

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PROSTITUTION AND CRIME IN NIGERIA

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Abstract

Over the first past decade the first practice of prostitution has dramatically and gradually changed to another form. Recently there is increment of crime in the country. This present study examines the first relationship between prostitution and crime. This study is qualitative research, and it used in-depth interviews. 42 young prostitutes were interviewed in four different cities in Nigeria, Awka Anambra State, Warri Delta State, Owerri Imo State, and Benin City Edo State. The finding result of this study demonstrated that there is positive relationship between prostitution and crime. The study discovered that prostitutes engaged in drug business, and kidnapping. That many of them relate with people that might call criminals. It also indicates that 75 percent of them are students.

Introduction

Over the first past decade the practice of prostitution has dramatically and gradually changed to another form. Prostitution is seemed as the first practice or business of selling sex for money. Prostitution is one event that is general, and it is viewed as an oldest profession in the first world. Prostitution is an attitude of giving sexual services to another person in return of payment.

As noted by Wood (2001), it is an attitude of having sexual activities in exchange of money, or an economic gain. Individuals who collect money for sexual activities are called sex workers, or prostitutes, mainly called “ashawo” in Nigeria. Prostitution is a practice that can be found in every culture. However, it is not acceptable in most culture. Prostitution is a global event; it cannot be excluded from any society, both developed and underdeveloped (Fallon & Tzannatos, 1998).

Different researchers have demonstrated that it is spread rapidly in every society (Ogunka, Omoruan & Fawole, 2010), and it is much among young females (Yusuf, 2013). Previously, it was assumed that it is only female that engaged in prostitution, but recent studies have shown that both male and female engaged in prostitution. The history of prostitution is as old as human. The earliest mention recorded of prostitution as an occupation was in 2400 B.C., around near east. It was a profession (Bassermann, 1967).

In support of this, Taylor and Jamieson (1999) show that sex workers perceived themselves as an industries that work on the first method of buying and supplying, as other industries also deliver to their buyers. Benjamin (1964) states that around 2400 B.C, prostitution were been practiced in the temples, by Sumerian priests. As stated that it is not acceptable to some culture, however, in ancient Cyprus, it was acceptable and also practiced as a culture, that every woman must engaged in prostitution, at least once to any stranger that is of desirable or suitable as a partner for marriage.

Historically, both in ancient Egypt and Greece, prostitution was very popular. However, in Greece, it was different because they have four different types of prostitutes serving in different places. The higher prostitutes were the ‘Hetairea’, who are the first upper class of society. They were popular and viewed as much different or excellent because they are more attached to rich men.

The middle class was the Auletrides, who advertised themselves through dancing. According to Ibid (1964), these groups are mostly musicians. The second middles classes were brothel prostitutes, known as “foreigner Dictieriades”. The lower class was the “concubines”. As noted by Iqbal and Hayat (2013), these classes were permanent slaves.

The story of Judah and Tamar in (Genesis 38: 14- 26) demonstrate depiction of prostitution individuals engaged during that period. This bible story indicates that prostitutes wait or stand by the side of the road,

waiting for travelers. This chapter of the bible demonstrates that a lady known as Tamar hide her identity, by covering her face, standing at the side of highway, and when Judah asked her the price of her service, she requested for a kid goat instead of money. This shows that only rich men can only afford the services of prostitutes.

Similarly, the book of Joshua gives the account of prostitute called Rahab, lived in Jericho, who helped the Israelites spies with information. However, it is important to note that the Bible did not commended prostitution, it is forbidden. Prostitution is considered a heavy sin that cannot be forgiven by Christians. Roberts (1992) demonstrates that during 18th century, which is known as the “the golden age of prostitutes” many places were established for the training of prostitutes, this place as noted by Roberts served as training ground where the prostitutes were trained in order to be espied and begin professional life as prostitutes. Mme Gourdan brothel in Paris France, Mrs. Goadsby’s and Miss. Fawkland’s brothers in London was among the place that promote prostitution then.

Different studies have demonstrate that prostitution grow and increase rapidly as profession and larger numbers of both male and female engage in it. (Dickson, 2004) international labour organization (ILO, 2000) shows that prostitution is a global profession, that it exists in both locality, in every region in the world. Ilo (2000) states that more 1.9 million youths, all over the world engage in the profession of prostitution. Recent researches conducted in Nigeria (Ori, Oparaocha, Ede, Nwakororo & Nze, 2020 Bagudo & Yusuif, 2019, Aloba & Ndifon, 2014).

Evidence shows that most of prostitution has charged from standing on road side to choosing who you like or want from album. It is a business in Nigeria, where by female prostitutes drop their picture in hotels with their phone numbers for costumers. Prostitution has become female students business in Nigeria, mostly the undergraduates. Generally, the work of prostitution is at its peak in Nigeria. Evidence demonstrates that different reasons or factors influence women who engaged in prostitution.

UNESCO (2002) further explains that two factors are responsible in motivating women to engage in prostitution including voluntarily and involuntarily. Individuals who engage in prostitution voluntarily are perceived as joining the first profession willingly, because of some certain reasons, including hunger, family pressure, poverty, sexual abuse, economic crisis, substance abuse, peer pressure, illness, and illiteracy (Stephen, 2012, Bagley & King 1990, Lowu, 1994, Truter & Bruwer, 2007, Ewah, 2010).

