

Human Trafficking: The Scope of the Issue

Oregonians Against Trafficking Humans



"Modern slavery – be it bonded labor, involuntary servitude, or sexual slavery – is a crime and cannot be tolerated in any culture, community, or country ... [It] is an affront to our values and our commitment to human rights."

– Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State

Oregonians Against Trafficking Humans (OATH)

Volunteer Education and Awareness

Oregon Human Trafficking Task Force

Director: Deputy Keith Bickford

- Law Enforcement
- Social Service Providers
- OATH

What?
Where?
Who?
Why?
How?
When?

What is Human Trafficking?

A hidden crime that's all around us

What is Human Trafficking?

- 12.3 million people
- 14,500 – 17,500 into the U.S. each year.
- \$32 billion dollar industry



What is Human Trafficking?

The use of **force, fraud** or **coercion** for forced labor or sexual exploitation.

The United Nations
Protocol 2000
"Palermo Protocol"



The US Trafficking
Victims Protection
Act (TVPA) 2000



Human Trafficking: Methods of Control

- Force

- Physical assault
- Sexual assault
- Physical confinement and isolation

- Fraud

- Fraudulent job offers
- False promises about work conditions and wages

- Coercion

- Threats to life, family
- Threats involving immigration status
- Debt-bondage: escalating or never-ending debt
- Withholding legal documents
- Fearful environment

Human Trafficking: Force, Fraud, Coercion



- **Recruitment:** Fees of \$9,500 and \$21,000
- **Documents:** Personal documents removed upon arrival.
- **Threats:** Threatened with deportation, witnessed threats of violence or experienced it first-hand.

Human Trafficking: Force, Fraud, Coercion



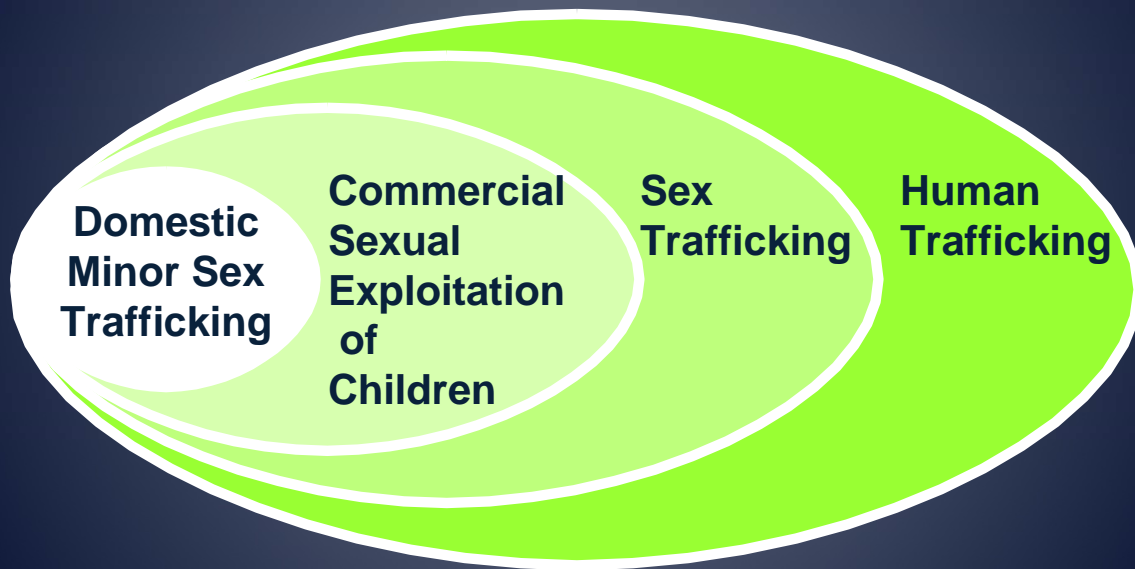
- **Recruitment:** Promise of permanent US resident status.
- **Pay:** Inadequate payment for their work.
- **Threats:** Psychological abuse, and threats of serious legal and physical harm.



