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Chosen question number: Question 1 ☒

Question 2 ☒

providence
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Argument

The LNA was ~~compared~~ in favour of the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Act. The Contagious Diseases Act had been brought through to try and prevent the spread of venereal diseases especially with the armed forces, with 10% of troops ~~to~~ being hospitalised due to venereal diseases. The value of the Source for bringing to light the reasons for the LNA's opposition to the Contagious Diseases Act and the nature of responses to the publication of its manifesto will be evaluated. The source will prove very useful for highlighting the reason for LNA opposition to the Acts and ~~equally~~ less useful but still of some use with regard to the nature of responses to the publication of their manifesto.

The source's value with regard to LNA's reason for opposition is very high. One reason for the LNA's opposition to the Acts was they felt that it put too much emphasis of blame on women, ~~and~~ suggesting that men go "unpunished" even though they "are the main cause" and that the prostitutes are "victims of vice". There was a belief during this time that men had a urge for sex and that it ~~had to~~ could not be stopped which obviously annoyed a lot of women, as they saw the blame with men as they saw that men could control themselves. Evidence to suggest this view that men had an urge that



Couldn't be helped was seen in society, was that within
wedlock the man could legally rape his wife. Another
reason for the LNA's opposition was the power of the
police to decide who was or wasn't a prostitute. The source
suggests that the police could destroy a woman's "reputation"
and "freedom". This had been seen with Mrs Percy from
Aldershot who killed herself after being wrongly accused of
being a prostitute. ~~opposition~~ The police had immense power with
the 1866 Contagious Diseases Act meaning the only evidence needed
was one police officer's word, the LNA argued this was
~~damning~~ demeaning as women could be wrongly accused as seen
with Mrs Percy. Another cause of LNA was the treatment of
suspected prostitutes. It is suggested that women are subject
to "punishments of the most degrading kind" with "forced medical
treatment" and "imprisonment". The LNA argued that the use of
the Speculum, an instrument used for venereal diseases, was
instrumental rape and that the lock hospitals which prostitutes could
be kept in for a year were also barbaric. ~~Therefore, the LNA~~
Therefore, this source suggests that opposition to the Contagious
Diseases Act's ~~was~~ from the LNA was rooted within the fact
women were being blamed too harshly, the ~~every~~ powers given to
police through the acts and the cruel and barbaric treatments
being used. The source's provenance reinforces the source's usefulness
as it is from Josephine Butler, the leader of the LNA, and so is
going to be useful when regards to ~~opposition~~ why they opposed the
Acts. Overall the source's value with regard as to why



The LNA opposed the Contagious Diseases Acts is very high as it outlines the key role of the opposition and is from Butler the leader of the LNA.

The value of the source with regard to responses to the publication is ~~rather~~ less useful, but still of some use. The source suggests that the manifesto caused members of parliament to feel "sympathetic" and that it had "shaken" the House of Commons. However, this was never the case only a few members of the House of Commons, such as Stanfield and Wilson, ever supported the cause. Where the source is of more use is with regard to the government's response to the manifesto and how it started the "conspiracy of silence" in the press which did happen as Stanfield and Wilson had to work hard to get the media to publish stories about the LNA and Contagious Diseases Act. The source's value is also weakened by the fact ~~Butler~~ it is from Butler, as she would have a biased and inaccurate idea of what the genuine response was from people and the government. She would also be trying to make it out as though her manifesto played a pivotal role in the success of the campaign.

In conclusion, the source is very useful with regard to the reasons for LNA opposition to the Acts, however is less useful with regard to the response received from the manifesto due to Butler's ulterior motives.

