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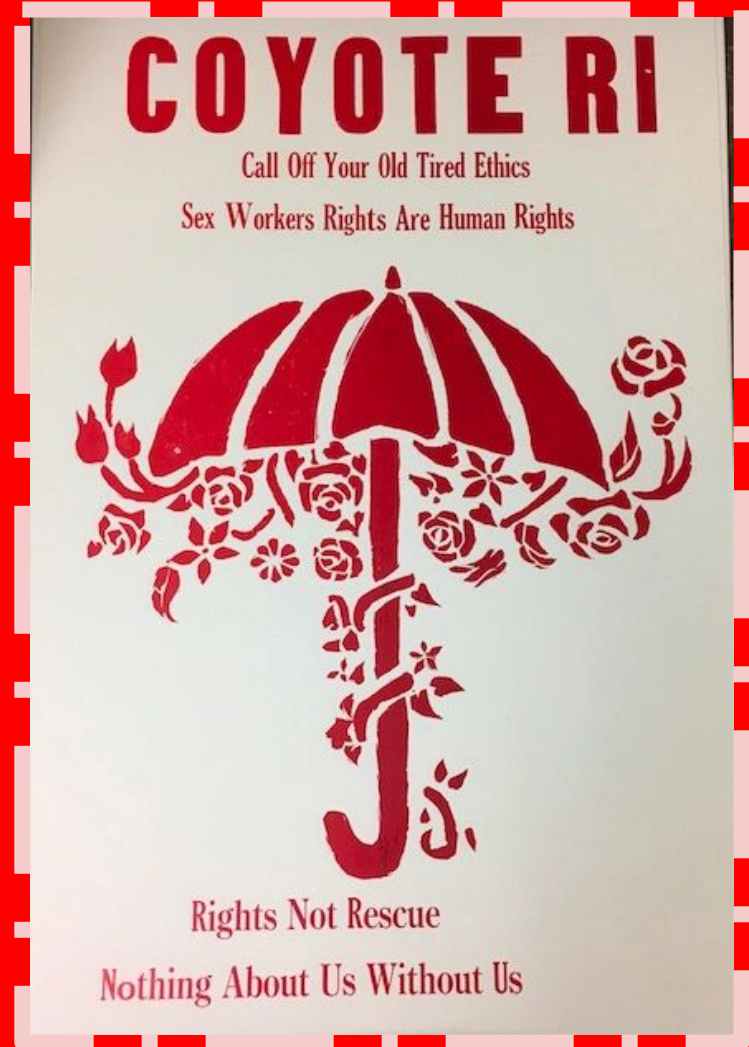
SEX WORKER ACTIVISM

COYOTE RI

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ABOUT COYOTE RI

- Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics!
- Founded after RI criminalized prostitution in 2009
- Advocates for policies that promote the health and safety of people involved in the sex industry
- Harm reduction model
- Centers the voices of sex workers



A ZINE (ZEEN) IS A
SELF-PUBLISHED WORK
MADE FOR PASSION
INSTEAD OF FOR PROFIT.

SIMILARITIES BETWEEN SEX WORKER AND ZINE ACTIVISM

- Grassroots/community oriented
- Need for limited budget
- Often underground
- Reclaiming media narrative
- Exist outside mainstream
- Reject respectability politics
- Imagine outside the norm→
possibility of radical future

