



Human Trafficking

A MAJOR TOPIC IN DOMINICAN SOCIAL JUSTICE

What is Human Trafficking?

- ▶ The action or practice of illegally transporting people from one country or area to another, typically for the purposes of forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation.

Elements of Human Trafficking

- ▶ The Act (What is done)
- ▶ The Means (How it is done)
- ▶ The Purpose (Why it is done)

Global Statistics: Slavery

- ▶ An estimated 24.9 million victims are trapped in modern-day slavery.
 - ▶ 16 million (64%) were exploited for labor,
 - ▶ 4.8 million (19%) were sexually exploited, and
 - ▶ 4.1 million (17%) were exploited in state-imposed forced labor.

Global Statistics: Forced Labor

- ▶ Forced labor takes place in many different industries. Of the 16 million trafficking victims exploited for labor
 - ▶ 7.5 million (47%) forced labor victims work in construction, manufacturing, mining, or hospitality
 - ▶ 3.8 million (24%) forced labor victims are domestic workers
 - ▶ 1.7 million (11%) forced labor victims work in agriculture

Global Statistics: Demographics

- ▶ 15.4 million victims (75%) - 18 or older, under 18 estimated at 5.5 million (25%).
- ▶ The Asia-pacific region accounts for the largest number of forced laborers - 15.4 million (62% of the global total).
- ▶ Africa has 5.7 million (23%)
- ▶ Europe and Central Asia with 2.2 million (9%). The Americas account for 1.2 million (5%) and the Arab States account for 1% of all victims.

Global Statistics: Demographics

- ▶ 2.2 million (14%) of victims of forced labor moved either internally or internationally
- ▶ 3.5 million (74%) of victims of sexual exploitation were living outside their country of residence.
- ▶ Victims spend an average of 20 months in forced labor, although this varied with different forms of forced labor.

U.S. Statistics:

- ▶ <https://humantraffickingsearch.org/human-trafficking-statistics-2017/>

Colorado Statistics

- ▶ <http://www.rmpbs.org/blogs/news/sex-trafficking-of-children-in-colorado-reaches-every-corner-of-the-state/>

Signs of Human Trafficking

- ▶ The Individual in Question (Noticing Oddities)
- ▶ Poor Mental Health or Abnormal Behavior
- ▶ Poor Physical Health
- ▶ Lack of Control
- ▶ Other Signs & Symptoms

Possible Social Actions

- ▶ Start a club or community group
- ▶ Lobby local policy makers
- ▶ Hold an event to raise awareness
- ▶ Launch a research project
- ▶ Snag a job at an Anti-Trafficking Organization
- ▶ Pursue a Fellowship
- ▶ Avoid products and companies that facilitates human trafficking