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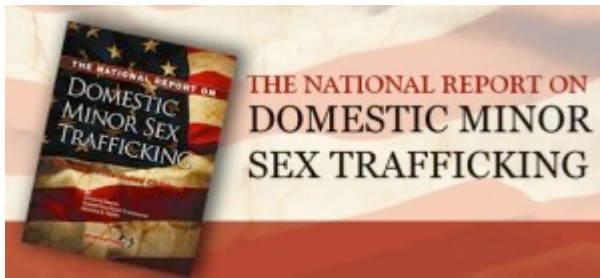
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# America's Trafficked Children Are Being Arrested, Not Rescued

by [Melissa Snow](#) July 22, 2009 12:00 PM (PT) Topics: [Child Trafficking](#), [Prostitution](#), [Sex Trafficking](#)

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This was the topic of an **unprecedented** congressional briefing on capitol hill that took place yesterday. Co- sponsored by the Caucus on Victims' Rights and the Caucus on Human Trafficking, Congressman Chris Smith, Congressman Ted Poe, and Congressman Jim Costa were attentively listening to the challenges and recommendations of the panelists in addressing child sex slavery in America. In addition to the Congressman in attendance - the room was packed with nearly 80 congressional staffers and professionals. A clear message was sent that we are concerned about every victim exploited through the crime of human trafficking and that includes hundreds of thousands of American kids - every year.

The congressional briefing was spurred by the [National Report on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: America's Prostituted Children](#) written by Shared Hope International. The report reveals the shocking findings of three years of intensive research on the issue of child sex trafficking in America from ten locations across the U.S. While the research locations ranged from areas as diverse as Salt Lake City, Utah to Clearwater, Florida and Las Vegas, Nevada the findings were hauntingly similar - underage American girls are the bulk of victims in commercial sex markets and are too often being arrested rather than rescued. Additionally, nearly every interview revealed that American child sex trafficking victims were being misidentified or not identified at all by Child Protective Services and social service providers who are responsible for providing proper treatment and care. The arrest and lack of specialized services for these children is **causing** revictimization.

Important key findings:

- At least 100,000 children are used in prostitution every year in the United States.
- The average age of entry into prostitution is 13 years old.
- Prostituted girls are often controlled by a pimp who recruits them into sex trafficking by posing as a boyfriend, caretaker, and protector.
- The 3 primary manifestations of child sex trafficking in America is: pimp-controlled prostitution, familial prostitution, and/or survival sex.
- The business of sex trafficking of America's youth is flourishing as demand for commercial sex with young, innocent girls and boys continues to occur with little and low punishment.
- Child sexual slavery is fueled by a cultural of tolerance which glorifies pimping and normalizes the sexual exploitation of children.

Domestic minor sex trafficking is a serious problem in the U.S., and one that will not be solved

overnight. But the first step is admitting to ourselves that it's not just foreign kids who are vulnerable- it's our kids. And this report is the first step to learning to admit that.

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Hello,

i just wanted to say that i have seen indications of a syndicate in Douglas County Oregon.(area of Roseburg)

From the information i have gathered, victims are recruited ages 14 to 24. This happens through open socialization, parties etc. When in, its as though a societal devide has been crossed. People in this thing seem to have two seperate personas. Their "cover persona" and their "syndicate

persona" Unless you are very perceptive, you will only see the cover persona. Most victims are enticed in "willingly" , however, I heard one story of girls being physicaly "roughed up" . When they called the police they were driven to a mental health facility , medicated and told it didnt happen. One of the people named by a girl this happened to was a retired judge. Another person named was an old friend of mine who has been promoted on the front page of the local paper.

disclaimer: I cannot attest to the accruacy of my informant's statemants. I am an information gatherer and citizen reporter

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Nigeria is NOT USA, the topic is about American Children who are kidnapped and sold as sex slaves... Americans needs to take care of their own back yard and protect our children too, if we forget about our children then the children from other countries will still be forgotten.

Not all American children does it willing, the media tells lies only because they support the organization which promotes sex slavery. We need people to help these children instead of looking the other way and think stupid ideas that these kids choosed to be in that enviroment to have sex.

There are many missing children in USA and many of these children are most likely kidnapped into the sex slave trade and some of our goverment and cops are too ignorant to understand if they dont stop this from happening and protect the children they arrested and put them in places where the children can find their parents.. then our system is more corrupted then anything.

