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*Reporting Accurate and Objective Information Based on Facts, Not Theory*

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## **Human Trafficking – Crime Against Humanity** (Part 1 of 4)

It could be the maid in the mansion, the boy in the field picking fruit, the young girl in the sweat shop or the beautiful girl pole dancing. They could all be property of a human trafficker. Why doesn't the public know more about this subject? Because media skirts around this issue and refuses to highlight it as one of the most vicious crimes against humanity. The media industry is powerful and has the ability to make a major contribution to enlightening society about this crime.

I challenge the media to expose this crime against humanity. This particular crime doesn't fit the mold of traditional crime. The silence of this unreported activity, the lack of enforcement of migration law and shared data between agencies, feeds this monster. But it's the perceived idea that it's only a crime in a third world country and not in America - land of the free - that allows this horrendous crime to accelerate. Human trafficking is in America! As a society, we appear to look at others, but seldom "see".

According to the [Human Trafficking Handbook](#) per the Office of Justice Assistance, there are visible signs:

- a) Evidence of being controlled, evidence of inability to move or leave a job;
- b) Signs of physical abuse . . . bruises
- c) Fear or depression;
- d) Not speaking on own behalf and/or not speaking the local language;
- e) No ID, documentation or passport;

Sex trafficking can often be found in the escort business, modeling agencies, massage parlors, street workers, porno publishing facilities, book stores, bars and strip clubs. An underage person in prostitution is a red flag.

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Signs of labor trafficking can be found in domestic scenarios (such as nannies or maids), restaurants, sweatshops, processing plants, canneries, open fields and construction sites where public access is denied. Often the sites are guarded and victims are driven from point A to B by 'a guard'. Often the victims reside at the place of employment in cramped quarters with many others. They are shadowed by someone when visiting a physician or clinic for treatment and have very little money.

Statistics have proven that enslavement in the USA has reached higher proportions than it did in the 1800s when slavery was tolerated heinously. Human trafficking is an exploitation of labor and/or sexual trafficking that affects women, children, boys and men.

## **According to the Brown Journal of World Affairs 2003 copyright:**

*The UN defines trafficking and smuggling as follows: "Trafficking in persons" shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability, or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs; The consent of the victim of trafficking in persons to the intended exploitation set forth in paragraph (a) of this article shall be irrelevant where any of the means set forth in subparagraph (a) have been used. "Smuggling of migrants" shall mean the procurement, in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit, of the illegal entry of a person into a State Party of which the person is not a national or a permanent resident.*

How does one become enslaved? The number one entry factor is a relationship between the recruiter and the victim. The recruiter can be an acquaintance, a friend, neighbor, family friend or a family member.

## **According to the International Organization Migration (IOM) S. Eastern Europe Trafficking Database:**

Germany appears to be the country with the most verifiable data base regarding human trafficking. However, their data only includes sexual trafficking of women and children. Trafficking stats are often meshed with data regarding smuggling and illegal migration according to F. Laczko and Marco Gramegna, researchers for IMO, Geneva.

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## **The Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking states:**

According to US Department of Justice (USDOJ) over 800,000 victims are trafficked across international borders worldwide each year. The USDOJ estimates that between 18,000 and 20,000 of those victims are trafficked into the U.S with Florida receiving a high percentage of those victims.

For more information, please visit: [Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking](#)

**The Human Trafficking National Hotline:** [1-888-3737-888](tel:1-888-3737-888) **or**

**24 hr. Hotline for Trafficking in Persons/Worker Exploitation Task Force:** [1-888-428-7581](tel:1-888-428-7581)

[You can also](#) Call your local FBI office or your State Attorney General office Victim-Witness Coordinator

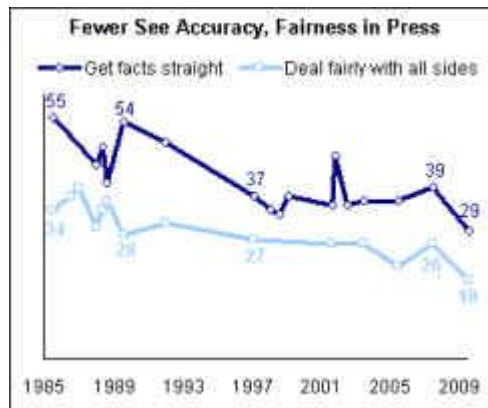
## **Part II** Human Trafficking - Who Are The Traffickers?

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Hugo De Burgh (2000) states that: "An investigative journalist is a man or woman whose profession it is to discover the truth and to identify lapses from it in whatever media may be available. The act of doing this generally is called investigative journalism and is distinct from apparently similar work done by police, lawyers, auditors and regulatory bodies in that it is not limited as to target, not legally founded and closely connected to publicity".

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