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# HUMAN TRAFFICKING: CROSSING BORDERS, TOUCHING LIVES



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## THE ISSUE

- HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A **\$150 BILLION INDUSTRY** GLOBALLY.
- **40.4 MILLION PEOPLE** ENSLAVED WORLDWIDE IN BOTH LABOR AND SEX TRAFFICKING (ILO 2016).
- **FLORIDA RANKS THIRD** FOR REPORTS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.



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## **HISTORY**

ESTABLISHED IN 2018 TO ADDRESS GROWING CONCERN AND COMMUNITY INTEREST IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

## **MISSION**

TO EXPAND THE UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL.



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## **SOLUTIONS VIA 5 GOALS:**

- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- RESEARCH
- EDUCATION
- TRAINING
- STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS AND SURVIVOR SCHOLARSHIPS

“[M]ore than twice as many people are in bondage in the world today than were taken from Africa during the entire 350 years of the Atlantic slave trade.”

— Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter

## SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM: *ESTIMATES VARY WIDELY*

- 40.4 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE (ILO).
- 50 TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSAND IN US.
- \$150 BILLION WORLDWIDE INDUSTRY (ILO).
- EVERY COUNTRY IS TOUCHED BY HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS A SOURCE, TRANSIT, AND/OR DESTINATION COUNTRY.
- FLORIDA IS #3 FOR REPORTS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

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# FORMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

- SEX TRAFFICKING AND CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING
- FORCED LABOR AND FORCED CHILD LABOR
- DEBT BONDAGE
- DOMESTIC SERVITUDE
- CHILD SOLDIERS
- ORGAN TRAFFICKING
- FORCED MARRIAGE

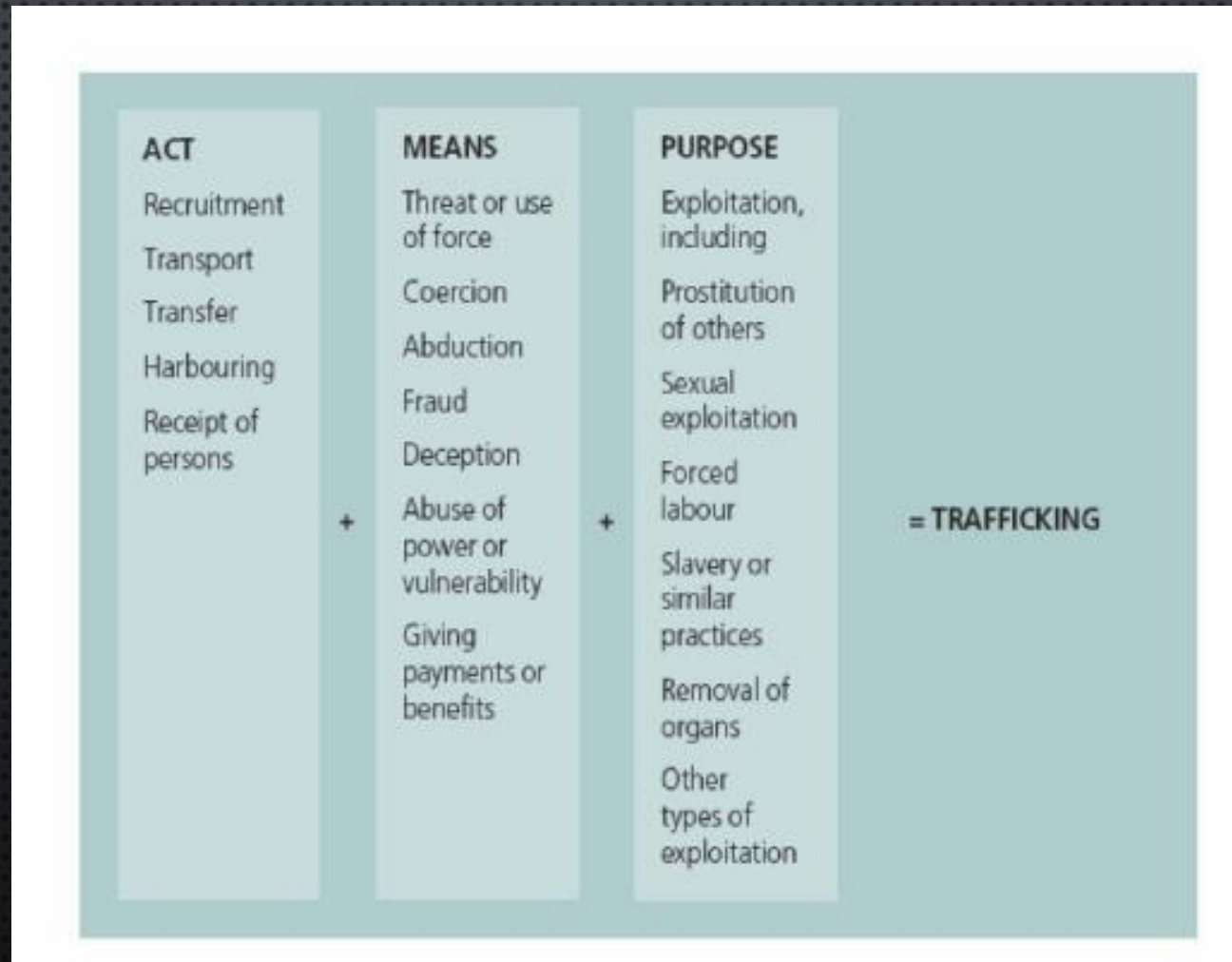
# DEFINING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY “MODERN-DAY SLAVERY?”

