

Eliminating Sex Trafficking

Solutions for a Global and Local Crime
and
The Status of North Carolina

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Overview

Sex Trafficking: Trafficking Persons for Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

- **CEDAW**
- **Defining Sex Trafficking**
- **Where is Modern Day Slavery?**
 - International
 - United States
 - North Carolina
- **What are the Causes?**
 - Lucrative Criminal Business
 - Culture
- **How have we Responded?**
 - United States
 - North Carolina
- **Solutions for World without Slavery**

CEDAW

■ *Article 5*

States Parties shall take all appropriate measures:

- (a) To modify the social and cultural patterns of conduct of men and women, with a view to achieving the elimination of prejudices and customary and all other practices which are based on the idea of the inferiority or the superiority of either of the sexes or on stereotyped roles for men and women...

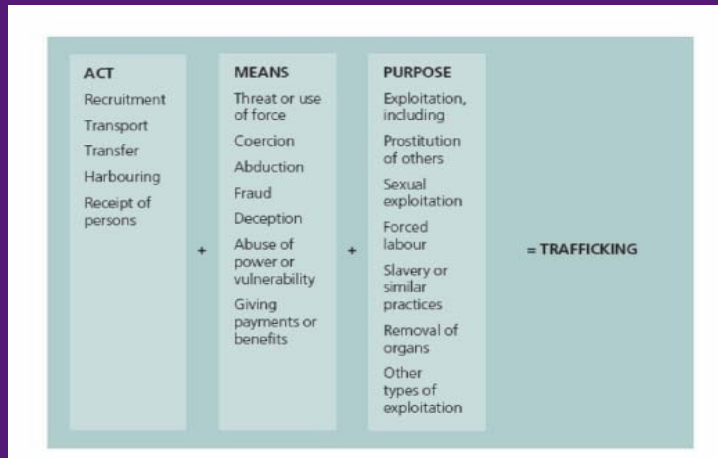
■ *Article 6*

States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women.

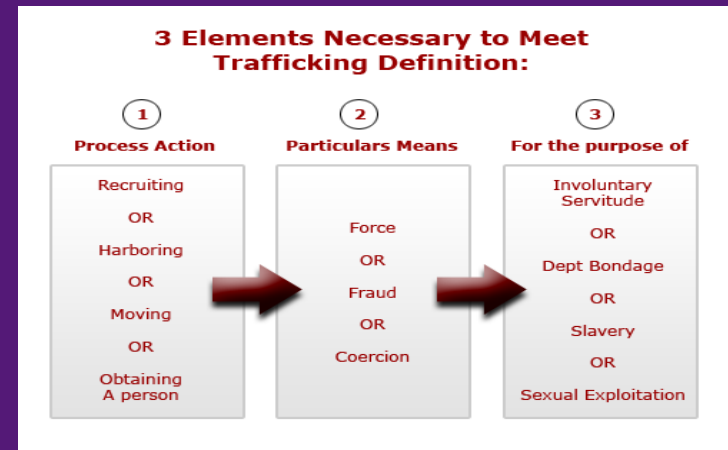
Defining the Issue

Human Trafficking and Sex Trafficking

International

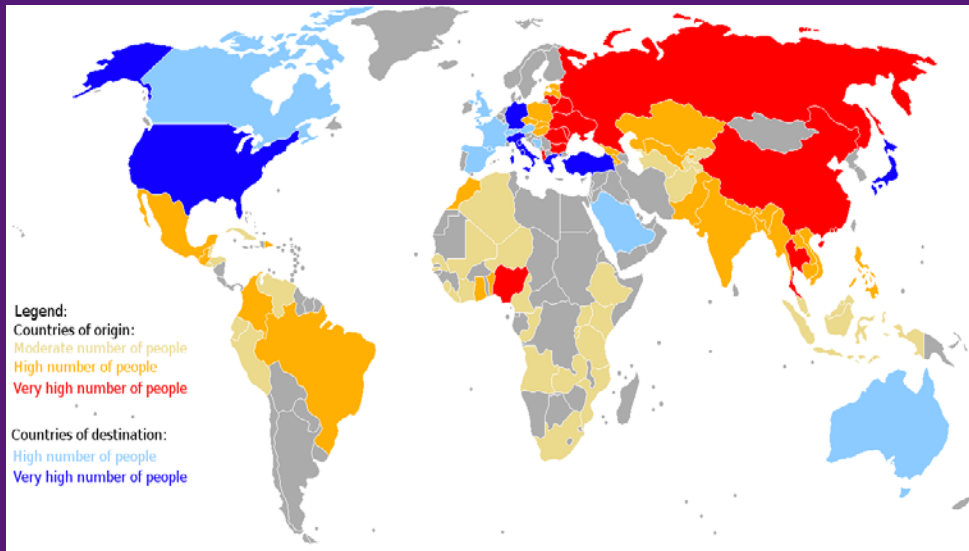


United States



- 79% of human trafficking is sex trafficking
- 700,000 to 30 million human trafficking victims globally
 - 65 - 70% Women
 - 20 - 25% Children
- At least 100,000 to 150,000 sex trafficking victims in the United States