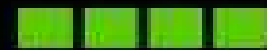
Human Trafficking: Domestic Servitude

- Jamelia was sold by her mother in Belize when she was 11-years-old
- Trafficker sold her to a family with 4 children in California
- Forced to clean and care for the 4 children for 10 years
- Tried to get help, but no one believed her
- T-Visa

What is Sex Trafficking?



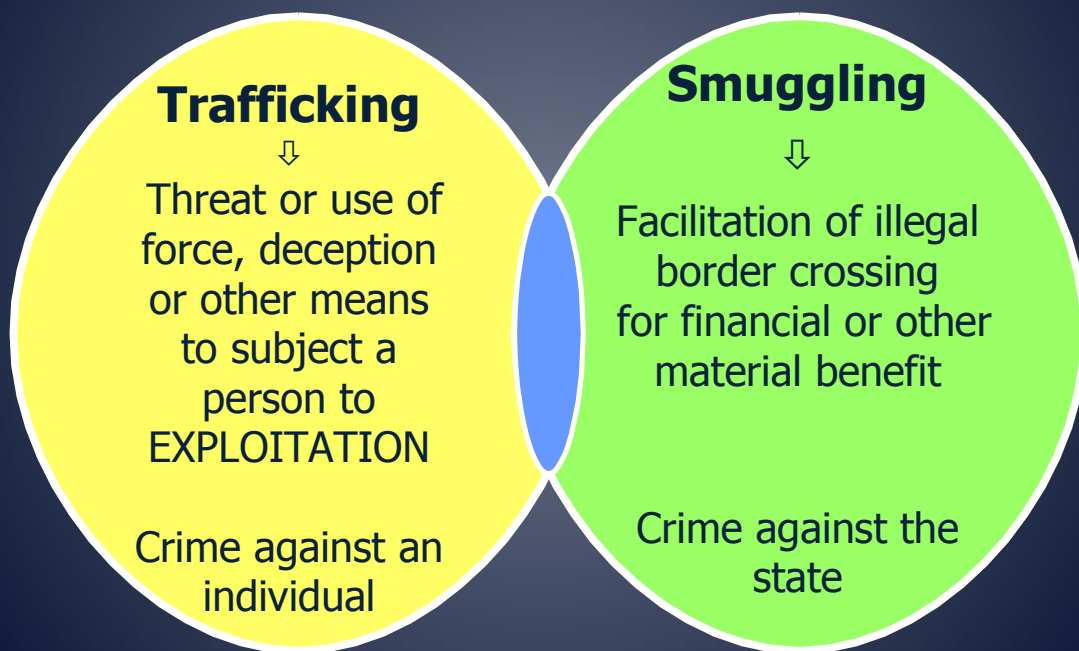
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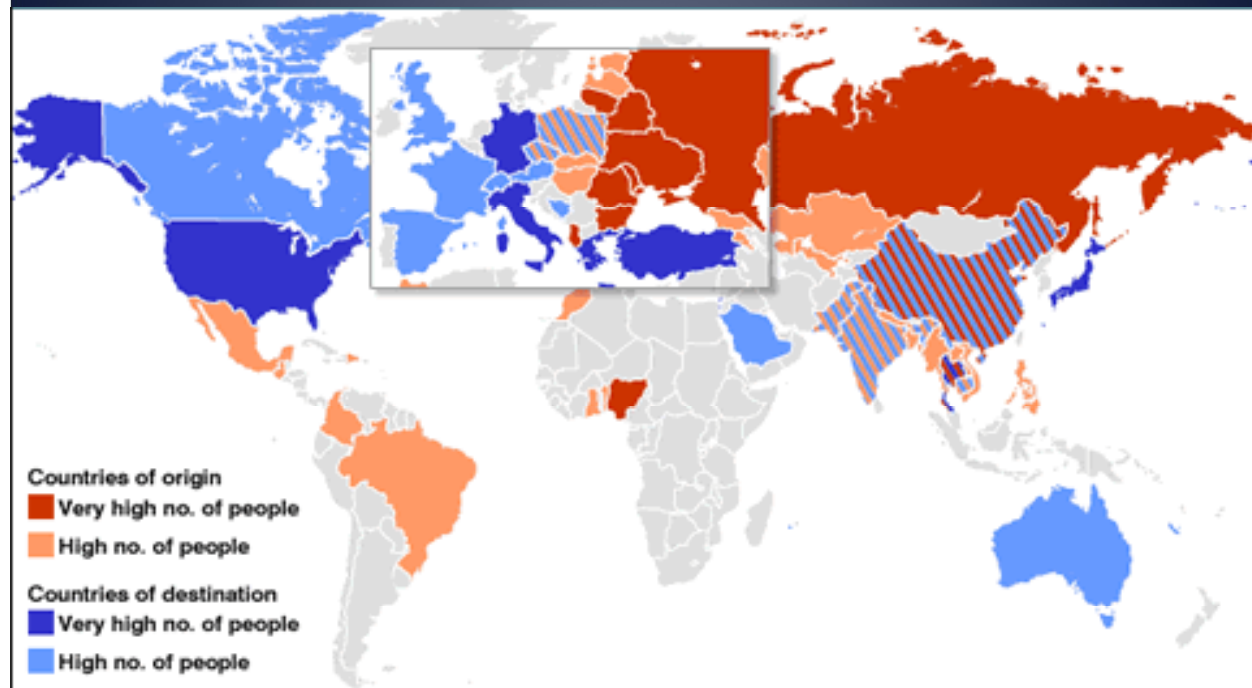
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Trafficking versus Smuggling



