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## Human Trafficking in the Today's World

There are thousands of children, men, and women being forced into human trafficking in the world today. To the majority of society, human slavery is a concept which occurred many years ago and was abolished, but in reality it has turned into a horrendous financial market that robs children of the purity and security of adolescence. People who travel through the human trafficking system are tortured, beaten, and then passed to the next person, as if they were mere objects. Humans forced into the trafficking 'ring' do not just occur sexual abuse, but are also physically abused and then sold to the next buyer to receive the same treatment. The constant presence of this 'ring' is a problem in countries all around the world.

Many countries choose to ignore the problem, but the business of selling human flesh still remains a problem that many governments refuse to invest time and money into. Although human trafficking covers very extreme topics and ranges from lack of intervention from government to poverty, the political, economical, and sociological factors must be considered to truly understand how the business works. One of the best ways to explain human trafficking and the steps that can be taken to achieve a solution is sociology. Sociology helps to represent not only the facts and numbers that lie behind human trafficking, but also the raw data and demographics to better understand it. Sociology as a whole allows for human trafficking to be analyzed by the influence of historical analysis, as well as helps to explain the pattern of social change (Rose). Sociology in regards to human trafficking plays an outstanding role, because it can be used to look at both the victims and the perpetrators who are committing the crime.

The majority of modern society develop an image in their mind that the average criminals responsible for the majority of human smuggling belong to a mafia or gang or are thugs, but this stereotype does not always hold true (Malerek). One of the most important attributes to human trafficking is the fact that the people organizing the system might fit the description of the next-door-neighbor, rather than the more popular mobster image. Due to the way human trafficking corresponds with society and people, it is natural to have sociology demonstrate a better understanding to the issue. The next development requires to truly understand human trafficking is political science. Political science can be used to examine and analyze how political behavior, political systems, and public policies play influential roles on the presence of human trafficking (Rienow). Political science demonstrates the tendency of an absence of government interventions in important criminal actions, as well as how countries around the world handle the dilemma of human trafficking.

There is a necessity to have more interaction between countries that deal with this threat, even the ones that put human smuggling high on their list of worst crimes, to successfully abolish

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human trafficking (Gramegna & Laczko). For example, a few foreign countries have refugee camps for women attempting to escape the smuggling 'ring' and retreat to safety, but there needs to be a greater amount of these ventures implemented to truly make a difference on the human trafficking system. Political science helps law enforcement and ordinary people to understand the influence human trafficking has on society and the severity of it, as well as to explain and understand the influence of government interaction. The final way to demonstrate the view on human trafficking is economics. It would become incredibly easier to understand why women and children are sold into human smuggling 'rings' once there is an understanding of the dynamics of poverty and the extent a human would go to acquire wealth (Fels).

Economics also focuses on how land, money, and labor affect how many humans choose to use their basic resources. In many instances, families are forced to sell their children, and women have to make a living through this industry due to the lack of basic human resources provided by most foreign countries. In Vietnam, many women use the trafficking 'ring' to make a living, as well as a way to earn independence from even worse situations. In even morally worse situations, families are forced to sell some of their children into the 'ring' just to be able to make enough money to feed the rest of their family the next month (Penh). As a slowly increasing abundance of poverty makes itself more apparent, there is an importance to economics in regard to human trafficking to clarify why the shortage of resources exists in countries where there is a prominence of human trafficking. As the threat of human trafficking travels around the world, it becomes increasingly important to educate the public on this 'modern slavery'.

The steps required to begin to eliminate this crime cannot begin overnight, and they require the participation not only on a governmental level, but also on the part of humans all over the globe. With such a dangerous threat looming, humankind must make an apparent shift in our behavior towards this crime, even though events throughout history have shown that a shift as monumental to make is difficult to make. A possible solution to this great problem can be made with the integration of these developments, and human trafficking may eventually join Old Age slavery where it rightfully belongs - the past.

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