International



- Origin Countries
 - Global South - developing
- Transit Countries
- Destination Countries
 - Global North - developed

- Vulnerable populations are more likely to be exploited
- 246 million children victims of forced labor including trafficking for prostitution and pornography

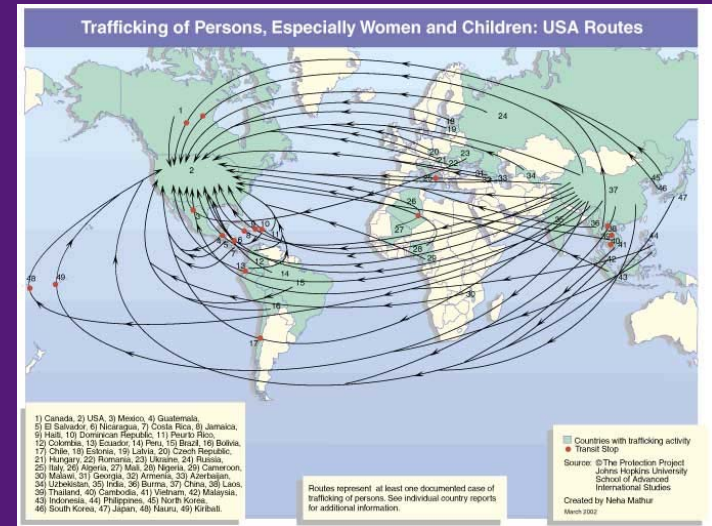
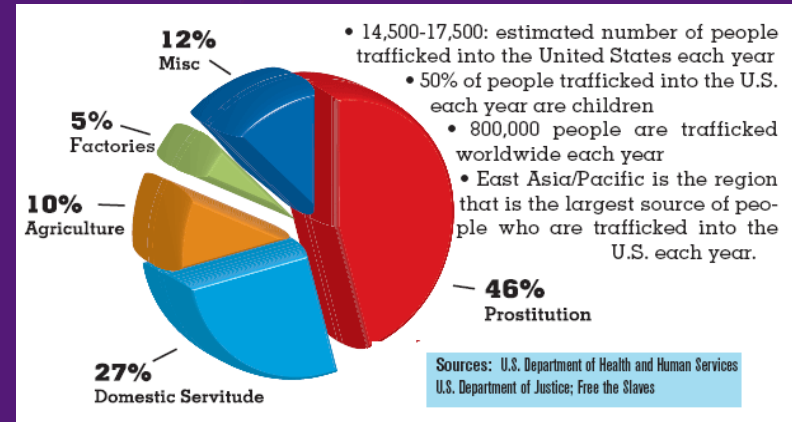
The United States

■ International Victims

- Force, Fraud, Power Imbalance
- Women

■ Domestic Victims

- Coercion, Psychological Manipulation, Power Imbalance
- Vulnerable Minors
- Pimp control
- Gang related



North Carolina

- Ranks 8th highest in Human Trafficking in the U.S.

- Why?

- Major Highways, Military Bases
- Agriculture, Coast (Ports and Tourism)



- Specific Examples

- Greenville Brothel Raid – November 2011
- Cumberland County identified and served 595 sexually abused and exploited youth last year
- The Salvation Army of Raleigh has served 21 trafficking survivors since August 10th, 2011

The average life expectancy for a child forced into sexual slavery is 7 years.

