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Trafficking is one of the fastest growing global industries



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Human Trafficking

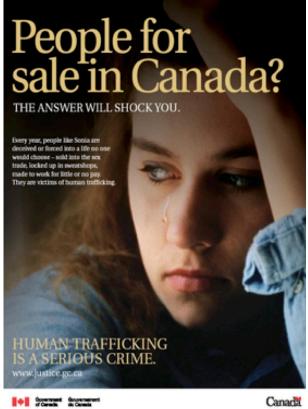
is one of the fastest growing illicit industries in the world Did you know?



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Over 40 million people are trapped in slavery...

...that is equivalent to every man, woman and child in Canada being enslaved





Bonded labor is the most common form of slavery today



Toledo has ranked fourth in the U.S. for sex trafficking

TOP CITIES IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR SEX TRADE		
City	City Population	County Population
1. Miami		2.4 million
2. Portland, Ore		

SOURCES: Ohio Trafficking in Persons Study Commission, Northwest Ohio Innocence Lost Task Force, U.S. Census THE BLADE



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Published February 11, 2010

There are at least 10 million enslaved children today





15.4 million people are enslaved in forced marriage



Trafficking is growing in dangerous and horrific ways

There are more enslaved persons today than in any time in history





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Overview of presentation

•Scenes from Lily's Wings by BGHS Drama Club Understanding human trafficking Research program Policy and legislation Recommendations



Lily's Wings by BGHS Drama Club





Written by Roxanne Schroeder-Arce Directed by Dr. Jo Beth Gonzalez and high school students



Lily's Wings: Collaboration

Written by Roxanne Schroeder-Arce in collaboration with high school students





Understanding human trafficking



How do you define human trafficking?



Who? What? Where? Why? How?



Recruitment Transportation Transfer Harbour Receipt of Persons

MEANS

Threat /use of force Coercion Abduction Fraud Deception Abuse of power or vulnerability Giving payments or benefits

PURPOSE

Exploitation including: Prostitution of others Sexual exploitation Forced Labour Slavery or similar practices Removal of organs Other types of exploitation

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS

Poverty Social exclusion (employment/education) Discrimination Gender inequality Feminisation of poverty

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

GLOBAL FACTORS

Globalisation Labour market liberalisation Freedom of movement Global economic crisis Market economy focused on profit-making

POLITICAL FACTORS

Political instability Armed conflict Official corruption Poor governance Weakened rule of law





What is the most common form of human trafficking and/or human trafficking and/or enslavement?

Bonded labor



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Individuals are compelled to work in order to **repay a debt**, unable to leave until the debt is paid.

Often leaves enslaved people stranded overseas, unable to return to their homes and families.

Labor trafficking

Involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.



Using force, fraud or coercion to... • Recruit Obtain • Harbor Transport ...a person for labor or services



Sex trafficking



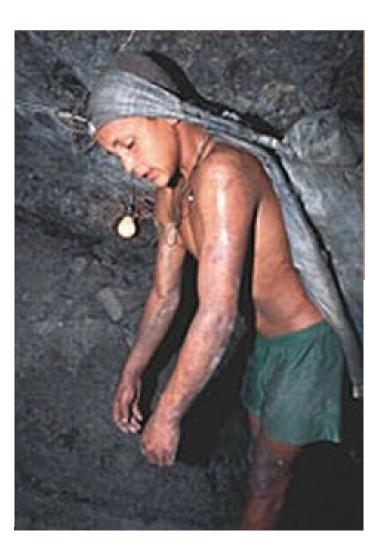
Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended by the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 (JVTA)



Human trafficking is enslavement



Globally, the average cost of an enslaved person is \$90





Human trafficking is highly profitable



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In the U.S. controllers (pimps) earn, on average, \$15,000 per month per enslaved person

The need for financial literacy

12-14 year old girls go online searching for a "Sugar Daddy" because "I thought he would buy me nice things."





The need for safety literacy

Things we learned in kindergarten

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From Instant Message to Instant Nightmare

Sex traffickers have online access. Don't let them access and recruit your kids.

Parents, educate your kids about online safety.

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Don't talk to strangers

The need for relational literacy

Recruitment methodology:

"Boyfriending"





The need for relational literacy

Other recruitment strategies



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2 Pimp Pastors Arrested For Having Relations With A Minor

222,078 views

The need for awareness

- "Lost Youth: Teenage Sex Trade"
- 2006 series by The Blade
- Addressed child sex trafficking
- Toledo's emergence as a major recruitment hub.



