Slavery Isn’t Dead.

Human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons, is the illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain. It is a form of modern-day slavery. Human trafficking enslaves at least 20 to 30 million men, women, and children each year.

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<th>Old Slavery</th>
<th>Modern-Day Slavery (Human Trafficking)</th>
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<td>Legal ownership of human being as property</td>
<td>No legal ownership of human being</td>
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<td>High purchase cost</td>
<td>Low purchase cost</td>
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<td>Shortage of potential slaves</td>
<td>Surplus of potential slaves</td>
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<td>Low short-term profits</td>
<td>Very high profits accrued very fast</td>
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<td>Long-term relationship (generations)</td>
<td>Short-term relationship (weeks/months/years)</td>
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<td>Encouraged to reproduce</td>
<td>Prevented from conceiving</td>
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<td>Slaves maintained</td>
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The two primary forms of trafficking are labor trafficking and sex trafficking.

Examples of Trafficking include:
- Forced and bonded labor
- Child labor
- Debt bondage among migrant laborers
- Involuntary domestic servitude
- Forced sex and sex trade
- Child prostitution
- Child soldiers

Factors that facilitate trafficking include:
- Poverty
- Labor shortages or surpluses
- Corruption
- War and violent conflict
- Organized crime
- Racism
- Abuse and social violence
- Climate change and natural disasters
- Sexual and gender-based discrimination and violence
- Media images and cultural norms that promote internalized oppression

Trafficking in persons has been outlawed:
- Globally by three UN conventions known as the Palermo Protocols
- In the US by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and other legislation

ACT (one or more)
- Recruitment
- Transport
- Transfer
- Harboring
- Receipt of Persons

MEANS (one or more)
- Threats or use of force
- Coercion
- Abduction
- Fraud
- Deception
- Abuse of power
- Payments or benefits

PURPOSE (one or more)
- Slavery or similar practices
- Force labor
- Removal of organs
- Sexual exploitation
- Other exploitation

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