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Introduction:When it comes to the most inhumane crimes what comes to mind manslaughter,murder or rape?Even though these crimes are atrocious, human trafficking has to be the most inhumane and evil crimes because it exploits children and innocent people for labor and sexual services after taking them from their families/homes.Human trafficking also leave long lasting effects on the victims whether it be mental or physical torment.Human trafficking happens almost everywhere however most areas out right deny or underestimate the victim of these crimes in their nations.What makes it worse compared to others is the lack of awareness it gets in some cases they frame the victims to be the criminal by calling them a sex worker or prostitute.The victims also are accused of lying since most of the customers and sellers of human trafficking are usually rich and can afford lawyers or contact news outlets to change the perception of their character .To find a solution to this problem we must know where human trafficking is the take place and whether the location have an effect on the services wanted?

citation:Cockbain, Ella, and Kate Bowers. "Human Trafficking for Sex, Labour and Domestic Servitude: How Do Key Trafficking Types Compare and What Are Their Predictors? - Crime, Law and Social Change." *SpringerLink*, Springer Netherlands, 25 Apr. 2019, link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10611-019-09836-7.

Summary: When people think of where human trafficking takes place they usually think about underdeveloped countries or areas. However even developed countries. According to Springer Link “The UK government last estimated that there were 10,000–13,000 victims of trafficking in the UK [64], although these figures are now dated and likely underestimate the true prevalence” The overall point of this peer viewed article is that there is human trafficking everywhere. However in this line it really lets the reader know that not only does human trafficking take place in develop countries, but on the they are most likely underestimated which can be because there isn’t much confirmed cases or something more sinister like the news channels or government officials restricting the awareness of the true amount of cases in these areas. Also this article discussed most of the victims of theses human trafficking in these areas are women and children, mainly immigrants since they are vulnerable when arriving to the UK just looking for a better life/opportunity. Also in the UK government would tamper with the recorded crime data and alter it, so it looks like these crimes were taking place outside the UK or the culprits are from other countries kidnapping a from outside the UK border or near it. Also in this article is tries to convey the point that human trafficking is the modern slavery which is a fitting title for this crime. This article also introduces the idea that the criminals that carry of human trafficking are usually paying intention to gender since most of the sex relate services, women are usually the main victims. However if the main service of interest was labor men are usually the main victim.

Analysis: I can’t say I was caught off guard by this since this is similar to the US however reading this article they make it clear that it takes place in the UK because the immigrants that come to the area are taken advantage of. Also because of my background knowledge I know that in the US there are a lot of elites connected to the human trafficking in the US, but compare to

the UK its mainly just criminals using children and women for labor and sexual reasons so it's almost like 50/50 on what they actually commit these crimes for. What did surprise me was men are also victims of human trafficking, the reason why it surprise me was because when reading articles and researching this topic women and children are usually the victims and the main service was sexual base but that isn't the case since men are kidnapped as well for labor services.

Citation 2: Admin, Deliverfund. "Facts about Human Trafficking in the US."

DeliverFund.Org, 20 Sept. 2023,

deliverfund.org/blog/facts-about-human-trafficking-in-united-states/#:~:text=It%20is%20estimated%20that%20between,is%20very%20difficult%20to%20research.

Summary: When people think about the US it's usually held up in such high regards which is well deserved with low crime rates compare to the population without enacting harass punishments. For this reason it's easy for most people to accept the fact the some crimes like human trafficking that is usually well known to take place in areas where there aren't programs in place to help immigrants or to ensure the safety of their citizens. However according to DeliverFund "It is estimated that between 15,000 to 50,000 women and children are forced into sexual slavery in the United States every year, and the total number varies wildly as it is very difficult to research" This article/video lets us know that human trafficking takes place in the US but the reason why its hard to find an exact number of victims. Is because it's a illegal business unlike the UK the US human trafficking involves a lot of prostitution on vulnerable women by pimps, kidnapers and business owners. Criminals aren't the only ones involved, so are the citizens of America since most of these prostitution businesses take place in hotels, facebook

markets or in person meet ups. These usually involve working men trying to blow a load of with sexual pleasure.