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within HOURS of leaving home, ONE-THIRD of child runaways in the US are KIDNAPPED and forced into commercial sexual exploitation.

Local, national & transnational contexts

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Research foci

1. Dismantling patriarchy

2. Human rights, safety, and dignity for all

3. Economic justice and workers'



Research questions and consideration

- Substantial set of complex concerns, one of which is adult consent
- Challenging research question (RQ1):
 Does consensual, adult activities related to sex tourism, in a location where sex work is decriminalized, lead to more or less human





Research questions and consideration

RQ2: What is the role of nongovernmental, civil society, and faith-based organizations (NGOs, CSOs, and FBOs), in combating trafficking of women and children in North and Central America, and the detrimental impacts of sex work and sex tourism in nations, such as Costa Rica, where sex work is decriminalized?





Decriminalization debate

 Another substantial set of complex concerns, including consent Challenging RQ to explore in small groups: Does consensual, decriminalized age 18+ activity lead to more or less human trafficking, particularly of minor children?





Conflicting views

- Feminists have conflicting views (patriarchal domination to free choice)
- Advocates of various views argue penalties should be reduced
- Some argue legalization creates security for sex workers

- Free choice
- Agency
- Self-determination
- Laws targeting those who pay for sex ultimately hurt sex workers



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Commitment to labor advocacy







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Dangerous jobs: police officer, fire fighter, coal miner (American College of Epidemiology, 2012)







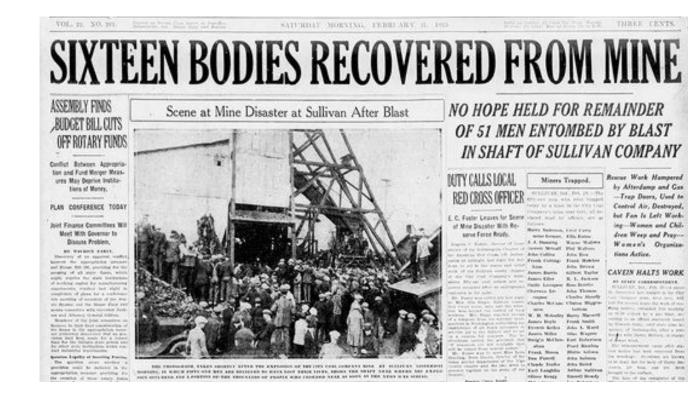
Safety for all workers





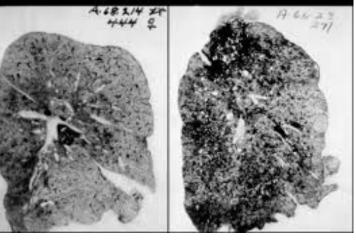


Comparisons





COAL WORKERS PNEUMOCONIOSIS





Support for decriminalization





Sex tourism







The curious case of Cuba Dave

David Strecker:

First person convicted under Costa Rica's 2013 *Ley para combatir la Trata de Personas* [Law to combat Human Trafficking].



(Lengel, under review, 2018).



CubaDave.com



Impact of awareness on risk

As risk increases, incentive declines







Community organizations





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THE HOPE OF A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Seeds of Hope works in El Salvador and Costa Rica on the national and local level, using preventative measures in order to combat sexual exploitation, drugs, violence, and trafficking of minors.

Seeds of Hope

Faith-based organization

• Operates six afterschool clubhouses for youth aged 8-17

 In poorest communities in Puntarenas province



From Hayli: "I am so thankful that I was able to teach at the SOH Parrita clubhouse for the last 4 months. There is so much that God is doing through the lives of these kids, and it is so evident in their attitudes and evolving perspectives on their life and relationships. Thank you for this amazing opportunity to serve and teach about some topics that I am so passionate about, including a class about medicinal herbs. $\stackrel{\checkmark}{\sim}$ $\stackrel{\checkmark}{\sim}$ I love how Seeds of Hope is providing at-risk youth with these educational opportunities that they really deserve to have. Seeds of Hope is providing a safe and positive place for kids to learn about themselves and our Creator. "

Seeds of Hope



Some of our kids in the Seeds of Hope "Sprouts" Program in Parrita. 7 ages 8-13-

Legislation concerns: FOSTA/SESTA





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The need for public awareness

U.S. Department of Education's technical assistance center for the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program See handouts





Impact of globalization

Increased mobility Digital media





The need to decrease incentive



A strong multidisciplinary task force that utilizes talents from all sectors can add to the momentum of decreasing the incentive exists for perpetrators to commit the crime.