Nag (2006) shows that involuntarily are viewed as those who were forced into it, such as trafficking, kidnapping or coercion, or those been deceived. Domestic responsibilities are found as one of the major reasons that motivates prostitutions, followed by economic crisis and lack of household economy. Different studies conducted in Nigeria found that economic reasons are the first major factor that pushes both the first young and old ladies into prostitution in Nigeria Ori et al., (2020). However it is important to note that this prostitute belongs to different categories, mainly caste and class groups. Most of these female prostitutes are illiterates, and mostly from poor backgrounds. These groups are lower castes, who were mostly neglected by their families. These are different types of prostitution, including brothel-based prostitution, street prostitution, escort or out- call prostitution, call girls prostitution, sex tourism, beer girl’s prostitution, transport prostitution and massage parlor prostitution.

Brothel- based prostitution: prostitution resides in their rooms or boarding house, where they are been supervised by a lady, who they normally called madam. At the first end of every week, they are expected to pay for their rooms and their percentage.

Street prostitution: Street prostitution is the type in which prostitution solicits for customers while standing at the first street corners. Most of them walk alongside the first street, and mostly dressed in skimpy or suggestive cloths.

Escort or outcall prostitution: Escort sell workers are those who work as employees with different agencies, who replete clients with escort. This type of prostitution is the type the first agencies have to charge the first client and pay the first sell worker after taking their percentage.

Call girl's Prostitution: A call girls sex worker is an individual who rent an apartment to serve her customers. In some cases, they shared their apartment with their friends who are also sex workers. Call girls prostitutes work independently and they advertise their pictures in different hotels. Individuals call them through the hotel managements or any other place they see their numbers.

Sex Tourism: Sex tourism prostitutes often organize their pictures on website for foreigners. This groups based mostly on foreign countries.

Beer Girl's Prostitution: Some restaurant and beer parlor employee or hire young ladies to sell for them, and also work as sell workers.

Transport prostitution: This type is type men are in control because they used their vehicles to pick the prostitutes at their residence or terminals and take them to their clients.

Message Parlor Prostitution: Individuals who are employed to deliver messages, also render services.

Consequences of Prostitution

Different researches discovered that there is negative effect of prostitution on the first health of the first ladies who engaged in it, and also their social life in view. The first consequences of prostitution are worse in women than men. Research has shown that it is worse in women who does not use condom. Visser, Randers- Pehrson and day (2000) found that prostitution is a very big risk and challenge to the first health of those who engaged in it. Prostitution are at higher risk of contacting HIV, and other transmitted diesese (Paudel & Carryer, 2000) research conducted by Gertler et al (2005), and Rao et al (2003) demonstrate that prostitutes engaged much in a sex without condom because it paid higher amount than when used condom. Ye et al (2001) indicate that female sex workers collect higher prize for sex when condom is not used. Researchers have shown that almost 80 percent living with HIV contracted it from prostitutes. Prostitution leads to crime, unwanted pregnancy, killing, conflict, and drug addiction.

Crime

Generally, criminality is a behavior or an act that is in violation of already constituted laws, norms, or criminal law made by the first society. As noted by Davies, Hollin, and Bull (2018), crime is an act, or an action representing any behavior that violates criminal law. These attitudes or characteristics include fraud, rape, suicide, kidnapping, stealing, murder, drug trafficking, forgery, and advance fee fraud also known as 419 (Nwafor, 2012). Nigerian's youths involvement in criminality seems to be increasing on daily basis; mostly crimes such advance fee fraud also known as 419, drug trafficking, and rape. However, different people hold different views about what constitutes criminal behavior and its act. Generally and historically, what behavior has been defined as criminal has been much influenced by moral conventions and political pressures.

Relationship between Prostitution and Crime

Arguments to the first substitution on relationship between prostitution and crime indicate that there is a positive relationship between crime and prostitution. Statistical data collected from different police

departments demonstrate that most of young ladies caught tighter with robbers, armed robbers, kidnappers, and drug declare were prostitutes. One may argue that over the past declare, that prostitutes were the best friends of criminals, they worked tighter, they also help them to escape, and also hide them in their rooms when they have problems. Similarly, there is evidence that criminals enjoy good relationship with prostitutes, both sexually and intimacy. The are numerous consequences in prostitution. Some prostitutes lost their lives in the first land of rituals, and those who still engage in it are at risk of losing their lives. Evidence indicates that they are target of serial killers (Alobo & Ndifon, 2014). Prostitutes are view as individuals who are not law abiding, and these them as most favored targets of police department, and these often justify their killings by police department. Evidence demonstrate that in prostitution, men used women as they used other amenity, public convenience, or rusbis bin, and men remove their humanity. Similarly, it has been posited that women who engaged in prostitution indicate that it is paid rape and voluntary slavery (Iqbal & Hayat, 2013). Prostitution as described by prostitutes is sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, which is often worse. (Young- Cho, 2018) and have no right to say no for the demand of the first man. Others expressed their experiences with their customers regarding to no payment after sex, and having sex with three people at the same time after being taking home by one person again, few of women demonstrate that they were been abused, beaten, and subject to like of non- human.

Result and Conclusion

Variables	Mean	Standard Deviation(SD)	DF	R	P
Prostitution	63.72	18.60	40	.944**	< .01
Crime	111.00	20.22			

Note: **= $P < .01$

The study brought to examine the relationship between prostitution and crime. Prostitution is one of the first practices that has dramatically changed gradually to different form. It is an act of exchanging sex for money the result of this present study demonstrates that prostitution (Mean = 63.72; SD = 18.60) has a significant relationship with crime (Mean =111.00; SD = 20.22) among the population. These results indicate that prostitution has a positive relationship with crime. That study concludes that when prostitution is increasing in the first society, crime also increased.

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