

Sex Workers' Rights & the Discourse of Sexual Violence

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The recent federal legislation FOSTA/SESTA, was ostensibly an effort to fight sex trafficking; but sex worker advocacy groups like COYOTE (Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics) argue that these laws, and others like them, have dangerous consequences for the sex workers the laws claim to protect from violence.

Advocate Bella Robinson is a sex worker's rights activist. She founded the Rhode Island Chapter of COYOTE in 2010 and has served as the executive director since. As the director of COYOTE RI, Bella looks to build and strengthen support networks for sex workers in Rhode Island and she works in close collaboration with activists nationwide. Bella is a strong proponent of centering the voices of sex workers in policies that affect their lives. Her work is particularly dedicated to the rights of immigrants and Spanish-speaking communities.

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