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS DEFINED AT THE INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL,  
AND STATE LEVEL.

# UNITED NATIONS: ARTICLE 3(A) OF THE PROTOCOL TO PREVENT, SUPPRESS AND PUNISH TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS HIGHLIGHTS 3 ELEMENTS OF TRAFFICKING.



# UNITED STATES LAW AND THE TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT (TVPA):

1. HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS THE ACT OF **RECRUITING, HARBORING, TRANSPORTING, PROVIDING, OR OBTAINING** A PERSON FOR
2. **COMPELLED LABOR OR COMMERCIAL SEX ACTS** THROUGH
3. **THE USE OF FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION.**

## FLORIDA STATUTE 787.06:



FINDS HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A FORM OF MODERN-DAY SLAVERY. VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ARE SUBJECTED TO FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OR FORCED LABOR.

# FASTEST GROWING TRANSNATIONAL CRIME

## EFFECTS OF GLOBALIZATION

- MIGRATION FLOWS HIGH
- ILLICIT TRADE HIDDEN
- DISPARITY BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING WORLD HELPS SUPPLY
- GROWTH OF TOURISM (AND SEX TOURISM)
- RISE OF REGIONAL CONFLICTS + DECLINE OF BORDERS
- INCREASE OF REFUGEES
- DEPENDENCE ON CHEAP LABOR TO STAY COMPETITIVE

# WHY TRADE HUMANS?

- LOW START-UP COSTS
- MINIMAL RISKS
- HIGH PROFITS
- LARGE DEMAND
- CAN BE SOLD REPEATEDLY
- MORE PROFIT TO EACH CRIMINAL INVOLVED





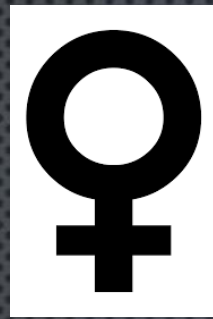
## GLOBAL REACH

- TRAFFICKING CAN OCCUR WITHIN ONE COUNTRY (SOURCE, TRANSIT, AND HOST)
- INCREASINGLY TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES.
  - EX: RUSSIA SOURCE OF SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS, HOST FOR SEX AND LABOR TRAFFICKING, AND TRANSIT FOR ASIAN VICTIMS DESTINED FOR WESTERN EUROPE.



## GLOBAL REACH

- NEWLY RICH COUNTRIES MAGNET FOR TRAFFICKERS
  - Ex: GULF STATES IMPORT FROM EASTERN EUROPE AND ASIA.
- AFFLUENT COUNTRIES' PROMISE OF OPPORTUNITY PREYED ON BY TRAFFICKERS
  - Ex: US DRAWS LATIN AMERICAN AND MEXICAN MIGRANTS; AUSTRALIA DRAWS ASIAN MIGRANTS.