Where does Human Trafficking occur?



What fuels Human Trafficking?

POVERTY DISPARITY

GENDER INEQUALITY

HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

CORRUPTION IS GLOBAL

CONFLICT WAR & NATURAL DISASTERS

CULTURE COMMODIFICATION OF HUMANS IS CRIMINAL

HIV/AIDS HEALTH & SAFETY

GLOBALIZATION

BEYOND CHEAP FOREIGN LABOR MARKETS

Who is involved in Human Trafficking?

Victim

Trafficker

Facilitator

Recruiter

**Offender
Buyer**

Consumer

Who is involved in Human Trafficking?

- **Victim:** Any age, race, sex, socio-economic or educational background.
- **Recruiter:** Neighbor, friend, a friend of a friend, boyfriend, acquaintance, and family friend.
- **Trafficker:** Pimp, Boyfriend, Friend, Family, Gang, Opportunist, Organized Crime

Who is involved in Human Trafficking?

- **Offender/Buyer:** Exploiter, Pedophile, Family, Friend, Person of Authority, Opportunist
- **Facilitator:** Internet, Hotel/Motel, Transportation Companies, Banks/Financial Institutions, Corrupt Officials
- **Consumer:** Consumer goods and food products that are both imported to the U.S and produced domestically.

Why Oregon?

- Human trafficking exists everywhere
- Transit, destination and source state
- Contributing factors
 - Geography
 - Demographics
 - Agricultural Industry
 - Organized Crime and Gangs

What Labor Networks?

- Hospitality:

- Hotels
- Restaurants
- Strip Clubs
- Nail Salons

- Hard Labor:

- Agriculture
- Landscaping
- Construction



Signs of Human Trafficking

- **Physical Abuse:** Cuts, burns, broken bones, and death
- **Threats, intimidation:** Depression, anxiety, hostility, flashbacks
- **Sexual abuse:** Sexually transmitted infections , and poor reproductive health
- **Debt Bondage, Forced Labor, Dangerous Work Conditions:** Dehydration, malnutrition, injuries due to heat or cold overexposure, general poor hygiene

Signs of Human Trafficking

- Fear, mistrust, anxious
- Evidence of being controlled
- Not speaking on own behalf and/or Non-English speaking
- No passport or other forms of identification or documentation

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

1-888-3737-888



polarisproject.org

What Is Being Done?

2011 Reauthorization of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA)

- **Prevent** human trafficking
- **Protect** every victim/survivor with legal rights and services available to them
- **Prosecute** traffickers of persons under stiff Federal penalties
- **Partner** to prevent, intervene and end trafficking

National Legislation

S. 596: Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Deterrence and Support Act

- \$2.5 million for education and rehabilitation services

S. 185: Child Protection Compact Act

- U.S. will provide assistance to select "focus countries"

When will Human Trafficking end?



What Can You Do?

- YIMBY: Yes It's In My Backyard
2. Keep the conversation going!



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