Human Trafficking

stop human trafficking

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Human trafficking video


Citation: See Source 4
Human trafficking is the illegal trade of human beings for the purposes of sexual slavery and forced labor.
History of Human Trafficking

• Slavery can be tracked down as long as when human civilization started.
• In ancient times, people mostly acquired their slaves from wars and conquests. These slaves worked mostly at home and on the farm.
• During the 15th Century, slavery became global, with explorers discovering new territories. In 1562, John Hawkins began the English slave trade between West Africa and the Caribbean.
• In the 1770’s, a transformation began to occur in attitudes towards social issues.
• Today, slavery and human trafficking is banned all over the world. The 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights banned slavery completely. It says that, "no one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms”.
• However, even though this made human trafficking illegal, human trafficking is growing every day.

Citation: See Source 3
Ohio is also one of the states which is struggling with human trafficking. The Trafficking in Persons study commission found that 1,800 people are trafficked in Ohio every year. This includes 800 immigrants who are exploited in commercial sex and factory work, as well as about 1,000 American-born children who are forced into prostitution. ("The New Hotbed of Human Trafficking Is ... Ohio", by Amanda Kloer)

The report cites weak laws on human trafficking, a growing demand for cheap labor, and Ohio's proximity to the Canadian border as the key reasons modern-day slavery thrives in the state.

Citation: See Source 1
The signs that a patient is being trafficked

- lack of knowledge of a given community/whereabouts
- not in control of personal ID
- few personal possessions
- does not speak
- 3rd party insists on being present or interpreting
- injuries (multiple, old & new)
- signs of malnourishment
- branding
- no healthcare
- under 18 & in sex industry DE FACTO ("in practice or actuality, but not officially established."")
- claim of just visiting
- inconsistent story
- behavior change when law enforcement is mentioned
- STIs bacterial &/or yeast infections
- demeanor (e.g.: fearful, anxious, submissive, flat affect)

Citation: See Source 2
What to do?

• Call 1-800 TIPLINE
• Call 911 if the victim life is in danger
What NOT to do

- **Do not call law enforcement** unless the victim is in danger.
  - Human trafficking victims commonly have a great fear of law enforcement officials. When victims who are not from the U.S. are trafficked into the country, they are often not in control of their "papers." They fear that their undocumented status will result in imprisonment, which means the victim has no possibility of financially supporting his/her family, or deportation, which can be as dangerous as his/her trafficked predicament and may also mean he/she has no means with which to provide for family.
  - Sexually exploited victims may not trust the police as they have seen that some of their "johns" are law enforcement officials. It is not uncommon for some law enforcement officials to receive "pay-offs" from traffickers to "look the other way."
  - Anti-trafficking advocates are more savvy about which departments to contact for trafficking cases; call **1-866-US-TIPLINE** when you suspect trafficking and let them guide you as to the next step.

Citation: See Source 2
Sources

Questions

1. What is human trafficking?

2. In what century did the slavery become global, with explorers discovering new territories?
   A. 16th
   B. 17th
   C. 18th
   D. 15th

   A. 1950
   B. 1948
   C. 1965
   D. 1957

4. Which city in Ohio is popular with human trafficking?
   A. Cincinnati
   B. Akron
   C. Toledo
   D. Columbus
Questions continued

5. The signs that a patient is being trafficked are:
   A. not in control of personal ID
   B. under 18 & in sex industry DE FACTO ("in practice or actuality, but not officially established.”)
   C. claim of just visiting
   D. All of the above

6. What to do when you see a victim?
   A. Walk away
   B. Hide
   C. Call 1-800 TIPLINE
   D. A and B are correct
Answers

• 1. Illegal trade of human beings for the purposes of sexual slavery, forced labor, which is a modern-day form of slavery.

• 2. D

• 3. B

• 4. C

• 5. D

• 6. C