Annotated Bibliography for Synthesis


This article is about how the trafficking laws largely focus on crime control more than on the victim’s right. In this article, Adams discusses about the problems with how the international community treats human trafficking. According to Adams, the trafficking laws largely focus on crime control rather than on victims’ rights and as a result, trafficked victims are used by law enforcement for information without caring about their status as victims of severe human rights abuses. Adams also suggests specific ways that the law needs to change in order to better protect and help victims restore to health based on the human rights approach.


Abstract: “ This article critically examines the current discourse on human trafficking because the sole focus on women and children diverts attention from the study of trafficking within the context of globalization and the exploitation of labor. It analyzes the term human trafficking, particularly how it became linked to anti-prostitution campaigns, and suggests guidelines for a framework that is grounded in social work values.”


This article is about a study done by researchers to estimate the cost of trafficked survivors’ use of secondary mental health services provided by the UK National Health Service (NHS). In this study, researchers studied one hundred nineteen psychiatric patients who had experienced with
human trafficking and extracted data of the patients’ contact with secondary mental health services. Through this study, researches found out that many survivors required long-term mental health, social, and welfare support. The mean total cost per patient were £27,293 which is about $33,871.98 and the mean duration of contact with services was approximately four years. Their analysis showed that patients with psychotic disorder cost more than patients with non-psychotic disorders.


Dando and Brierly’s article discusses how human trafficking has a psychological damage to the victims because they are never given an identity. Victims of human trafficking are constantly living under the state of fear because they could die any second if they made the wrong move. Their research shows how many victims go through abuse verbally and are constantly threatened if they do not obey their owner. They compare how people who are not victims actually know versus those who are aware and know what they are doing to the efforts of making it aware.


In this TEDx Talk, Kim Dempster shares her experience with her awareness campaign “Stop the Nightmare” and some of the public service announcements that she created to increase global awareness about human trafficking. Dempster wanted to try and go beyond the boundaries that people had already done such as something more disturbing and irresistible so that people cannot look away from the issues of human trafficking. Her goal was to reach a new audience and to engage them long enough with just the facts that was given about human trafficking. According to Dempster and her team, to stop the nightmare of human trafficking people has to see, hear, and help.

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Giving the reader the vision and overview of what is human trafficking. It emphasizes about
practice laws in U.S against human trafficking and data about the issue in our country. It also asserts method to work with the survivors, what are some standard care and the effort underline those activities is to help the survivors of human trafficking. It enhance and networking people from collaboration, and organization that work toward the problem in order to provide an easy access resources to those who survive and bring awareness to the public.


The article states that human trafficking is also known to be labeled as sexual exploitation rather than just human trafficking. It ties in with what it exploits these people to. Human trafficking is not solely about sexual exploitation, but is also a reason why labor exists in certain areas that many people believe we do not need in. Because of the unfortunate events that tie in with exploitation of labor and continuous traveling, government officials and certain policy makers have come together to help small organizations with to help spread the awareness of human trafficking. This article would be good to conclude and bring a call to action upon human trafficking. It should be a known cause and it is important to try and let everyone know now.


This is a government website that includes information on human trafficking. It talks about the most effective way to investigate human trafficking and the types of works FBI investigators are working on in every state within the U.S. According to this government website, human trafficking is believed to be the third-largest criminal activity in the world. Human trafficking cases usually falls under areas such as domestic sex trafficking of adults, sex trafficking or international adults and children, forced labor, and domestic servitude.


Melanie Franco’s article focuses on the experiences of the victims that had experienced human trafficking. These people felt that they had lost a sense of identity, unable to regain who they actually are. Franco states that this should be a call to action and an important concept that everyone should know. Franco wants everyone to be aware and wants to implement how people should be able to tell when human trafficking is occurring. The article also discusses how it has been brought up in a political setting, hoping, there will be programs and various organization things revolving around human trafficking. This article will hopefully emphasize the awareness of human trafficking.

This source is an article that discusses what actions healthcare providers should do for human trafficking victims. It gives a general background on what human trafficking is and provides statistics. It also discusses the effects that human trafficking has on that person, and how they are subjected to conditions such as depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic disorder. For those who were trafficked, there is a need to address their needs. Thus, the healthcare systems and healthcare providers need to be adjusted to meet those standards.

Honeyman K. L, Stukas A. A, & Marques M. D. (2016). Human trafficking: factors that influence willingness to combat the issue. 46 (9), 529-543

The perception about sex and labor trafficking and action to go against them. Predicting and researching factors that encourage people to fight for the victim of human trafficking, datas and facts measuring the willingness of the people in the battle against human trafficking. It includes unique and relevant data based on psychological perspective and method.


This TEDx Talk is about Amanda Howa, a researcher and an advocate for sex trafficking awareness in the United States, who shares her research about online sex trafficking. Howa also challenged her audience to become the change to open their eyes and unite to fight against human trafficking. The most important thing that Howa has pointed out is that we often think about the traffickers, but not about sex buyers. Sex buyers are spending over a thousand thousand dollars an hour for sexual services. According to Howa, sex buyers can find trafficked girls and women in their areas easily based on their height, race, breast size, and any other physical characteristic through the internet. Sex buyers can even find specific sexual services that the girls and women provide and how they behave during the encounter.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING OVERVIEW. (2016, December 5). Retrieved February 19, 2017,
This webpage gives a brief overview of what human trafficking is and the types of labor that slaves enure. It also addresses the actions that the government is taking to combat the issue. This specific page also has links to more specific details about human trafficking such as services that help victims, prevention and awareness, protection in court for survivors, etc.


