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# Human Trafficking

An Annotated Bibliography

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## Web Links

*Amnesty International* <<http://www.amnestyusa.org/women/trafficking/>>

*Amnesty International* is involved in an international campaign to stop violence against women. Trafficking of women and children is part of the focus of this campaign.

*Carpets for Communities* <<http://www.carpetsforcommunities.org/>>

Carpets for Communities, a Cambodian organization, carries out grass-roots interventions into child trafficking and labor, providing mothers with an income (rug making at home) so that their children can go to school instead. Children are often sold or forced into working so their families can survive.

*Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking* <<http://collaborativeinitiative.org/>>

Toledo, Ohio is the third largest city in the U.S. for human trafficking. The Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking is an organization in northern Ohio advocating for the prevention and abolition of human trafficking. The Sisters of Humility of Mary of Rocky River, Ohio founded and direct the Collaboration

*Coalition Against Trafficking in Women* <<http://www.catwinternational.org/>>

*The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW)* is a non-governmental organization that promotes women's human rights by working internationally to combat sexual exploitation in all its forms. *CATW* was the first international non-governmental organization to focus on human trafficking, especially sex trafficking of women and girls. *CATW* is creating real and lasting changes in countries around the world by launching and supporting anti-trafficking projects in areas that few programs address: the links between prostitution and trafficking; challenging the demand for prostitution that promotes sex trafficking; and protecting the women and children who are its victims by working to curb legal acceptance and tolerance of the sex industry.

*The Code* <<http://www.thecode.org/>>

The Code.org provides the international tourism industry with a tool to prevent and combat child sex tourism. According to UNICEF, about 2 million children fall victim to sex tourism, pornography, and trafficking every year. Some 600 companies so far have signed onto a code of conduct that addresses the tourism supply chain, from corporate ethical policies and training personnel to educating travelers, requiring standards of suppliers, and working with local officials in countries of destination.

*The Emancipation Network* <<http://www.madebysurvivors.com/>>

*The Emancipation Network (TEN)* raises awareness of slavery among Americans and creates jobs for survivors of slavery in several countries to help them achieve independence.

*Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking* <<http://www.stophumantrafficking.org/>>

*The Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking (FCAHT)* was created by Anna Rodriguez, who has extensive experience in how to identify victims, provide advocacy, and pursue justice for victims. According to US Department of Justice over 800,000 victims are trafficked across international borders worldwide each year. Between 18,000 and 20,000 of those victims are trafficked into the U.S with Florida receiving a high percentage of those victims.

*Human Rights Watch* <<http://www.hrw.org/en/category/topic/women%20%99s-rights/trafficking-women-and-girls>>  
*Human Rights Watch* works to investigate and expose human rights violations and hold abusers accountable; to challenge governments to end abusive practices and respect international human rights law; and to enlist the public and the international community to support the cause of human rights for all. Human trafficking is an area of focus.

*Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force* <<http://www.humantrafficking.msu.edu>>

The Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force exists to facilitate a collaborative effort to prevent trafficking of persons within the State of Michigan, to pursue prosecution of perpetrators, and to protect and rehabilitate trafficking victims. It is made up of over 70 member agencies consisting of Federal, State, and local law enforcement service providers, NGO's, prosecution, and community members.

*The Protection Project* <<http://www.protectionproject.org/>>

*The Protection Project* is a human rights research institute based at the Foreign Policy Institute at The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC. The goal of the *Protection Project* is to research and document the global scope of the problem of trafficking in persons and, through the dissemination of relevant and timely information, to influence policy in order to stop trafficking.

*The UN Global Programme Against Trafficking in Human Beings*

<<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/index.html>>

*The Global Programme against Trafficking in Human Beings (GPAT)* assists Member States in their efforts to combat trafficking in human beings. It highlights the involvement of organized criminal groups in human trafficking and promotes the development of effective ways of cracking down on perpetrators. The GPAT's overarching objective is to bring to the foreground the involvement of organized criminal groups in human trafficking and to promote the development of effective criminal justice-related responses.

*UNICEF* <<http://www.unicef.org/protection/>>

*UNICEF* is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential. *UNICEF* is guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child and strives to establish children's rights as enduring ethical principles and international standards of behavior towards children. Trafficking of children is one of their focus areas.

*UNANIMA International Stop the Demand for Trafficking in Women and Children*

[http://www.unanima-international.org/Stop%20the%20demand%20web%20English/about\\_the\\_campaign.htm](http://www.unanima-international.org/Stop%20the%20demand%20web%20English/about_the_campaign.htm)

UNANIMA International has begun a campaign to counter human trafficking through efforts to stop the demand for the purchase of women and children – an approach that has yet to receive the same attention as that given to protecting and reintegrating victims who have already been trafficked.

## **Books**

Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter, *The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in American Today* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2009)

In this riveting book, authors and authorities on modern day slavery Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter expose the disturbing phenomenon of human trafficking and slavery that exists now in the United States. In *The Slave Next Door* we find that slaves are all around us, hidden in plain sight: the dishwasher in the kitchen of the neighborhood restaurant, the kids on the corner selling cheap trinkets, the man sweeping the floor of the local department store. In these pages we also meet some unexpected slaveholders, such as a 27-year old middle-class Texas housewife who is currently serving a life sentence for offences including slavery. Weaving together a wealth of voices—from slaves, slaveholders, and traffickers as well as from experts, counselors, law enforcement officers, rescue and support groups, and others—this book is also a call to action, telling what we, as private citizens, can do to finally bring an end to this horrific crime.

John Bowe, *Nobodies: Modern American Slave Labor and the Dark Side of the Global Economy* (New York: Random House, 2007).

In this eye-opening look at the contemporary American scourge of labor abuse and outright slavery, journalist and author Bowe visits locations in Florida, Oklahoma and the U.S.-owned Pacific island of Saipan, where slavery cases have been brought to light as recently as 2006. There, he talks to affected workers, providing many moving and appalling first-hand accounts. This book deserves the attention of anyone living, working and consuming in America.

Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* (New York: Random House, 2009).

Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn have traveled widely through the developing world, researching the plight of women and girls. The stories they have brought back for *Half the Sky* are harrowing, but this book also delivers a message of hope. In example after example, they show that even small assistance can improve and, indeed, transform the lives of these oppressed victims. A soulful prescription for a pervasive human rights disgrace.

Somaly Mam, *The Road of Lost Innocence: The True Story of a Cambodian Heroine* (New York: Random House, 2009).

Born in a village deep in the Cambodian forest, Somaly Mam was sold into sexual slavery by her grandfather when she was twelve years old. For the next decade she was shuttled through the brothels that make up the sprawling sex trade of Southeast Asia. She suffered unspeakable acts of brutality and witnessed horrors that would haunt her for the rest of her life – until, in her early twenties, she managed to escape. Unable to forget the girls she left behind, Mam became a tenacious and brave leader in the fight against human trafficking, rescuing sex workers – some as young as five and six – offering them shelter, rehabilitation, healing, and love, and leading them into new life.

## Articles/Papers/Study Guide

Rebecca Clarren, “Forced Sex and Labor Trafficking in the U.S.,” *AlterNet*, 15 August 2007

<<http://www.alternet.org/workplace/59646>>

An excerpt from a *Ms. Magazine* report investigating the shadow world of sex and labor trafficking in the United States. The investigation reveals not just the dimensions of the problem but the startling inadequacy of the federal response.

William Finnigan, “The Countertraffickers: Rescuing the Victims of the Global Sex Trade,” *The New Yorker*, 05 May 2008 <[http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2008/05/05/080505fa\\_fact\\_finnegan](http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2008/05/05/080505fa_fact_finnegan)>

William Finnigan tells the story of Stella Rotaru, a modern-day Harriet Tubman from Moldova, who gets calls from victims of human trafficking from various parts of the world and helps them escape.

JPIC Working Group on Trafficking in Women in Children, “Trafficking in Women and Children: Information and Workshop Kit” *JPIC Commission of the Unions of the Superiors General USG/UISG*, 2003.

This guide has been published in 4 languages (English, French, Italian and Spanish) and can help raise awareness about the issue of trafficking with religious congregations, church groups, and networks of NGOs who collaborate with religious orders. Some of the topics that the kit addresses are: What is trafficking? Who is trafficked? What are the causes and mechanisms of trafficking? How to engage in theological reflection about the issue. How to identify strategies for combating trafficking and How to run a workshop about this issue. To order a copy of the guide e-mail [jplic@mclink.it](mailto:jplic@mclink.it).

Mary Brigid Clingman, OP “Trafficking of Women and Children” *LCWR Resolution to Action*, October 2003

<<http://www.lcwr.org/lcwrpublications/resolutionstoaction/LCWR%20Resolutions%20to%20Action%20Oct.%202003.pdf>>

This two page document summarizes the LCWR/CMSM resolution opposing trafficking of women and children and provides background information, social analysis, reflection, and opportunity for action to respond to the problem.

Noy Thrupkaew, “The Crusade Against Sex Trafficking,” *The Nation*, October 5, 2009

<<http://www.thenation.com/article/crusade-against-sex-trafficking>>

The article explores whether or not brothel raids help or hurt the ‘rescued.’

Pierre Thomas, Jack Date and Theresa Cook, "Beatings, Isolation and Fear: The Life of a Slave in the U.S." *ABC News*, 21 May 2007 <<http://abcnews.go.com/WN/story?id=3190006&page=1>>

The story of Evelyn Chumbow, a woman from Cameroon who Was Lured to the U.S. at age 11 with the promise of a good education and enslaved as a domestic servant.

Sojourners, "Amazing Grace: Christians and the Global Slave Trade" Discussion Guide, *Sojourners* <[http://store.sojo.net/product\\_p/dg\\_slv.htm](http://store.sojo.net/product_p/dg_slv.htm)>

We are inspired by the story of those who struggled to end slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries, and by God's deliverance of an entire people from slavery in the biblical book of Exodus. But how aware are we of the millions of people who live in slavery today—and what can we do to reach out to them? This study guide is designed to spark discussion and thought about how to live out God's call for justice in our world. Each session includes Sojourners articles, questions for discussion, and ideas for further study.

## **Periodicals/Newsletters**

Stop Trafficking! Anti-Human Trafficking Newsletter <<http://www.stopenslavement.org/index.html>>

This free electronic newsletter is a forum for exchange of information among women's religious congregations about the issue of human trafficking. It also offers suggestions for action to help eliminate trafficking and serves as a forum for sharing ideas on how to bring healing and empowerment to victims of trafficking. To subscribe, e-mail Jean Schafer, SDS at [jeansds2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jeansds2000@yahoo.com).

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers "The Pain of Human Trafficking" *Maryknoll Magazine*, December 2010, Vol. 104 Issue 10 <<http://www.maryknollmagazine.org/index.php/archives?magid=14>>

## **Audio/Visual/Interactive Resources**

"*Children are Not for Sex: Ashley Judd*" YouTube, 2011 <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOF28tCodeY>>

Actress and activist Judd introduced the panel "'No Such Thing': Trafficking of Girls in the United States" with a heart wrenching personal anecdote about a 14-year-old girl who was forced into prostitution in Atlanta.

*Human Trafficking*. Prod. Muse Entertainment Enterprises, 2005

When a sixteen-year-old girl from the Ukraine, a single mother from Russia, an orphaned seventeen-year-old girl from Romania, and a twelve-year-old American tourist become the victims of international sex slave traffickers, a specialized team of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) struggles to expose the worldwide network that has enslaved them. ICE agent Kate Morozov (Mira Sorvino) is dedicated to dismantling the network and bringing the ring's kingpin to justice. From a torture chamber in Queens to the flesh-peddlers of Russia, the hunt is on as the fates of relentless ICE agents, the ruthless traffickers and their defenseless victims collide in a powder keg conspiracy of global proportions. Featuring Donald Sutherland and *Trainspotting's* Robert Carlyle, *Human Trafficking* is at once a gripping thriller, a cautionary tale, and one of the most fundamentally important stories of our time.

*Lives for Sale*. Prod. Maryknoll Productions, 2006 <<http://www.livesforsale.com/>>

While politicians, activists and the media wrestle with the thorny issue of immigration, this one-hour investigative documentary exposes the painful, rarely seen human side of undocumented immigration – including the growing black market trade in human beings.