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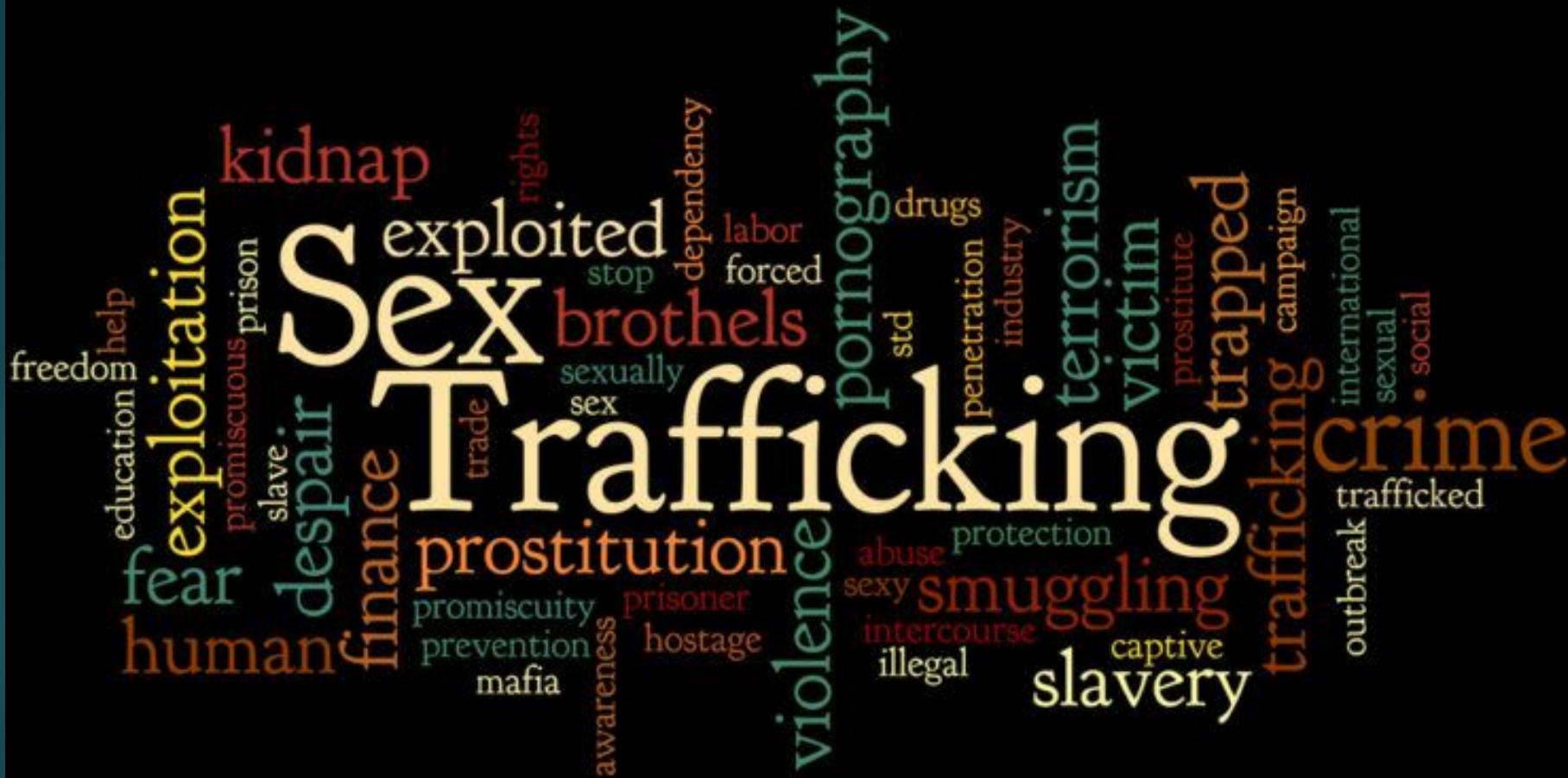
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Overview

- Introduction/Why I choose this topic?
 - Self-interest.
 - Sociologically significant.
 - Research questions.
- Thesis.
- Method of Research.
- Findings.
 - United States.
 - India.
- Conclusion.
- Further suggestions.

Introduction

○ Why this topic?

- Global phenomenon effecting people all over the world.
- Self-interest: Criminology is my passion.
- Poverty.
- Being able to one day help the children exploited by traffickers, by adding to the body of knowledge of sex trafficking.

Introduction Continued: Sociological Significance

- The victims and traffickers impact society at the micro and macro levels.
- Effecting society adversely.
 - Impacting the crimes rates.
 - Safety of our societies and its citizens.
 - The victims and traffickers change the perception of the people involved and the society/culture originated.

Introduction Continued: Research Questions?

- 1) Is there a relationship between strong family support of the victims and successful reintegration into the mainstream of society after professional health care?
- 2) Will the victims with supportive families maintain an ordinary life after receiving professional care, compared to those with non (or no) supportive families?

Thesis

- My thesis is that, there is a relationship between strong family support of the victims and the success of professional health care.

Method of Research



- Literature Research.
 - Books.
 - Peer-reviewed journal articles.
 - Newspapers articles.
 - Related websites.

Literature Research



- Social Science & Medicine Journals.
- Homeland Security.
- The U.S. Department of Justice.
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).



Findings: United States and India

United States: Findings

- Trafficker known to the victims.
- Middle and lower Class.
- Typically more violence involved.
 - Horror stories.

United States: Continued

- Manipulation for economic gain.
- Kidnapping.
- Rehabilitation process.
 - Support from family.

Findings: India

- Poverty.
 - It's a heightened level of hardship in developing nations.
- The family has an impact on the decision making process for the victims.

India: Study Findings Continued

Predisposing Family disruption.

- 38.0% Family violence.
- 15.2% Violence from husband.
- 27.8% Violence from other family member.
- 32.9% Marital separation or abandonment.
- 10.1% Family conflict over marital partner (Silverman 2007).

India: Study Findings Continued

Relationship to their trafficker.

- 40.0% Friend or Acquaintance.
- 7.9% Intimate Partner.
- 8.6% Relative (other than husband) (Silverman 2007).

India: Study Findings Continued

○Filial Piety



Overall Findings

- Environment.
 - Poverty.
- Little to no education.
- Socio-economic status.
- Cultural specific.

Health Care Findings

- United States as compared to India.

How to achieve a better quality of life?

- Reunification with family.
- Education.
 - Long-term mental health care.
 - Healthy living skills.
 - Job skills or training.

Conclusion

- Strong family support does positively impact the healing process and the quality of life after victimization within the United States. In the cases of sex trafficking victims from Asia this phenomenon is highly complex. Therefore, helping the victims from these countries is not a circumstance easily resolved or alleviate.

Further Suggestions

- Continue to study this global phenomenon.
 - More longitudinal studies of victims in rehabilitation centers.
 - Research that is culturally specific to the victims and the dynamics of being trafficked.

Why to continue to study this phenomenon?

- To add to the body of knowledge of sex trafficking with the hope that one day to be able to help the victims and help deter it.



Questions?

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