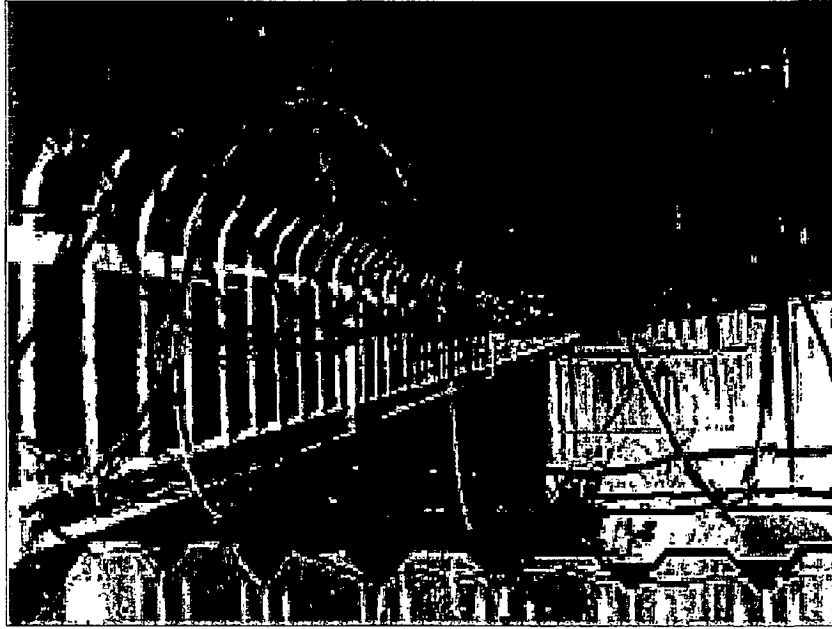
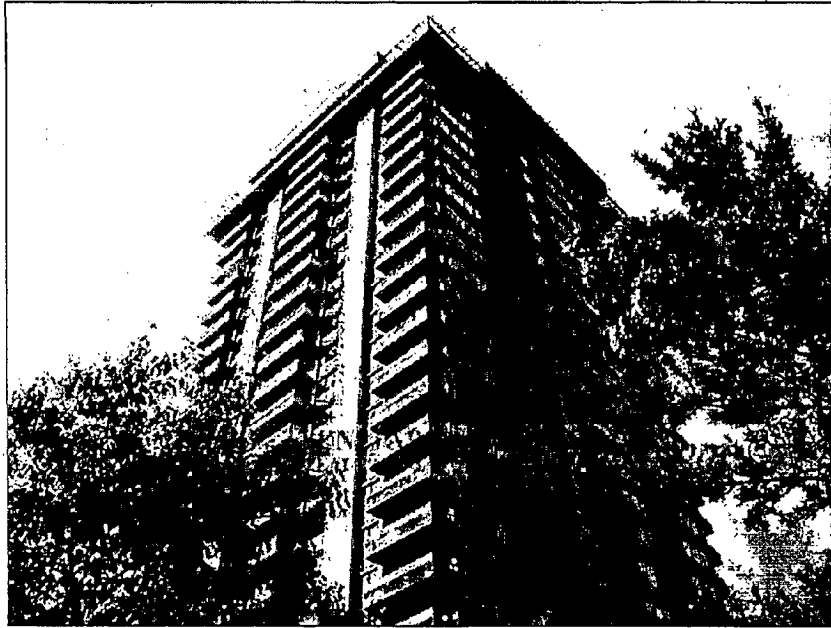








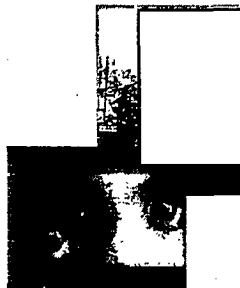
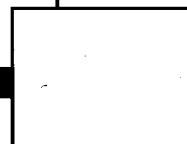
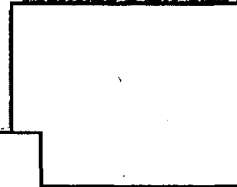
	MISSION
	■ The mission of the FBI's Civil Rights Program is to enforce federal civil rights statutes and to ensure that the protected rights of all persons are not abridged.

	CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM
	➤ # 5th Priority within the FBI ➤ #2 Priority within the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division

	CIVIL RIGHTS SUB-PROGRAMS
	■ Hate Crimes ■ Color of Law ■ Human Trafficking ■ Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances

Human Trafficking:

*Modern Day Slavery in the 21st
Century*



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	<u>What is Human Trafficking (HT)?</u>
	➤ HT is a <u>coercive labor situation</u>, whereby <u>force, fraud or coercion</u> is used to keep the victim in a labor or service situation ➤ FOCUS: Force, Fraud, Coercion

Human Trafficking? Or Not?



What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is...

