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Human Trafficking

 Human trafficking is the trade of humans. Would you ever bid for a human being, because of human trafficking? Traffickers kidnap victims and put them in for bidding, so other businessmen could buy these people. Also, traffickers kidnap or lie to the people and force them to labor. The victims are also forced into prostitution, which is call sex trafficking. This is occurring right now and it will continue to occur if other victims or other people who know where this is happening don’t put an end to this; this is wrong and it’s a violation of the victim’s rights.

 Persons of all ages and gender can be in human trafficking; traffickers kidnap people and put them in for trade. Traffickers earn $7 to $10 billion annually from human trafficking.[[1]](#footnote-1) Sometimes the traffickers put the people in for bidding. The buyers can be anyone actually, your family, friends, even people that you see at your local grocery store. Buyers buy the victims up to thousands of dollars. The cheapest ones are two dollars, and those are girls in Mozambique. The most expensive ones are women from Nigeria and they are $40,000-$78,000. The buyers take advantage of these people; they make them work all day or be in prostitution, without them willing to do it. There are 12.3 million people forced into labor and commercial sex exploitation worldwide.[[2]](#footnote-2)

 Most men, women, and even children are still forced into slavery. Women make up to 56%, men make up 44%, and children 40-55% overall forced labor population.The victims work as slaves, in factories, fields, and prostitution. Some are promise that they will get a lot of money, but are lied to. Sometimes they are paid half of the minimum wage. Traffickers threaten the victims to keep doing what they are told to do. “Such common characteristics are fraudulent recruitment, exorbitant travel and recruitment fees, the withholding of the victim’s visas and other identifying documentation, controlling and limiting the victim’s movements, threatening deportation, threatening to harm the victim or his/her family, and physically harming the victim”[(Hepburn)](http://web.b.ebscohost.com/ehost/detail?vid=8&sid=3e13c0bb-85df-4080-9c7b-0168e41acbd5%40sessionmgr110&hid=128&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#db=aph&AN=53436131).

 Women, men, and children are trafficked each year for the purpose of commercial sex exploitation. “In terms of those trafficked for the purposes of forced commercial sexual exploitation, women and girls make up 98% and men and boys comprise 2%. Lastly, children constitute 40–50% of the overall forced labor population” [(Fisher)](http://web.b.ebscohost.com/ehost/detail?vid=8&sid=3e13c0bb-85df-4080-9c7b-0168e41acbd5%40sessionmgr110&hid=128&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#db=aph&AN=19550513).Commercial sex exploitation comes in prostitution, stripping, live sex shows, and pornography.[[3]](#footnote-3)During all this, the victims then have diseases and are beaten by the “clients” or traffickers. Today, women are taken by middlemen to bars and nightclubs that purchase and keep them against their will because of debt pressure and the threat of physical violence.[[4]](#footnote-4)

This will continue to occur if the government doesn't put an end to this; this is wrong and it’s a violation of the victim’s rights. Traffickers actually put people into biddings and sale them. They are forced into working as slaves. They are also forced into commercial sex exploitation, which is a violent crime. Trafficking in human beings is the most important as trafficking is a threat to constitutional order. There are protection measures that are meant to prevent violation of human rights which occur as a result of trafficking crimes.[[[5]](#footnote-5)](http://web.b.ebscohost.com/ehost/detail?vid=6&sid=3d9f0369-f59a-40e0-894c-e4c28dea1a3a%40sessionmgr111&hid=108&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#db=aph&AN=63991340) Why would you ever buy an actual human being? If you wouldn’t like to be forced into doing all this, imagine these entire victims’ being force to work all day, having sex unwillingly, and being beaten all day; just because you don’t have enough money to bring back home to your family and they threaten to kill you or a family member. No, you wouldn’t like that, so let’s put an end to this and help these victims of human trafficking. We are not for sale.

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