

NO LAWS AGAINST PROSTITUTION SLAVERY (TRAFFICKING) IS LEGAL							PROSTITUTION IS LEGAL SLAVERY IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL					PROSTITUTION CRIMINALIZED SLAVERY / LABOR TRAFFICKING CRIMINALIZED														
1699	1719-1725	1721	1802	1805	1817-1818	Antebellum Period	1865-1900	1880-1903	1875-1910	1908	1917	1935, 1942	1951-1955	1982-1992	2005-2009	2010-2012	January 2018	April 2018								
<p>European colonization of Louisiana by the Mississippi Company begins. French settlers establish “ marriages” with Indian women to the concern of Company officials</p>							<p>Louisiana and 12 other states ratify the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery and involuntary servitude. “ Slavery by another name” begins, entrapping black women in convict leases that permit their sexual exploitation and rape.</p>		<p>US Congress passes the “ White Slave Traffic Act,” or Mann Act. Outlaws the transportation of women across state lines for “ immoral purposes.” The “ importation into the United States of women for the purposes of prostitution” had been outlawed under Page Act of 1875.</p>		<p>Gay-Shattuck law prohibits men and women from drinking together in public; bans women from holding liquor licenses. This was in part an effort to regulate liquor sales in brothels.</p>		<p>Congress passed the Selective Service Act of 1917, empowering the Secretary of War to shut down red-light districts because they are considered a public health threat to soldiers and sailors. This formally ends all red-light districts across the state and country.</p>		<p>New Orleans re-defines vagrancy as “ loitering” or soliciting for the purpose of prostitution as a misdemeanor crime (1935) Louisiana criminalizes prostitution, defining it as “ the practice by a female of indiscriminate sexual intercourse with males for compensation.” Solicitation for prostitution is also made a criminal act for males. (1942) (Statute is revised to be gender-neutral in 1977)</p>		<p>FBI Director Herbert Hoover declares a war on organized crime. US Senator Estes Kefauver holds public hearings in New Orleans about criminal rings that operate gambling, prostitution, and pornographic materials.</p>		<p>First victim of the Jeff Davis 8, Loretta Lynn Chaisson Lewis, is found in the Grand Marais Canal near Jennings, La. Seven other women, all sex workers who knew each other, are murdered in the next few years.</p>		<p>Women With A Vision wins a federal case challenging the Crimes Against Nature statute because enforcement violated the constitutional right of equal protection. Sex workers convicted of soliciting for prostitution were not required to register as sex offenders, only those convicted of solicitation for a crime against nature were unjustly and unfairly punished for essentially the same crime</p>		<p>A joint anti-trafficking police force raids Bourbon Street adult clubs in the false belief that they will “ free” trafficked victims. Despite the arrest and harassment of hundreds of workers, no cases of trafficking resulted. NOPD focuses solely on Bourbon Street clubs</p>		<p>US Congress passes SESTA/FOSTA, co-authored by Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA). Claims to prevent “ sex-trafficking,” but in reality prevents sex workers from working safely</p>	
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<p>To discourage French settlers from marrying Choctaw and other Indian women, the government sends women prisoners from Paris and Marseille. Many were prostitutes. Also sent were orphaned convent girls who were promised dowries or “ caskets” in return for marrying in the New World. But many refused, choosing to engage in sex work instead.</p>							<p>The City of New Orleans ordinance declares “ any woman or girl notoriously abandoned to lewdness, who shall occasion scandal or disturb the tranquility of the neighborhood” was subject to a fine of \$25 or one month in jail. In 1818, the state legislature outlaws brothel-keeping, imposing fines or imprisonment at the discretion of the court.</p>		<p>1904 Lulu White, a successful mixed-race Storyville madame, is accused of trafficking when she gives shelter to a young woman trying to escape her abusive father. Case is dismissed</p>		<p>Gay-Shattuck law prohibits men and women from drinking together in public; bans women from holding liquor licenses. This was in part an effort to regulate liquor sales in brothels.</p>		<p>Congress passed the Selective Service Act of 1917, empowering the Secretary of War to shut down red-light districts because they are considered a public health threat to soldiers and sailors. This formally ends all red-light districts across the state and country.</p>		<p>New Orleans re-defines vagrancy as “ loitering” or soliciting for the purpose of prostitution as a misdemeanor crime (1935) Louisiana criminalizes prostitution, defining it as “ the practice by a female of indiscriminate sexual intercourse with males for compensation.” Solicitation for prostitution is also made a criminal act for males. (1942) (Statute is revised to be gender-neutral in 1977)</p>		<p>FBI Director Herbert Hoover declares a war on organized crime. US Senator Estes Kefauver holds public hearings in New Orleans about criminal rings that operate gambling, prostitution, and pornographic materials.</p>		<p>First victim of the Jeff Davis 8, Loretta Lynn Chaisson Lewis, is found in the Grand Marais Canal near Jennings, La. Seven other women, all sex workers who knew each other, are murdered in the next few years.</p>		<p>Women With A Vision wins a federal case challenging the Crimes Against Nature statute because enforcement violated the constitutional right of equal protection. Sex workers convicted of soliciting for prostitution were not required to register as sex offenders, only those convicted of solicitation for a crime against nature were unjustly and unfairly punished for essentially the same crime</p>		<p>A joint anti-trafficking police force raids Bourbon Street adult clubs in the false belief that they will “ free” trafficked victims. Despite the arrest and harassment of hundreds of workers, no cases of trafficking resulted. NOPD focuses solely on Bourbon Street clubs</p>		<p>US Congress passes SESTA/FOSTA, co-authored by Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA). Claims to prevent “ sex-trafficking,” but in reality prevents sex workers from working safely</p>	
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