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Social networking that facilitates sex trafficking is just as ominous as "kidnapping and being sold" We all heard about the woman who was pimping her daughter and the girl was

murdered. The topic shouldnt be narrowed down to "stranger abduction" although that topic certainly shouldnt be dismissed.

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**Trafficking of women from Nepal exposed**

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MADURAI: Maiti, a non-governmental organisation with its headquarters in Kathmandu, Nepal, has rescued over 500 young women and girls from Nepal, who had been trafficked to India by agents and forced into prostitution, Uma Tamang, an advocate from the NGO, said here on Tuesday.

She had come to Nilakkottai judicial magistrate court to take charge of a Nepali woman, Manisha (name changed), who was arrested by the police at Batlagundu in Dindigul district during the last week of July this year. Uma Tamang, who had accompanied the brother of the woman, to take custody of Manisha, said that the MAITI was working with assistance from the United Nations to prevent trafficking and over the years, it had identified Nepali girls in various States of India and had had them repatriated to Nepal. This was the first time that a Nepali had been rescued from Tamil Nadu. "But it looks like only the tip of the iceberg", she commented.

The Nepali woman, though she is said to be 21 years old, looks like a 16-year-old. She was arrested with five other women at a brothel in Batalgundu and detained in prison.

Two Madurai-based NGOs, the Foundation for Human Rights and Development (FOHRD), and the DEEPS, filed a plea before the Madurai Bench of the High Court seeking custody of the women so that they could rehabilitate them.

*Justice G M Akbar Ali, before whom their petition came up, directed that the women be released from prison and handed over to the NGOs, and that they be treated as victims of trafficking and not as criminals.*

The judge also directed the NGOs to trace the women's parents and send them back to their families.

The director of FOHRD, Syed Ahamed, had contacted Anuradha Koirala, the director of MAITI, in Kathmandu, and had sought her help to trace the relatives of the woman.

Manisha had told the NGO that she was from a distant district in Kathmandu and that she had been brought to India by a man named Supaya Tamang and sold to some persons, who had brought her to Dindigul.

With the details given by Manisha, MAITI had traced her parents and with its help, her brother Bier Bahadur accompanied by Uma Tamang and another officer had come to Nilakkottai to take charge of Manisha.

The FOHRD had obtained an order for repatriation from the Madurai Bench of the High Court on Tuesday for Manisha.

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America is a 'country of hope' to many other countries in the world. I was shocked that trafficking also happened in America and even worse as children become the victims. American children will be safe if American parents lead a 'healthy' life for the sake of their children. As this is becoming a national and international issue, I believe that American gov't can pay a very serious attention on this case. What happened to CIA and FBI?

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CIA is a corrupted organization which they have many times are part of the problem of children being used as sex slaves in many war torn countries, but the FBI if you look at their website they have a page, which is mainly all about the sex trafficking victims in USA and how they have found children who were brought here from other countries as well.

**the Federal Bureau of Investigation - Human Trafficking**

<http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cid/civilrights/slavery.htm>

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Our government in fact has known and has been profiting from this problem for ages. It is nothing new. With cops abusing young girls, to the porn industry to the men who buys a child for sex, they have been covering their asses for millinia. The pedophiles that run this country cover for each and make the laws weak so they can continue abusing children. Children are often victimized and jailed while the rapists, johns, and the pimps are let go. Coincidence????? I don't thik so. If our government really wanted to do something about this...they would have already. My child porn pics are still up on popular pedophile sites still labled, "vintage porn." "Barnyard babes." Has anyone in the foster care system been held accountable for the crimes against myself and the other 40+ children involved???? No way! I was 3-7 when this happened and sold all over to local pedophiles in LA and Orange county. To this day nothing has been done or will be done!!!! It was a government run operation. Pedophiles run this country. Isn't it evident that women and children are only here to feed a man's sicknesses? Very few men in this country don't participate because it IS the culture here. Have you listened to pimp and ho music lately.... that should tell you were their minds are at. Everything is about sex, our children are being sexualized earlier and earlier and the laws are not protecting our childre. A pimp or a pedophile has more rights and cops don't arrest pimps that often..only lately because of the public outcry..... If you want change we have to creat eit ourselves because those pigs will never lift a hand to help and they will smile in your face and sneak out at night to rape a child, right under your own nose. America is th #1 place to buy a child for sex.... mmmmmmmmm, wonder why that is???????

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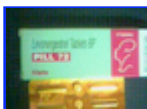
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