

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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### ISSUE OVERVIEW

Slavery has been going on for all of written history. Although it is now illegal in every country in the world, it still happens in every country in the world, including the United States. Best estimates say that there are about 27 million people in slavery throughout the world, over 100,000 being in the United States. It's the third largest criminal industry by dollar (after drug and arms trafficking,) over \$32 billion each year. The average cost of a person worldwide is about \$100, cheaper than any other time in human history. In 2011 the U.S. State Department estimated that 800,000-900,000 people are trafficked across international borders every year.

### CLASSES

- SOC 340: Sociology of International Development
- HIST 366: Slavery and the Slave Trade in Africa and the Atlantic World
- IAS 220: Intro to International Development
- SOC 367: Sociology of Gender
- SOC 112: Current Social Problems
- BUS M 371R: Social Entrepreneurship
- SOC W 585: Global Issues - Children at Risk
- HLTH 403R: Refugee and Migrant Health

### PROFESSORS

- Matthew Mason, Faculty Advisor to the Anti-Human Trafficking Club

### OFF-CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

- Slavery Footprint ([slaveryfootprint.org](http://slaveryfootprint.org))  
Interactive calculator to find how many slaves you employ based on your purchasing habits.
- Love 146 ([love146.org](http://love146.org))  
Helps victims of human trafficking recover and avoid captivity. Check out their videos.
- Free the Slaves ([freetheslaves.net](http://freetheslaves.net))  
Preeminent research group in worldwide Anti-Human Trafficking.
- Polaris Project ([polarisproject.org](http://polarisproject.org))  
Operator of the National Human Trafficking Hotline and other initiatives.
- Call and Response ([callandresponse.com](http://callandresponse.com))  
Large network fighting slavery, especially from many everyday consumer products.
- International Justice Mission ([ijm.org](http://ijm.org))  
Helps build legal infrastructure to combat slavery in countries abroad.
- CNN freedom project ([thecnnfreedomproject.blogs.cnn.com](http://thecnnfreedomproject.blogs.cnn.com)).  
CNN's efforts to raise awareness about Human Trafficking.
- Transitions Global ([transitionsglobal.org](http://transitionsglobal.org))  
Aftercare organization providing a way out for many victims of human trafficking.
- FAIR Girls ([fairgirls.org](http://fairgirls.org))  
Washington D.C. based aftercare center.
- GEMS ([gems-girls.org](http://gems-girls.org))  
New York based aftercare center. Check out their film "Very Young Girls"



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## DAILY & LIFE-LONG INVOLVEMENT

- Donate to a reputable NGO (smaller, monthly donations are best)
- Serve on a Board of Directors to the NGO
- Join/volunteer with local organizations
- Work part-time/full-time for anti-trafficking organizations
- Purchase Fair Trade goods
- Purchase other products verified to be “slave-free”
- Share the National Human Trafficking Hotline (1-888-3737-888)
- Ensure that the business you work for has a clean supply chain
- Use the Free2Work app to know which products are made without slavery

## ON-CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

- BYU Anti-Human Trafficking Club (Wednesday meetings at 7:30 PM in 324 TNRB)
- Women Studies (1065 JFSB)
- Amnesty International
- SID (Students for International Development)

## RELATED ISSUES

- Child Labor
- Pornography
- Prostitution
- Immigrants’ rights
- Human rights

## EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- Trafficking in Persons Report ([state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt](http://state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt))
- International Labour Organization on forced labour ([ilo.org/sapfl](http://ilo.org/sapfl))

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