Themes and language used to describe women’s situations to the general public
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INTRODUCTION

- Prostitutes are highly marginalized
- Serves as a means for segregation
- Normalizes violence
- Lack of access to resources
- Homelessness
- Substance abuse and addiction
Engagement is translated through and influenced by

Gaps in perspective and experience

Biased understanding
UNDERSTAND DISCURSIVE THEMATIC FRAMEWORK

PURPOSE

- Understand discursive thematic framework
- How media communicates women’s situations
- Critically examine main information venue
METHODS

- Downloaded 340 newspaper articles from the Denver Post (prostitut*)

- Corpus analysis (themes & terms)

- Tracked in an excel spreadsheet
Social Construct Theory
Cultivation Theory
Illusion of Knowing
Third Person Effect
In Group Bias
Priming
Legal cases peripherally involving sex-workers
Local Community
Peripherally mentions prostitutes
Trafficking minors
Violence against women who exchange sex for money or drugs
Prostituting minors/law enforcement role in mitigation
In-depth coverage of trafficking
In-depth coverage of individual sex-worker
SEX

Prostitut*

Police/Cop/Law Enforcement

Arrest

Pimp

Victim

Drug

Crime
COLFAK
COLFAKX
COLFAX
IMPLICATIONS

- Myopic Perspective
- Victim vs. Criminal
- Helping or Harming