## GENDER

- ONLY CRIME WHERE WOMEN ARE SIGNIFICANTLY REPRESENTED AS VICTIM, PERP, AND ACTIVISTS.
- LIKELIHOOD OF TRAFFICKING HIGH WHEN DENIED PROPERTY RIGHTS, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC RIGHTS, AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION.
- VIEW GIRLS AS AN ASSET TO ADVANCE FAMILY ECONOMICALLY
- DISCRIMINATION
- WOMEN AS TRAFFICKERS GAIN CONTROL AND PROFIT MORE THAN ANY OTHER CRIME.

# UNIQUENESS OF AMERICAN TRAFFICKING

## **DIFFERS FROM OTHER AFFLUENT COUNTRIES.**

- SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS YOUNGER, MORE OFTEN NATIVE BORN, MORE MOBILE.
- RELIANCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF IMMIGRANTS (44.5 MILLION LEGAL AND ILLEGAL).

## **LIKE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.**

- SOURCE COUNTRY FOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS.
- SEX TOURISM.
- NATIVE BORN SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS HAVE TERRIBLE, SHORT (7 YEARS) LIVES.

# BECOMING SLAVES

IN AMERICA, MOST SLAVES ARE VOLUNTEERS FIRST. WHY?

- RECRUITED: FRIENDLY RECRUITERS EASE VICTIMS INTO THE “PIPELINE.”
- DISORIENTED: DOCUMENTS ARE TAKEN AWAY, DOORS LOCKED, DEPRIVATION AND ADDICTION.
- THREATENED AND PUNISHED: IF THEY REFUSE TO DO LABOR.

## EXAMPLES:

1. RUNAWAY GIRL TRAFFICKED INTO SLAVERY
2. SLAVE LABOR IN FL TOURISM INDUSTRY
3. TAINTED CONSUMER PRODUCTS

# SOCIAL MEDIA'S ROLE

|                      |                                | Types of Social Media Platforms |           |          |                                                       |                        |         |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|
|                      |                                | Facebook                        | Instagram | Snapchat | Chat apps<br>(Kik, KakaoTalk,<br>WeChat,<br>WhatsApp) | Dating Sites<br>& Apps | YouTube |
| Types of Trafficking | Agriculture & Animal Husbandry | ●                               |           |          | ●                                                     |                        | ●       |
|                      | Arts, Sports, & Entertainment  | ●                               | ●         |          |                                                       |                        |         |
|                      | Bars, Strip Clubs, & Cantinas  | ●                               | ●         |          |                                                       |                        | ●       |
|                      | Domestic Work                  | ●                               |           |          | ●                                                     |                        |         |
|                      | Escort Services                | ●                               | ●         | ●        | ●                                                     | ●                      |         |
|                      | Illicit Massage Businesses     | ●                               | ●         |          | ●                                                     |                        |         |
|                      | Outdoor Solicitation           | ●                               | ●         | ●        |                                                       |                        |         |
|                      | Personal Sexual Servitude      | ●                               | ●         | ●        | ●                                                     | ●                      |         |
|                      | Pornography                    | ●                               | ●         |          | ●                                                     |                        | ●       |
|                      | Remote Interactive Sexual Acts |                                 |           | ●        | ●                                                     | ●                      |         |
|                      | Restaurants & Food Service     | ●                               |           |          | ●                                                     |                        |         |
|                      | Traveling Sales Crews          | ●                               | ●         | ●        |                                                       |                        | ●       |

Polaris Project, "On-Ramps, Intersections, and Exit Routes: A Roadmap for Systems and Industries to Prevent and Disrupt Human Trafficking," 2018.

# SUPPLY AND DEMAND: THE JOHNS

“THERE SEEMS TO BE AN UNSPOKEN UNDERSTANDING  
THAT MEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO BUY SEX.” KEVIN BALES



# SUPPLY AND DEMAND: THE PIMPS



THE "PLAYERS BALL" AND SUGAR DADDY'S  
VS.

THE DARK SIDE: SEX TRAFFICKING,  
SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR, KIDNAPPING,  
ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON...



