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POLARIS PROJECT

~~FOR A WORLD WITHOUT SLAVERY~~

For a World Without 'Victim Pimps' and 'Saviors'

SOMETHING DOESN'T ADD UP.....

The Polaris Project- also known as the National Human Trafficking Resource Center- NHTRC- is the contracted agency of the US Government to document phone calls received by each state and territory relating to 'potential victims of human trafficking.' They receive millions of dollars from the government and private donations* to answer these calls. Every year, they post the number and type of calls on their website. Apparently they do not expect anyone to review their numbers- because for the past two years, their numbers simply don't add up...

Forget for a moment that there is a huge disparity between the number of *alleged* victims of human trafficking and the number of 'confirmed' victims- and all other victims of violent crimes aside (including victims of violent rape and sexual assault, domestic violence, where a victim reported a crime)- Why do the numbers of phone calls that the Polaris Project posted for 2011 and 2012 not add up to the number of calls they claim they received? And how do they count the number of 'potential human trafficking victims referenced' phone calls? Do they just make them up? Or do they use the 'new math' to arrive at their numbers?

2011 spreadsheet

2012 spreadsheet

the Polaris Project Data listed here)	11,518	773	814	41
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In 2011, Polaris Project reported that they received 19,427 calls (visit their website for call definitions), but when we put their numbers for each state and territory in a spread sheet, the numbers added up to only 11,518- leaving 7,909 missing calls... we went through the numbers several times- but they didn't add up no matter how many times we tried to find those missing calls... the missing calls amount to about 41% of the reported number of calls - so it is not an insignificant difference... Interestingly, in 2011 they undercounted the number of calls defined as "potential victims referenced..." by 41- the reported number was 773, but the number was actually higher- 814.

All calls	undetermined	POTENTIAL VICTIMS REFERENCED BACK PAGE OF DOCUMENT	NUMBER POTENTIAL VICTIMS FROM OTHER COLUMNS	DIFFERENCE
15,200	55	2,393	1,251	1,142
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20,652		2011 - 773 2012		
5,452		1,620	478	

In 2012, Polaris Project reported that they received 20,652 calls (visit their website for call definitions),

but when we put their numbers for each state and territory in a spread sheet, the numbers added up to only 15,200- leaving 5,452 missing calls... again, we went through the numbers several times- but they didn't add up no matter how many times we tried to find those missing calls... the missing calls amount to about 26% of the reported number of calls - again, it is not an insignificant difference... In 2012 they overcounted the number of calls they define as "potential victims referenced..." by 1,142. Their reported number was 2,393, but the number we could account for using their data was 48% fewer, or 1,251 calls defined as 'potential victims referenced...'

Number of Calls Received from Wyoming: 16

Call Category	Number of Calls
Crisis	0
Tips	2
Training and TA	1
Referrals	0
General Info	1
High Risk	8
Unrelated	4
Grand Total	16

Nationality of Potential Victim(s)	Number of Cases
Filipino	1
US Citizen- LPR	1
Grand Total	2

Number of Potential Victims Referenced: 40

Example of the overcount- 2012 Wyoming received 16 calls total- and in the report body, it noted there were '2' potential victims, but at the end of the document, the report suddenly noted that there were '40' potential victims referenced...

yet they only had 16 calls total? How did they suddenly have 40 'potential victims referenced'? This is a count of 38 MORE than they showed in any other section of the report.. and 24 more calls than the 16 they reported...

California reported 390 'potential victims referenced' but when added up from the other data, we could only find 200- or an overcount of 190... which is why their total and our total differ by 1,142 'potential victims referenced...'

Does the media OR the government check the numbers given them by the Polaris Project? Or does no one else care about the truth?

You can find the graphs and spreadsheets we used to calculate their 'miscalculations'- as well as links to the Polaris Project state by state reports at www.policeprostitutionandpolitics.com

*You can find out exactly how much money they receive by going to <http://www.eri-nonprofit-salaries.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=NPO.Search> and searching for the company's 990 forms for each year. For example- in 2011, their total revenue was \$3,392,490, and their "salaries, other compensation, employee benefits" amounted to \$2,035,345- leaving \$1,357,145 to pay for their other expenses, which in 2011 amounted to \$1,011,752.

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