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Paper Title: **HIV/AIDS in an Environment of Legalized Prostitution in Brazil**

Abstract: **While one the United State's policies for combating the spread of HIV/AIDS is to clamp down and prevent certain sexual activities, prostitution in particular, Brazil has taken a very different approach. With decades of history Brazil, prostitution is legal and even openly supported as an significant industry and source of employment. Despite having a legal sexual service industry, however, Brazil has seen a dramatic drop in HIV/AIDS rates. This is due to very proactive, preventative policies and government subsidized treatment of HIV/AIDS infected residents. As the Untied States refuses to contribute funds to Brazil in support of its efforts because it feels that prostitution will only exasperate the problem, the exact opposite is occurring. Thus, the correlation, or lack thereof, between prostitution and infection rates warrants research.**