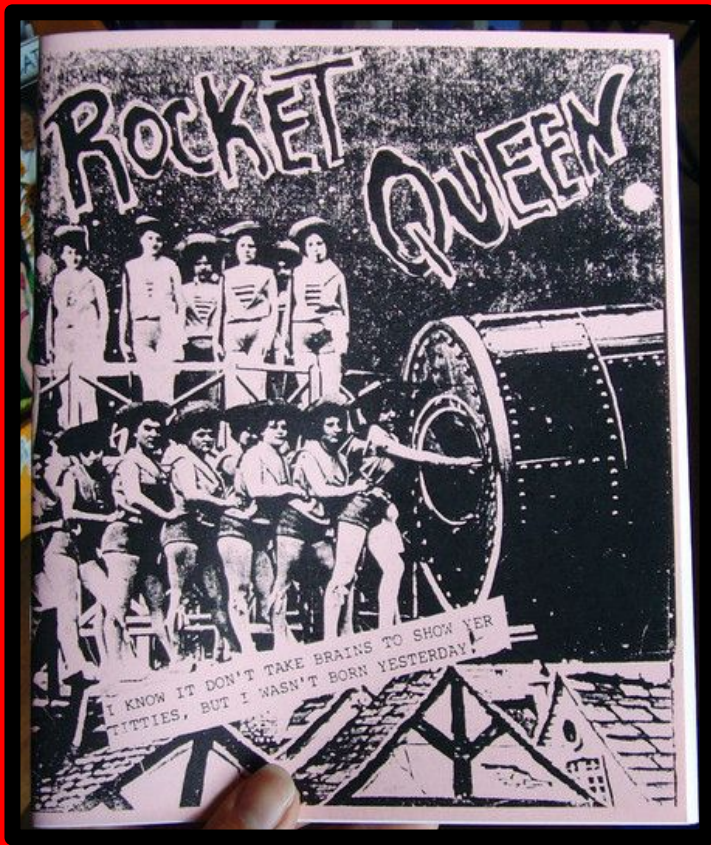




Why is there a need for sex worker activism in the zine community?

- Because there's a need for sex worker activism everywhere!
- Skillsharing
- Tie-in with radical feminist ethic of many zines
- Zinesters often find solidarity in rejection from mainstream publishing/mainstream world

THESE COMMUNITIES ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE!



Why is there a need for zine activism in the sex worker community?

- Document history that would otherwise go unrecorded
- Need for self-expression
- Can help process trauma without judgement
- Low-cost and DIY
- Possibility of organizing and storytelling with anonymity
- Share resources
- Advocacy

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PRESERVING HISTORY

STREET TRANSVESTITE ACTION REVOLUTIONARIES

SURVIVAL, REVOLT, AND
QUEER ANTAGONIST STRUGGLE



We Got This!

**Volume One: Safe Calls, Screening and
Buddy Systems for Sex Workers**



RESOURCE SHARING

On Jan. the type of Trafficking Victim Protection Act, was passed creating a new visa called the T-Visa to assist someone has to be a victim of severe trafficking only 5000 T-Visas are made available each year.

In the last 15 years, 7000 T-Visas were made available. But only 130k were issued.

That comes out to only 924 T-Visas per year on average. On top of that, over 4,000 applications have been denied to date.

The US government sends 30,000 people every year more trafficking victims available actually.

but what happens to all the people who don't get the T-Visa? All the "victims" we're supposed to be helping?

~~deportation happens.~~

Sex worker threatened with prosecution and deportation after telling police how she was robbed at knife-point.

Deported for Giving a Handjob?

A message parlor defendant likely to be deported.

Illegal prostitution crackdown: 27 Asian sex workers deported.

... plays into a binary of the good victim and the bad original whore, and narrative for securing funding or an organization look good to the but it's just not the reality.



COYOTE RI ZINES!

WORKING IT

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SOME OF OUR ZINE PICKS

Working It

A compilation zine of sex worker voices.

Look Mum Distro

A Canada-based distributor that consistently sells zines by sex workers.

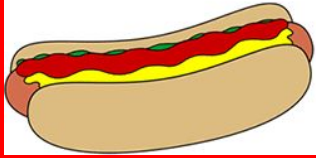
SWARM Collective

A UK-based sex worker advocacy group that offers SW zines on their website for free, including *Ho Lover: On Loving and Dating Sex Workers*.

Sex Worker Zine Project

This is a project by and about migrant South African sex workers.

MAKE A ONE PAGE ZINE!



Hot Dog!



Hamburger!



Slice!



Fortune
Teller!

**MAKE
A
ZINE**