- Recruitment
- Smuggling
- Abducting
- Transporting
- Harboring
- Buying/Selling

of a person

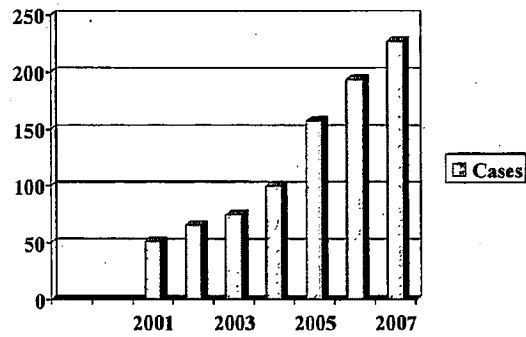
By means of...

- Force
- Fraud
- Threats
- Coercion

For the purposes of...

- Commercial or
- Sexual exploitation

Human Trafficking Cases



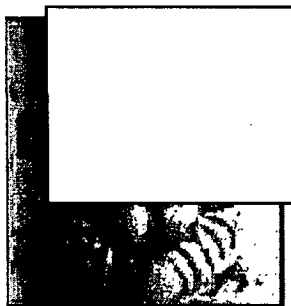
	HOW ARE VICTIMS MOST FOUND
	■ Local LEA's response to incident ■ "Outcry" from former victims ■ Inspections by DOL, Wage and Hour ■ Informant information ■ Info received from NGOs and Community Service Providers ■ Review of sexually oriented ads in newspapers ■ Complainant or victim ■ USAO/DOJ referral ■ Legitimate news/media reports ■ Social Services ■ Health Inspectors

	VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
	■ Often undocumented persons ■ Economically disadvantage ■ Allure of the "American Dream" ■ Lack of education ■ Unskilled ■ Traumatized ■ Language barriers ■ Smuggling debts ■ Affects U.S citizens and non-U.S. citizens ■ Victims may be physically isolated, guarded, or held through physical coercion

Scope of Problem

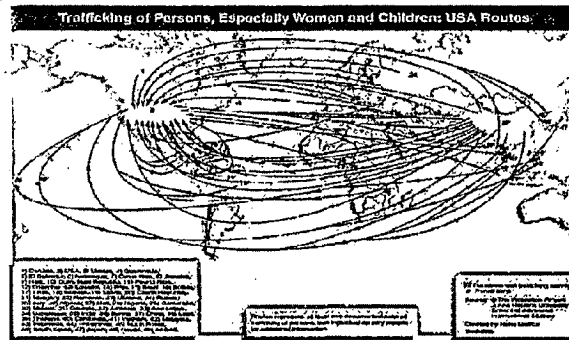
United States

- U.S. Department of Justice estimates **15,000 to 18,000** people trafficked into U.S. annually
- **750,000** women trafficked into the United States in last decade
- **200,000-300,000** U.S. children are at high risk to falling prey to the sex trade industry
- Cases have been investigated in **48** states



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USA Routes



Why Does Human Trafficking Exist?

- Fastest growing criminal industry in the world
- Yields an estimated \$9.5 billion in profits annually, \$3.5 billion in the U.S.
- Interpol estimates that each exploited victim can result in \$75,000-\$250,000 in profit per year
- HT victims trafficked into the U.S. from nearly every major country in the world

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Smuggling vs. Trafficking

Smuggling

- An offense against the integrity of the U.S. borders
- Requires illegal crossing of the U.S. border
- Smugglers typically make their money once the alien has reached the U.S. border; their "business relationship" with the immigrant then terminates
- Can become trafficking once a person is forced to provide labor or services

Trafficking

- An offense against a person
- Involves compelled labor or service
- Traffickers may use smuggling debt as a means to control victims
- Traffickers maintain ongoing control over victims, even after the border is crossed

	Human Trafficking vs. Alien Smuggling Scenario
	Sonia was invited to come to the United States by family friends. She was invited to work as their housekeeper for \$100.00 a week. Sonia was provided with fraudulent documents & departed for the US with her employer. She knew this was illegal, but she needed the money, & was willing to take the risk. SMUGGLED Was Sonia smuggled or trafficked?

Sonia was smuggled in the United States. She left willingly with full knowledge that she was entering the United States illegally.

	Upon arriving in the United States, Sonia was kept in isolation, she was given a place to sleep in the basement & told not to speak to anyone. She was threatened with deportation & never paid for her services. Sonya did not speak English & felt as if she had no where to turn for help. TRAFFICKED Was Sonia smuggled or trafficked?

At this point Sonia was restricted from leaving the house, threatened with deportation if she attempted to talk to anyone, and forced into involuntary servitude. Sonia is a victim of trafficking.

What People Are Trafficked For...

