

ABSTRACT

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Sex Workers often faced to difficult things and hard to live it, from uncomfortable labeling from others, until violence from customers. Sex Workers often said helplessness to reject this reality. All helplessness feeling and there is no help from others, showed helplessness from Sex Workers (Price, 1978). This research has a goal to give a description of helplessness behind the Sex Workers face the uncomfortable experience that has been going through. The method in this research was used qualitative method and in depth interview from three women who are Sex Workers and had violence, and still working as a Sex Workers. Research began from February 2011 to September 2012. The result is showed that subjects have helplessness as a cause from the effort that they try to do, and there is no help from negative labeling as a Sex Workers. This may cause lack of motivation, decrease of cognitive thinking, and emotional problem to subjects.

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