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Culture of Madrota and Padrote

On Mexico, there is a state called Tlaxcala that has characterized itself for decades because of the women exploitation culture.

It is accepted as a way for women to “*earn a living*” and the practice has turned into a tradition. Men that make women fall in love, kidnap or deceive them to exploit them sexually.

This practice has evolved to expand into other states of the Mexican republic and even reaching the United States of America to attend the demand of “girls” on the migrant population of this country.

The pimp, or **padrote**, is a man that lives from the sexual exploitation. The **madrota** or madame has that function of “taking

care” of how the victims behaves, managing incidents and counting the clients attending on each zone. Pimps generally manage more than one zone, in contrast to madrotas who are benefited from the direct exploitation of the victims.

The operation of this culture has sadly left as a consequence the normalization of violence. The prostitution in Mexico does not constitute as a crime in any sense, however, social stigma on indigenous communities affect the victims and promote the perpetuation of violence towards women.

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