Kapstein talks about the process of slave trading. How they are manipulated and then what types of tasks they are given. He also talks about the business and it’s profits. He calls for an end and encourages advocacy. He gives stats to support his statements. Lastly, he addresses this issue globally (with stats as well).


Ashton Kutcher is known to be one of the most influential actors during this generation we live in. He spoke about Human Trafficking on Capitol Hill, proposing a plan that would hopefully decrease the amount of activity when it comes to Human Trafficking. Kutcher acknowledges that trades and sales are constantly happening due to this illegally. The goal is to spread awareness based upon the experiences he has heard about. Reaching out to Capitol Hill, Ashton hopes that they his program will be funded in order to decrease the crime rates as well as bring back the identity of the women who had lost it.


A research paper that conducted by the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime Vienna which includes some of the current practice in helping prevention human trafficking, its impact to society in general, and its consequences on individual such as political, economic and social effects. How its definition and meaning different from place to place, what are some “push” and
“pull” factors determined some potential victims of human trafficking such as the vulnerability, and how to bring awareness to people about human trafficking that is happening under our nose. This research also assists vulnerable population. Also, like any organization, it has it own objective that is giving guide to help them participate in the group’s activities in order to know their rights and assists the victim to get back to who they are and what they want to do in life.


This article talks about human trafficking as a whole, and how Southeast Asia is at the center of it. Focusing on the demographics of women and children, they make up the largest numbers of victims of human trafficking. Continuing to include statistics, the article also briefly mentions why this modern day slavery still occurs. Then, the article connects this topic to the topic of the lack of certain resources, such as an education and employment.


This article gives an overview of the types of human trafficking and how people are brought into it. It also touches on the different age and gender groups who are trafficked, as well as how they are maintained as slaves. Finally, the article talks about the steps that have been taken (and continue to be) to fight against this issue.


This article talks about the prominence of human trafficking and details surrounding it. For example, they talk about how women and children are main targets, and what kind of factors push traffickers to lure more people in. It also addresses the US and foreign policies and they try to work together to fight against this issue. Then they talk about how to spot it, prevent it, and
people who advocate against it. Finally, they mention the resources open to human trafficking victims.


This source discusses the difficulty dealing with the human trafficking issue. It first talks about how to identify victims and how to approach possible cases. Then they talk about how far authorities can go about investigating these types of cases. This article gives an overview of how law enforcement goes about dealing with these types of cases.

Talks, TEDx. (2015 January 20). Human trafficking -- Stop the silence | Catalleya Storm | TEDxDayton. Retrieved from [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSum6Xe64C4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSum6Xe64C4)

This is a Tedx Talk presentation given by Catalleya Storm, a former human-trafficking victim in Ohio, who was freed on March 14, 2013. She now uses her voice to raise awareness of human trafficking in the United States, and she has created a student organization called “Generation Freedom Makers”. Through the presentation that she gives, she demands and asks for there to be a change in the perspective of human trafficking, and to take action against it. In the ten minutes of the presentation, she discusses about the stereotypes of human trafficking that are used in films such as Taken, but how that is only for entertainment purposes and how it is beyond those boundaries. In addition, she also informs the audience of statistics such as: the average age that goes into commercial sexual slavery is thirteen years old, and that for every thirty seconds that pass, a person is being trafficked. Unlike the pictures on platforms such as Facebook, and others show of people being trafficked in other countries, it occurs in the United States, hidden and out of sight.

Talks, TEDx. (2015 April 20). The importance of being human | Derri Smith | TEDxNashville. Retrieved from [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDuan8is6a4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDuan8is6a4)

This source is a TEDx Talk presentation given by Derri Smith, the founder of ESTN, an anti-human trafficking organization that helps former human-trafficking victims recuperate. She begins the presentation by telling a story about Emily, a girl who became a victim of human trafficking. She then goes on to explain why it occurs, and how the journey of learning to start anew is more difficult that it seems, and how it is important to see that those expectations of a bright, lovely recovery is wonderful, but difficult to reach, thus, establishing the point that everyone still could make mistakes since it is only human.

Thrupkaew N (Speaker). (2015). Human Trafficking is All Around You. This is How it Works [Video]. Canada: Vancouver Ted Talks.
Noy Thrupkaew is known as a global journalist who was invited to speak at a Ted Talk in Vancouver. The Ted Talk was focused on the topic of human trafficking and how it is not just happening in small countries, but is spread to big states and countries where production is needed for the items that many consumers use almost every day. Noy starts off the discussion by bringing up how her family had abused an aunt of hers from Thailand, resembling the kind of abuse that these modern-day slaves face. She brings up experiences that have gotten her to research on why human trafficking is such an issue and explains the reason as to why it should be a matter of awareness for everyone. This video article will most likely tie into parts of the background of what people need to know if they are interested in knowing more about human trafficking.


Discussing the roots factors that lead to human trafficking.


This source advocates for spreading the awareness of human trafficking and how to prevent it. Defining what the term “human trafficking” is, the authors describe it as an umbrella terms that means more that what it really is. It talks about the causes of human trafficking, such as manipulation, to legislative actions that were taken. Then, it also describes the significant role that nurses and health providers must play in order to spot victims of human trafficking.