CONSEQUENCES: PHYSICAL EFFECTS OF ADDICTION, PHYSICAL INJURY, TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY,  
STDs, AIDS, STERILITY, MISCARRIAGE, FORCED ABORTIONS, PSYCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE, PTSD, SELF-  
LOATHING, ...

# CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

TRAFFICKING IN CHILDREN IS ON THE RISE.

- AVERAGE AGE OF CHILD WHEN STARTING AS A PROSTITUTE?
  - 11 TO 14 YEARS
- MOST VULNERABLE GROUPS?
  - RUNAWAYS, THROWAWAYS, VICTIMS OF ABUSE, DRUG USERS, SEXUAL MINORITY GROUPS, AND ILLEGALLY TRAFFICKED CHILDREN.

# INDICATORS OF FORCED LABOR - ILO



Isolation



Physical &  
Sexual Violence



Restriction  
of Movement



Withholding  
of Wages



Deception



Excessive  
Overtime



Debt Bondage



Intimidation  
and Threats



Abuse of  
Vulnerability



Abusive Working  
and Living  
Conditions



Retention of  
Identity  
Documents

# A STUDENT OR YOUNG PERSON CAUGHT IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING MAY:

- HAVE UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL – A “TRUANT”
- BE UNABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL ON A REGULAR BASIS
- CHRONICALLY RUN AWAY FROM HOME
- MAKE REFERENCES TO FREQUENT TRAVEL TO OTHER CITIES
- EXHIBIT BRUISES OR OTHER PHYSICAL TRAUMA, WITHDRAWN BEHAVIOR, DEPRESSION, OR FEAR
- LACK CONTROL OVER HIS/HER SCHEDULE OR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS
- BE HUNGRY OR MALNOURISHED AND INAPPROPRIATELY DRESSED (BASED ON WEATHER OR SURROUNDINGS)
- SHOW SIGNS OF DRUG ADDICTION

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# SLAVERY SUPPLY CHAINS: BE A CONSCIOUS CONSUMER



How many slaves  
work for you?



*What?*  
*Slaves work for me?*



*Find out*  
*Take the survey*



<https://slaveryfootprint.org/>

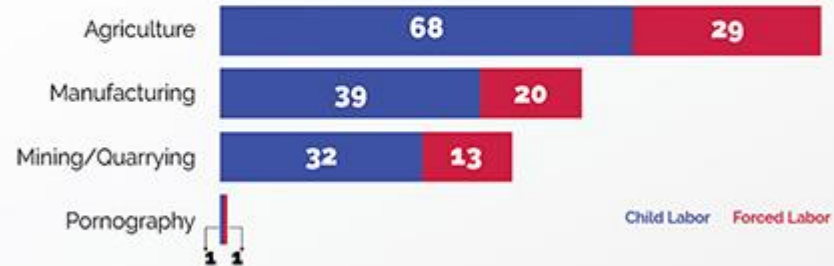
## LIST OF GOODS PRODUCED WITH CHILD LABOR AND FORCED LABOR

COTTONSEED NAILS EMBELLISHED TEXTILES BEANS (GREEN, YELLOW, SOY) TEXTILES CHILE PEPPERS  
JADE RUBIES TILAPIA (FISH) **GARMENTS** COAL PALM THATCH PALM OIL DIAMONDS  
**BRICKS** FISH IRON CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS GRAVEL COCOA **CATTLE** SESAME  
CEMENT **TIMBER** ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS **CARPETS** **GOLD** CHARCOAL FOOTWEAR  
RUBBER **SUGARCANE** **ELECTRONICS** WHEAT CORN **RICE** **COTTON**  
SHRIMP COFFEE COCA (STIMULANT PLANT) TOBACCO  
PEANUTS TEAK DRIED FISH **STONES** SILK COCOONS **BRAZIL NUTS / CHESTNUTS** TUNGSTEN ORE TANTALUM ORE

DOL Bureau of International Labor Affairs, "List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor," <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ilab/reports/child-labor/list-of-goods>.

## The List in Numbers

Number of Goods Produced Globally by Production Sector,  
Disaggregated by Child Labor and Forced Labor



Goods with the Most Child Labor Listings by Number of Countries



Goods with the Most Forced Labor Listings by Number of Countries



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