> -- Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice (2018).

Thank you BGHS Drama Club!

Many thanks to Dr. Jo Beth Gonzalez and the BGHS Drama Club for performing scenes from *Lily's Wings!*









What can you do to help stop human trafficking?



Identify persons who might be at risk



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Confused; Betrayed Berayed Bess Berayed Never good Enough Never good Enough Parter Shining Mentan Pathetic: Annoying Pathetic:





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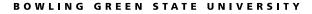
Be aware. Be supportive. Be kind.

Learn about economic injustice











Be an informed citizen





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Vote for people and policies that support economic justice

Be an informed consumer



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Make informed decisions about products you buy and businesses you patronize.

SLAVERY











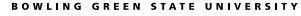




Support businesses with supply chain transparency measures and evidence they are working to eradicate human trafficking. What 0



Support slavery-free goods and services



Be kind. Be supportive.





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Don't be a bystander if you witness bullying or mistreatment

Be attentive



Know victim warning signs



What can you

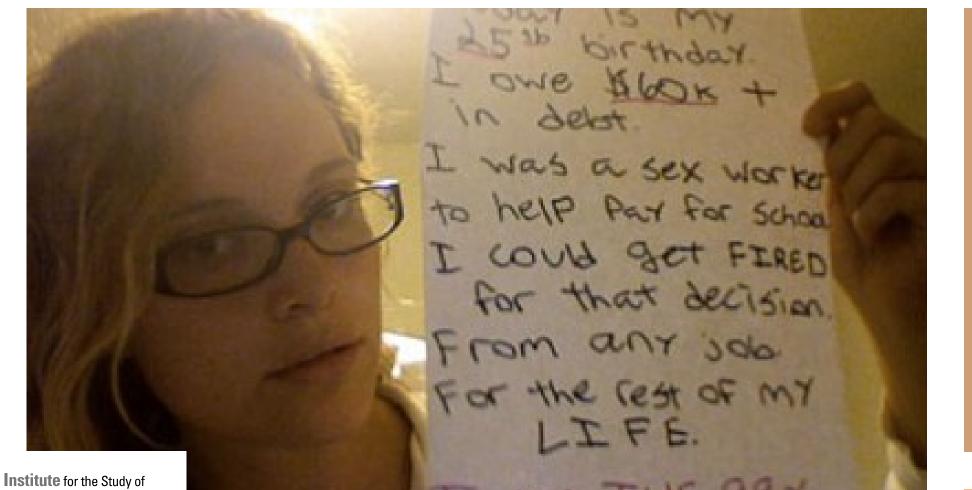


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Be aware. Be vigilant. Work for justice.

Advocate for economic justice

What can you do



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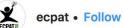
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Report: 888-373-7888 Nat'l Human Trafficking Hotline



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ecpat On #WorldTourismDay, remember that you have the power to be a responsible traveler. -Learn the signs of trafficking. -Note 1 (888) 373-7888, the phone number to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. -Use your purchasing power to support companies that empower their employees through training on how to prevent and respond to trafficking.

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foodtravellife88 Thank you so much for forwarding my email to local officials!! Please shine light on Thailand's exploration of children and women. I am in cheweng Koh Samui Thailand And while this area has not many children on the streets other areas of Thailand are worse.



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

January 16-31, 2019

Full production of Lilly's Wings by Bowling Green High School (BGHS) Drama Club, directed by Dr. Jo Beth Gonzalez.

Series of community outreach events for **Human Trafficking Awareness Month** including: Training workshops for BGHS and BG Middle School teachers organized by Dr. Lara Martin Lengel.

For info contact: lengell@bgsu.edu





ICS Spring 2019 Events

Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019 6:00 – 7:30 pm 206 BTSU

Thursday, March 14, 2019 308 BTSU Future of Leadership: The Role of Power, Equity and Design with Antionette Carroll

Women of Color Leadership Summit with the Center for Women and Gender Equity

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