- Prostitution
- Exotic Dancing
- Servile Marriages
- Agricultural Work
- Landscape Work
- Domestic Servitude
- Factory Work
- Personal Sexual Exploitation
- Begging/Street Peddling
- Restaurant Work
- Construction Work
- Carnival Work
- Hotel Housekeeping
- Criminal Activities
- Day Labor

Methods of Recruitment and Trafficking

- Kidnapping
- Deception/Fraud
 - ✓ Newspaper ads promising career opportunities in foreign countries
 - ✓ Recruitment by other victims
 - ✓ Falsified travel document
 - ✓ Visa overstays
- Parents, family, boyfriends, husbands selling children/wives/relatives

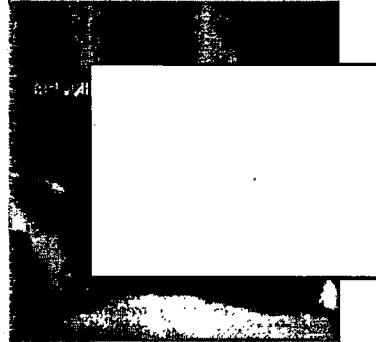


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Who are the Victims: Path to Exploitation

Vulnerability Factors:

- People escaping oppression/conflict
- Street children/runaways/homeless
- Economically marginalized
- Prior domestic violence
- Prior sexual abuse
- Little to no education
- Widows/abandoned wives & children
- **Trafficking does NOT discriminate**



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Who are the Perpetrators?

- Friends and family
- Organized crime
- Local gangs
- Smugglers
- Pimps
- Madams
- Husband
- Boyfriend
- Anyone



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Methods of Controlling

- Starvation
- Confinement
- Beatings
- Torture
- Rape and gang rapes
- Threats of violence to victims and victim's family members
- Forced drug usage



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	<u>FACTORS THAT SUPPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING</u>
	➤ Location: i.e. border states ➤ Low-wage jobs ➤ Large illegal populations ➤ Historical occurrences of trafficking

	HUMAN TRAFFICKING INDICATORS
	■ Forced Labor or Services – Fences with locked gates – Armed guards – Bars on windows – Barbed wire – Windows nailed shut – Living conditions

	HUMAN TRAFFICKING INDICATORS
	■ Forced Labor or Services (Cont.) – Evidence of physical abuse – Workers never seen without supervision – Lack of time cards – Restricted or controlled communication – Large number of occupants for living space – Live on or near work premises

	HUMAN TRAFFICKING INDICATORS
	■ Victims may lack – Personal items – Cell phones/calling cards – Transportation – Financial records – Car or house key – Knowledge about the community – Private space

	HUMAN TRAFFICKING INDICATORS
	■ Personal/Physical Indicators – Injuries from beating or weapons – Signs of torture – Signs of malnourishment – Oppressed, fearful, withdrawn demeanor – Where are their families

Four Common Myths About Human Trafficking:

MYTH 1: Trafficking victims must be foreign nationals or illegal aliens.

REALITY: Victims can either be U.S. Citizens OR foreign nationals-both are equally protected under the U.S. law.

MYTH 2: Trafficking requires transportation across state or national borders

REALITY: The legal definition of trafficking does not require transportation, although transportation may be involved. Unlike the Mann Act, no interstate transportation is required.

MYTH 3: Victims cannot consent to prostitution before the coercion or be paid.

REALITY: Consent to prostitution prior to acts of force, fraud, or coercion, or if the victim is a minor, is not relevant, nor is payment.

MYTH 4: I can conclude this isn't trafficking without doing interviewing.

REALITY: Victims are often trained to say that they were not forced or coerced. Careful interviewing is required to identify a victim, with translation if English is a second language.

Information adapted from Polaris Project Law Enforcement toolkit. Stop Human Trafficking and Slavery.
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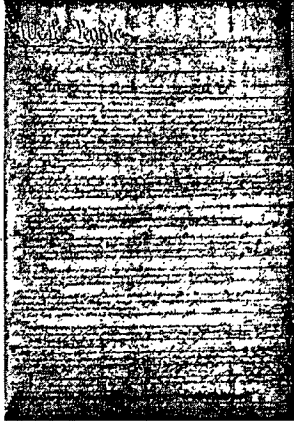
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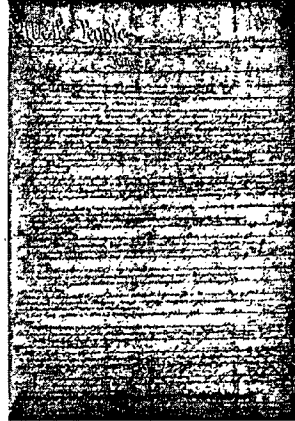
Why Should We Take Interest in Human Trafficking?

- Traffickers use our streets and freeways to move the victims around
- Many victims go misrepresented and unidentified during traffic stops and dispatched radio calls (i.e. domestic violence)
- It's the greatest civil rights violation known to humanity
- If unchallenged, our own women and children will fall prey to these predators



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	Legal Framework: Old Laws
	■ The Thirteenth Amendment: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist in the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." 



A Genius Speaks

“The World is a dangerous
place to live, not because of the
people who are evil,
but because of the people
who don’t do anything about
it...”



Albert Einstein

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