

A black and white photograph showing a pair of hands, likely belonging to a person of African descent, with their wrists bound together by a thick, dark, braided rope. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with the fingers slightly curled. The background is dark and out of focus.

Human Trafficking

Knowledge and prevalence among UVU students

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"Human trafficking is the action or practice of illegally transporting people from one country or area to another, typically for the purposes of forced labor or sexual exploitation, that has plagued our country for years. It is a \$32 billion-a-year industry that has surpassed the illegal sale of firearms" (UNODC, 2014)

Target Group



Male and Female UVU Students.

Research Method



We will reach this population and study responses by sending a survey by email, through Qualtrics.

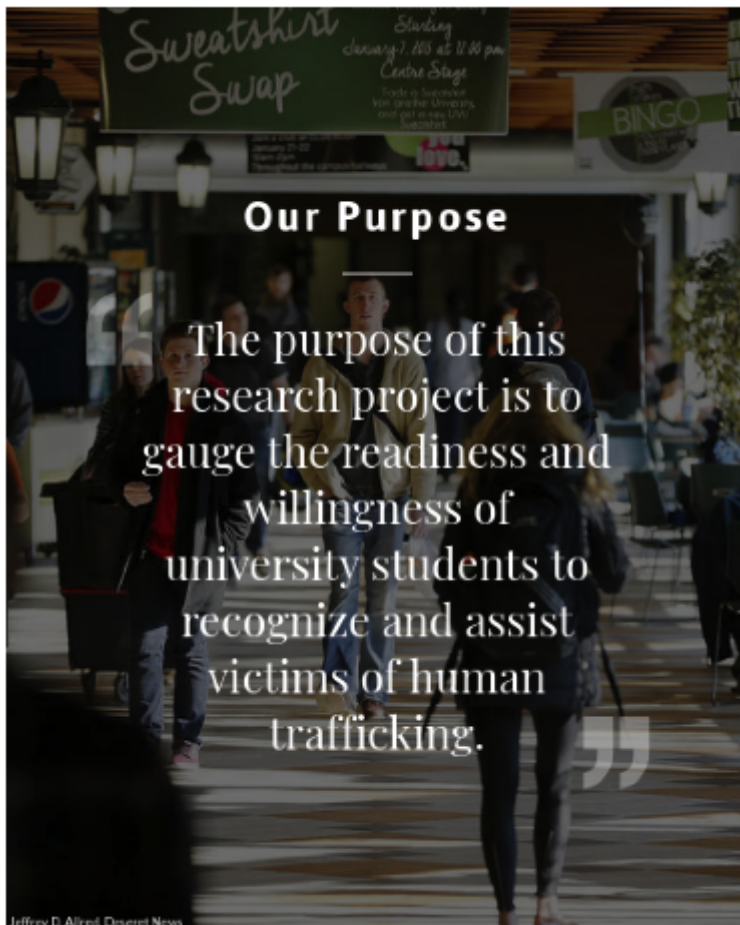
Desired Outcome



Help build a foundation of awareness and discover ways to more thoroughly educate and inspire students to recognize and respond to human trafficking.

Our Purpose

The purpose of this research project is to gauge the readiness and willingness of university students to recognize and assist victims of human trafficking.



Jeffrey D. Alfred, Deseret News



LITERATURE REVIEW

Research Questions

- What signs indicate possible human trafficking victims?
- What have other institutions done to prevent and treat human trafficking activities?
- What tools does human trafficking use to commit their crimes?
- What criteria do human traffickers look for when looking for possible victims?

Issues with Research

Human trafficking may not have the best attention compared to other crimes, so having to find sources to specific questions was a little difficult.

Most research found was limited around minors.

Studies Done

As mentioned in our Abstract, there have been studies done in regard to awareness of human trafficking among other students here at Utah Valley University.

Opening Eyes: Bringing Awareness of Human Trafficking to Utah Valley University

Anne Babcock, Shannon Wright-Reed, Alexander Bingham



What signs indicate possible human trafficking victims?

According to Joan Reid who wrote, "No Youth Left Behind to Human Trafficking: Exploring Profiles of Risk."

Profiles of Risk

Child Maltreatment

Drug Use

What have other institutions done to prevent and treat human trafficking activities?

We listed a few articles from UCSD (Fox, 2017) and BYU (Hilton, 2016) on how they were able to spread awareness of human trafficking by passing out flyers and holding conferences and giving our brochures to the public.



aggression



disorientation



suicidal ideation



PTSD



ADHD



anxiety



alienation



depression



What tools does human trafficking use to commit their crimes?

Coyotes

Crime Victims by Andrew Karmen listed a few pages worth of the origins and tools that human traffickers use. Some resources are utilized by coyotes who smuggle women over the border for sex trade (Karmen, 2015)

Social Media

The internet has dramatically reshaped how we buy and sell everything – including each other. Social media has been used by traffickers to recruit victims, to proliferate their trafficking operations, and to control victims through restricting their social media access, impersonating the victim, or spreading lies and rumors online.” (Polaris, n.d.)

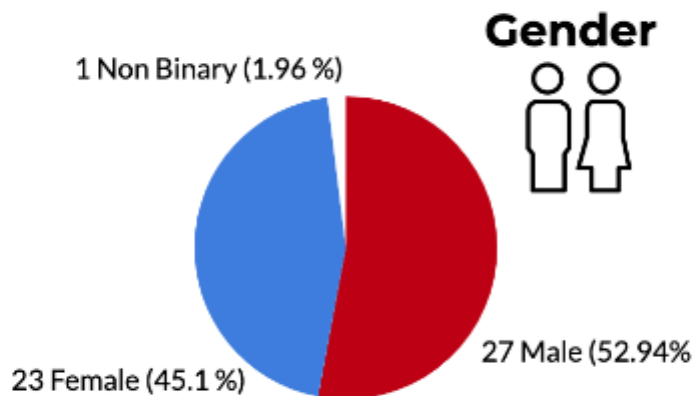


What criteria do human traffickers look for when looking for possible victims?

According to the USC school of social work, human trafficker targets can be anyone. Men from different countries are targeted for labor, while 70 percent of victims are women (USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck, n.d.).



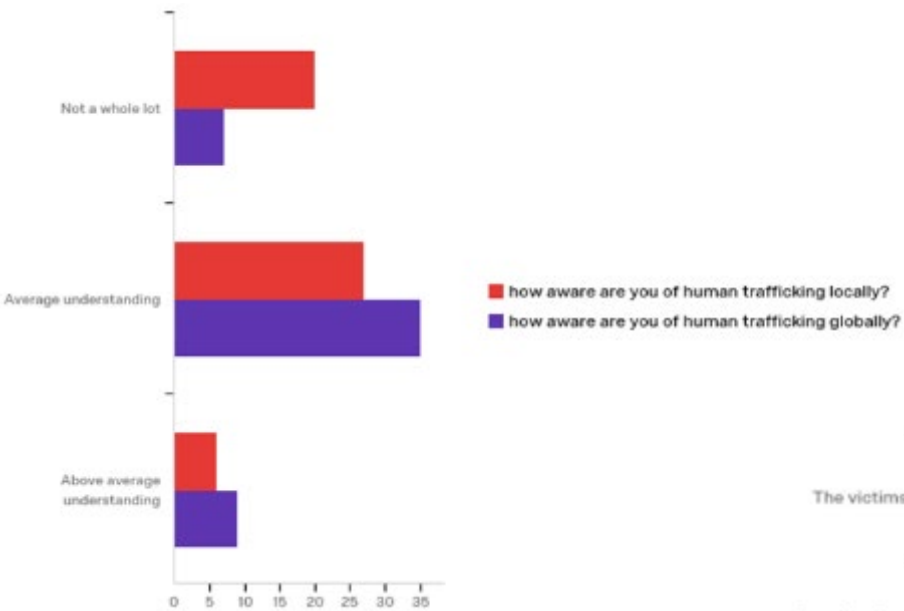
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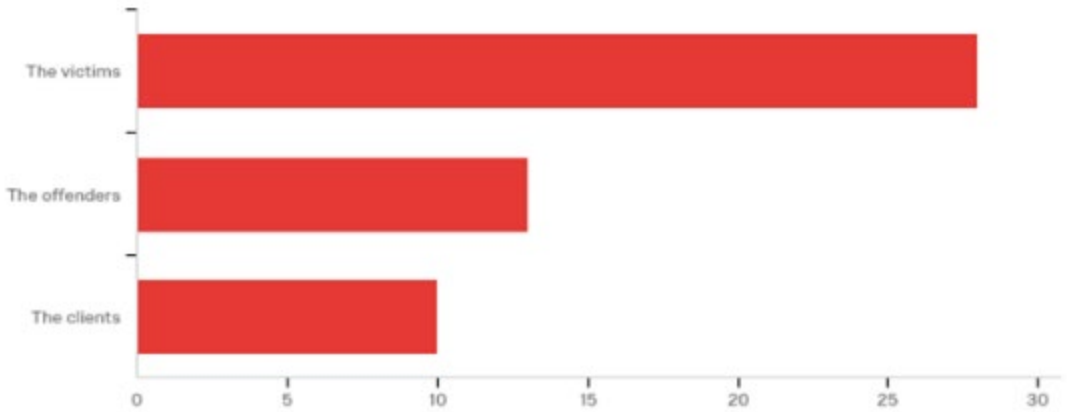
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How aware are you of human trafficking?