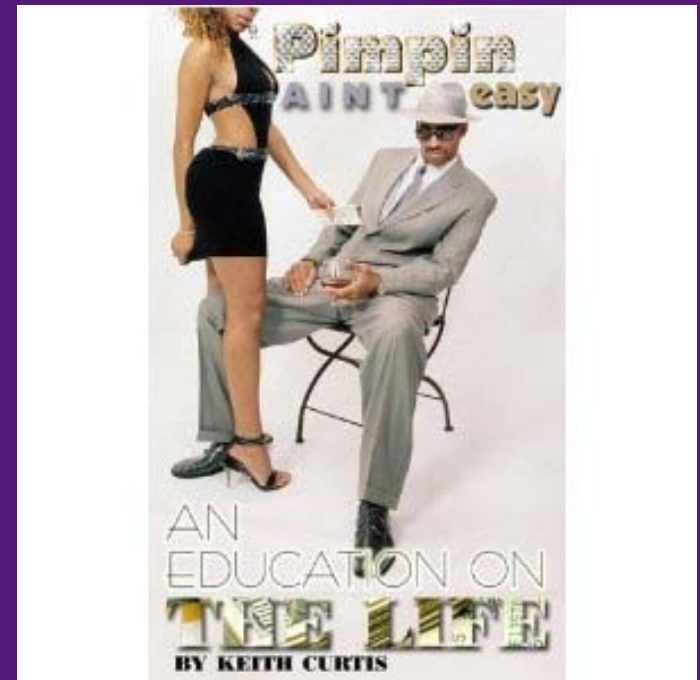


PORTRAIT OF EXPLOITATION



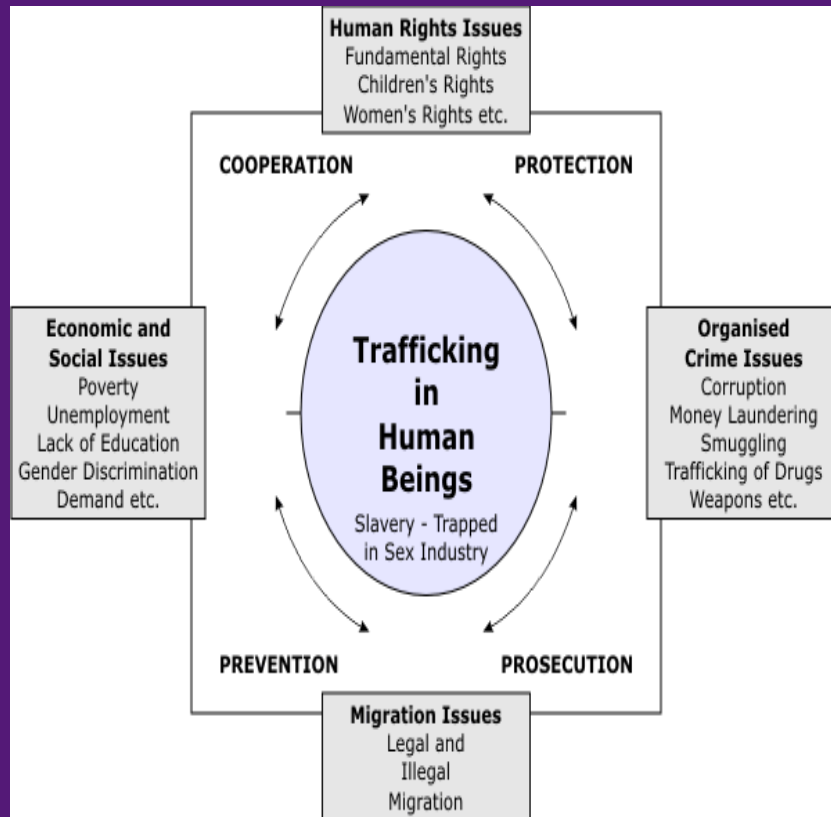
Causes: Lucrative Criminal Business

- High Demand for Victims
 - People (mostly men) buy women and girls for sex
- Organized
 - “How To” Books and Videos
 - Global/Systematic
- Low Risk for Traffickers
 - Low arrests and prosecutions
 - Small penalties
- High Profit
 - Reusable “product”/No investment
 - Decreased Value of People who are Enslaved



Causes: Cultural Norms and Tolerance

Why does our culture stand for this?



- Gender Inequality
- Violence against women
- Objectification and Sexualization of Women/Girls
- Denigration of Women
- Calloused Sexual Values
- Strict Gender Norms
- Hyper-masculinity
- High Tolerance of Violence
- Low comfort with open healthy discussion on sex
- Glamorizing pornography and prostitution

Responses in North Carolina:

North Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Building Partnerships to Provide Survivor Services

- Established seven rapid response teams
 - 260% increase in identified victims over the past 3 years

Changing Policy and Enabling Effective Enforcement

- Created training for law enforcement and changed the State Code

Education, Awareness, Advocacy and Primary Prevention

- Prepared and presented a two-day awareness workshop during January, 2012
 - List-serves, newsletters
 - Culture change

North Carolina Organizations

Education, Awareness
and Advocacy

NC PATH,
NC Stop Human Trafficking,
And The Movement

The Salvation Army

North Carolina Coalition
Against Sexual Assault

North Carolina Coalition
Against Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking Task Forces

Survivor Services

Policy and Legislation

Solutions: Responses

■ Build Community Partnerships

- Survivor Services
- Awareness and Advocacy

■ Increase Ability to Enforce

- Provide Funding for Investigations
- Educate law enforcement/first responders

■ Change Policies and Legislation

- Decriminalize the people who sell sex acts
- Criminalize Pimps and Johns

Solutions: Primary Prevention

- Promote Gender Equality and Equal Opportunities for All Populations
 - Support legislation for equal rights
 - Encourage analysis of our cultural norms
 - Ratify CEDAW
- Develop (Youth) Education Programs
 - Media Literacy
 - Prevention and Intervention Programs

What YOU can do!

- Join WomenNC!
- Become an Survivor Advocate
 - Leave rescuing to law enforcement
- Bystander Interventions
- Make Spaces for Women
- Use Gender Neutral Language
- Promote Equal Rights for All
 - Vote NO to Amendment 1 on May 8th
- Be Politically Active
- Support Media Literacy and Sex Education Programs
- Educate Yourself and Others

“The trafficking of persons, particularly women and children, for forced and exploitative labor, including for sexual exploitation, is one of the most egregious violations of human rights which the United Nations now confronts.”

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan