

Involuntary Servitude

Let's assume those who are not paying alimony will not accept the idea that alimony is slavery, even though those who are paying alimony know otherwise. But who could possibly argue that alimony is not involuntary servitude?

Black's Law defines involuntary servitude as "The condition of one who is compelled by force, coercion, or imprisonment, and against his will, to labor for another, whether he is paid or not."

The State of Tennessee enforces alimony which forces one person to labor for another. Those told to pay face jail if they do not pay up. If they choose not to work or to work in a job which doesn't pay enough to support the ex, too bad – it's off to jail.

Those sentenced to lifetime alimony are forced to work until death. The divorce lawyers will tell you that if you retire the alimony *might* be reduced or possibly *might* be eliminated. This is so disingenuous – sure, quit your job, take a year or two to get into court during which time you must continue to support the parasite living off you, in the pipe dream that your alimony will be canceled. But when the Court only gives you a partial reduction you are left with no job so you can make those monthly payments to a recipient who most likely retired years ago.

"That slavery and involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, are forever prohibited in this state" - Tennessee Secretary of State Article 1, Section 33 of the Tennessee Constitution

"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." - Thirteenth Amendment to the US Constitution.