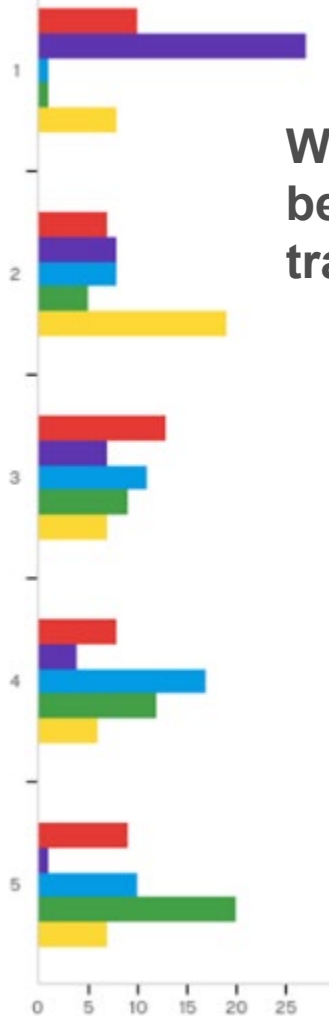


Who do you think is getting in trouble for human trafficking?

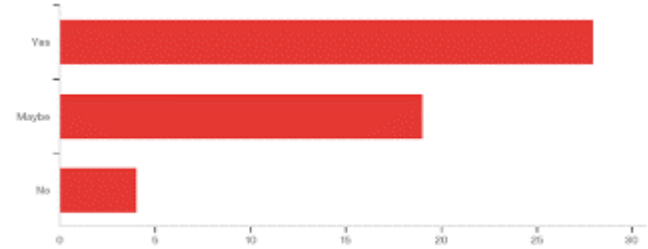


What do you think is the best way to stop human trafficking?

- Helping law enforcement as much as you can
- Educating family and friends
- Supporting school sponsored meetings to talk about human trafficking
- Using social media to educate followers
- Keeping an eye out for signs of human trafficking



Can stopping human trafficking on a local level help prevent human trafficking on a global level?



Family and friends of those involved

Only hurts the community where its happening

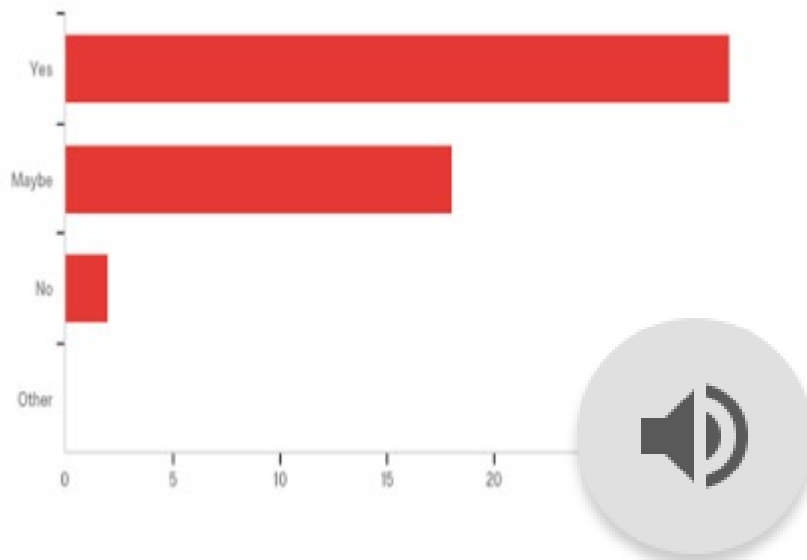
Everyone

Where does human trafficking hurt the most?



Conclusion

Do you think your community can benefit from a human trafficking course to educate or bring awareness of the epidemic?



From what sources below would you say that you have gotten most of your information about human trafficking?

