

# Decimation of youth and/or incitement of fornication or prostitution of a minor:

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Both inciting, facilitating and favouring lewdness or prostitution are punishable. Prostitution does not always have to involve a sexual relationship between the two persons. It may also involve a person allowing himself to be touched in return for payment. Fornication is a broader concept than prostitution and includes all immoral acts that cannot be described as prostitution. The corruption of youth is the result of this prostitution or fornication. It is not required that the perpetrator knew the age of the underage victim.

It is required that the perpetrator with the behaviour wanted to satisfy sexual urges of someone else. This other person can be either a third party or the minor himself. For example, it is punishable to give two minors the opportunity to engage in sexual acts with each other, even if they themselves had the desire to do so.

A number of acts that are considered to be corruption of youth and prostitution are attending lewdness or prostitution of a minor, inciting lewdness and advertising an offer of services of a sexual nature.

This penal provision does not cover sexual conduct that is made or provoked to satisfy one's own desires. There are other penal provisions for this, such as sexual assault and rape.

The age of the victim is an aggravating factor. The younger the victim, the more severe the punishment.

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