



Revisiting Slavery

Does How You Assess Today's Human Trafficking Issue Impact Your Decision Making?

What on earth does "Revisiting Slavery" have to do with helping your business, better serving your clients? Potentially a great deal. How? By assessing how one views subjects seemingly well away from their means of business, you may find yourself with traits that cause you to miss some very big facts needing attention. And you'll spend countless cycles trying to overcome your very smashing into the invisible boulder.

Let's assume we're well past today's hyper-focus on racism, which is used as a cloak for political agendas and dark ideologies. Let's assume you are a very typical American who abhors slavery. We can very safely say you're in good company because this country by actions of its citizenry has proved countless times it's desire for a "perfect union" and has spilled ample blood locally as well as abroad backing up this point.

Let's assume you're aware of the illegal immigrant issue in America. And let's assume you've heard the term "human trafficking" and realize it's a condition undeniably associated with the specter of illegal immigration.

You are far from alone if you have not recognized today's human trafficking to be comparable in so many painful ways as slavery was near our country's founding. The question you might ask yourself is why. Why is there not a national uproar over it? What is it about our analysis, our assessment, our perspectives, that needs changed? Has society become so troubled this is relatively no worse than other current atrocities? Or have we become numb to this epic failure of humanity? Is our analysis being clouded by stereotypes?

Some facts for your perspective on blacks imported to the US:

- Between 1720 and 1780 is when the bulk were brought to the US. (Six percent of all such shipments from Africa were bound for Britain and N. America. The W. Indies and Brazil were two countries with substantially larger importation numbers.)
- In 1850, there were an estimated 3.2m million blacks in America.





Some facts for your perspective on illegal immigrants:

- Fifteen million is a conservative estimate on the number of illegal immigrants living in the US today.
- Five million have entered since 2020 and the annual rate is increasing drastically.
- Today, the typical fee such an immigrant pays a coyote for aid in getting to the US is \$2,000 to \$40,000.

Some facts on human trafficking:

- Trafficking as defined by the federal government: “the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.”
- Women and children are disproportionately represented in those being trafficked.
- Virtually all who are suffering from today’s trafficking are illegal immigrants.
- The estimates of victims of trafficking range wildly but saying there are hundreds of thousands at this moment trapped in such circumstances would be accurate.
- Women account for about 80 percent of individuals involved in sex-trafficking, with some estimates stating that a quarter of these cases involve minor children. The average age for females at the time of entry into sex-trafficking is thought to be between 17–19 years old.
- The US, Mexico and the Philippines have been recognized as the three worst countries in the world for human trafficking.

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