Analysis: After finding this youtube video I realized that the reason why searching for human trafficking in America was extremely difficult was because so much people are a part of it and bringing awareness to it would jeopardize them. Also when I went to search up the connect between government officials and human trafficking in the city tech library it didn't show up. I also searched up a well known American business man that had a connect to this business without a doubt. Jeffery Epstein, even then in the city tech library it didn't show up as a result. Also the few articles I found relating America to human trafficking on the city tech library it always worded it in a way of the title of the crime being changed or it happening outside the country and not in it. However they never discussed the internet censorship of if which i witness while searching for it. Then I decide that i would use the multimodal evidence for this America since they are less censored and there are usually small businesses or a couple of creators that'll cover the topic. Also most of the human trafficking in a America is sexual which is important since it shows that there is a correlation with the location of the ideal services wanted. When this video isn't as extreme as some, this is most likely done to keep credibility. However the other videos introduce points that are more controversial but had less facts backing it up, like there are government officials that are involved so that's the reason why it's hard to research the connection between the US and human trafficking. Even though DeliverFund doesn't outright state who purchases the services of these victims I can infer that what the other site said might have some merit since there are instances where government officials are caught with prostitutes. This is a common practice since prostitution doesn't sound as inhumane as human trafficking. Also it isn't as serious of a crime as human trafficking so the lawyers of these government officials would

argue that it was a case of prostitution instead of human trafficking so news outlets have no choice but to report it as prostitution which is one of the reasons why the amount of human trafficking is lower than what's estimated. Also the reason why human trafficking isn't brought up much in America unlike in some areas is because there are a lot of criminals and citizens involved which the video did acknowledge.

“Human Trafficking: 350 Victims Rescued in Caribbean and Latin America.” *BBC News*, BBC, 30 Apr. 2018, www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-43941143.

Summary: The location of where the human trafficking takes place influences the goal of the kidnappers in under developed countries. It's usually labor that is desired. According to BBC news “Victims were found working in night clubs, factories, markets, farms and mines. Some worked in spaces "no bigger than coffins," said Cem Kolcu of Interpol's human trafficking unit.” This news article discusses the condition in which these victims are kept in while they work. Since there are less regulations in these under developed countries they can treat the kidnapped victims anyway they want. These criminals will give their victims just enough resources to keep them alive and working. Researching human trafficking in these under developed countries are even worse than in the US and UK since there isn't anyone coming to save them since they are surrounded by injustice and corruption. The criminals also know this which causes them to treat their victims as if they were their property instead of humans. Human trafficking exerts a devastating impact on the minds of its victims. Even when some of these victims return to a regular life they can fit into society with the PTSD they suffer from.

Analysis: Reading this article open my eyes to the true horror of human trafficking especially in third world countries because there is a lack of justice in these areas. Which means the victims have no hope of ever becoming free or in different terms staying a slave all their life. Also most of these victims are badly beaten when failing at their assigned job or disobedience. The condition of which the victims are left in are also horrible since they are usually working in the high temperatures with no water or cooling. In the article it made the connection that their work space was similar to a coffin because of the lack of space, cooling light and that at the end the victim will most likely die there. It also wouldn't matter to the owner of these modern slave since human trafficking is extremely common in these third world countries. The victims that manage to escape or the very few that are ever rescued can never return to a normal life because of the torment usually causing PTSD.

Conclusion: The geography of human trafficking plays a significant role in shaping the psychological impact on its victims. The locations where trafficking occurs can have a great influence on the experiences and mindsets of the victims of this heinous crime. Geography often determines the type of exploitation victims endure for example labor services usually result in an open isolated area for the victims to work in with poor conditioning. On the other hand, those trafficked for sexual exploitation may be confined to urban areas, where they are beaten regularly by their captors. The geography also affects the available support and resources for survivors. In some regions, like developed countries the victims have a chance at freedom since there are constant police patrolling the area. Also in these develop countries cops aren't as corrupted so if they witness someone getting kidnapped or the modern slave they will intervene. However in underdeveloped countries the policemen are usually more corrupt. In some cases the slaves of these operations are return back to the captors. Also in some countries human trafficking is

allowed leaving some victims with no chance of ever escaping."Freedom is like OXYGEN...

You don't know how precious it is until it is too late."-Wayne Dyer