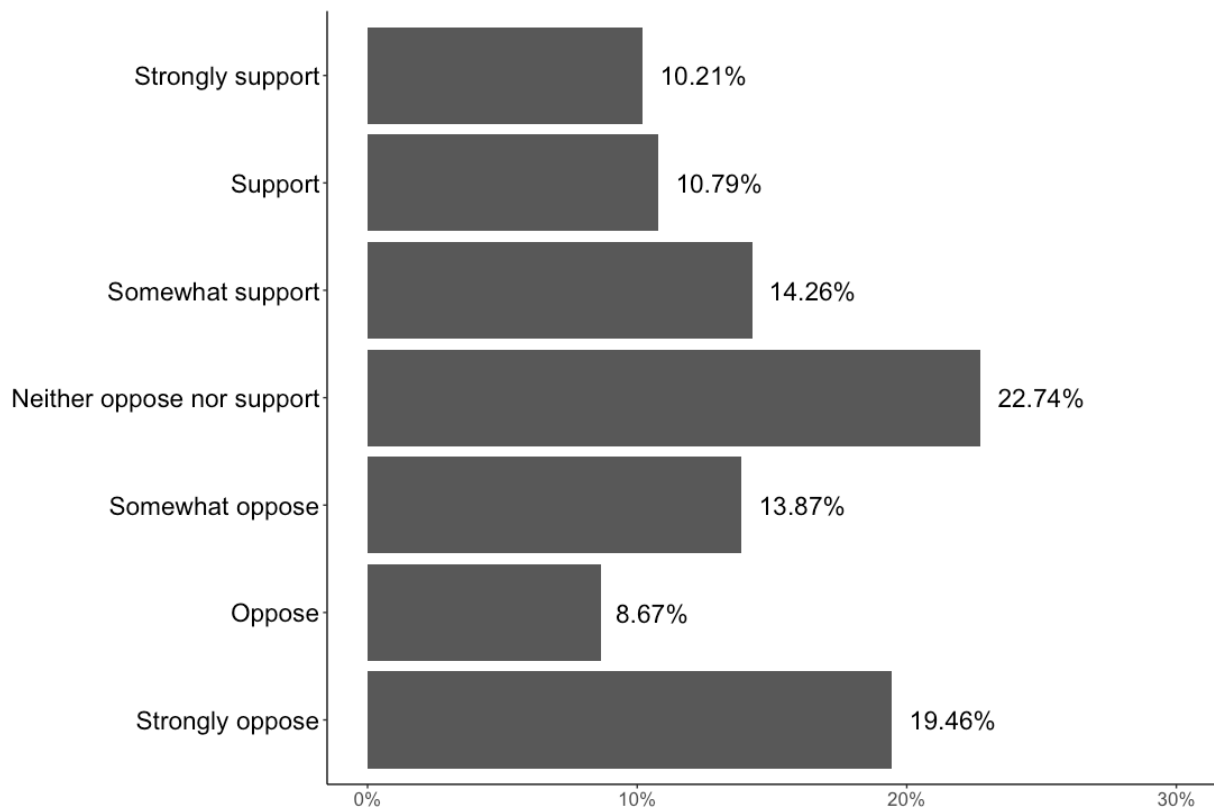


Response	#
Strongly support	74
Support	61
Somewhat support	85
Neither oppose nor support	133
Somewhat oppose	41
Oppose	38
Strongly oppose	86

## Street Sex Work

Q: Street prostitution is when clients are solicited on the street, park, or other public places, and serviced in side streets, vehicles, or short stay premises, like hotels.

What is your level of support for decriminalizing street prostitution between consenting adults?



Response	#
Strongly support	53
Support	56
Somewhat support	74
Neither oppose nor support	118
Somewhat oppose	72
Oppose	45
Strongly oppose	101



## Other findings

Categorizing sex work as human rights issue unrelated to support for **any** of the policies

Categorizing SW as sexuality rights issue associated with:

- *Less* support for police sexual contact
- *Less* agreement that criminalization is effective to address exploitation
- *Less* agreement that criminalization keeps SWs safe

Factors that **increased** probability of saying the goal of policy should be harm reduction:

- Greater sexual liberalism
- Older age
- Not religious compared to Christians
- Having a college degree compared to high school diploma
- Being from the Southwest of the country compared to Southeast

People who are more sexually liberal showed **MORE** support for:

- Social services in lieu of jail for prostitution offenses
- Regulations being made by sex workers and trafficking survivors
- Police engaging in sexual contact with sex workers before arresting them
- Decriminalizing sex work

\*Sexual liberalism in this study was defined as positive attitudes and tolerance toward non-traditional sexual activities, as well as respect for sexual autonomy and sexual expression. Scale items shown here: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10508-016-0924-y/tables/1>

People who are more politically liberal showed:

- *More* support for social services in lieu of jail
- *More* support for decriminalizing online and street sex work (unrelated to support for decriminalization in other cases)
- *More* support for sex workers reporting crimes without fear of arrest for prostitution

## Results Related to Morality

Moral values based on Moral Foundations Theory:

<https://moralfoundations.org/>

Individualizing values - promote personal rights and freedoms

Collective values - which govern behavior in groups

Harm Fairness	Individualizing moral values
Respect for authority In-group loyalty Purity	Collective moral values
Liberty	

**Higher individualizing** moral values associated with:

- *More* support for social services in lieu of jail
- *Less* support for Nordic model
- *More* support for regulations being made by sex workers and trafficking survivors
- *Less* support for police engaging in sexual contact with sex workers
- *Less* support for possession of condoms as evidence of prostitution
- *More* support for sex workers reporting crimes without fear of arrest
- Rate arguments for decriminalization as more convincing

**Higher collective** moral values associated with:

- *More* support for jail for prostitution offenses
- *Less* support for social services in lieu of jail
- *Less* support for decriminalizing third parties
- *More* support for possession of condoms as evidence
- *Less* support for sex workers reporting crimes without fear of arrest

**Higher liberty** values associated with:

- *More* support for decriminalizing brothels, online, and street sex work
- *Less* support for police engaging in sexual contact with sex workers
- *Less* support for possession of condoms as evidence
- *More* support for sex workers reporting crimes without fear of arrest