

## **'Modern-day slavery': State Dept. says millions of human trafficking victims go unidentified**

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**“Only about 40,000 victims of human trafficking (worldwide) have been identified in the past year, the report said, based on information obtained from governments around the world. The estimated number of men, women, and children who are trafficked at any one time worldwide may reach as high as 27 million, according to the report. The chief executive of the Polaris Project, a non-governmental organization that works to prevent human trafficking, said the report brought attention to the “appallingly high rate” of global human trafficking in a statement....**

... Yet the number of traffickers convicted by the Department of Justice fell over the past year, the report said, recording 138 traffickers convicted in 2012, according to the report. A year earlier, 152 convictions were obtained by the Justice Department in trafficking cases, the report said.

**Justice Department task forces reported fewer investigations for 2012, as well, saying that the department conducted 753 investigations into human trafficking suspects last year, compared to 900 investigations into 1,350 suspects in 2011.**

**As many as 100,000 U.S. children may be victims of domestic human trafficking, according to estimates cited by a 2013 Congressional Research Service report. The tally of victims brought into the U.S. by traffickers each year might be as high as 17,500 people, according to the report.**

**“The average American should understand that human trafficking is much larger and more prevalent than most people realize, and they may come across human trafficking in their daily lives,” Polaris Project CEO Bradley Myles told NBC News in an email. **“Hundreds of thousands of vulnerable women, men and children right here in the U.S. are lured or forced into commercial sex or to provide labor against their will.”****

**Conveniently, no solid facts are necessary when the reports say “*MAY BE VICTIMS*”**

**How do these abolitionists define “lured”?**

**If the idea of making more money per hour by providing pleasure to others sounds appealing to some women, are they being ‘lured’ into prostitution by *anyone* who agrees to pay them for their sexual services?**

***WHERE ARE THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING?***