

Human Trafficking in Cleveland: Perceptions of 6-9th Grade Students

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Introduction

Human Trafficking is one of the biggest issues in the world. There is no way to stop Human Trafficking, but there is a way to raise awareness. Our research question is, who are the vulnerable populations within the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) community and what can be done to bring awareness to the issue. Our study is based on research, observations from the national Twitter feed, and a survey.

Research Facts

Our research shows that 322 cases of sex trafficking and 42 cases of labor trafficking were reported. Out of all the reports, 277 were female and 99 were male. One in every 4 victims was a juvenile. The fact tells us that women are the main target and that children are vulnerable.

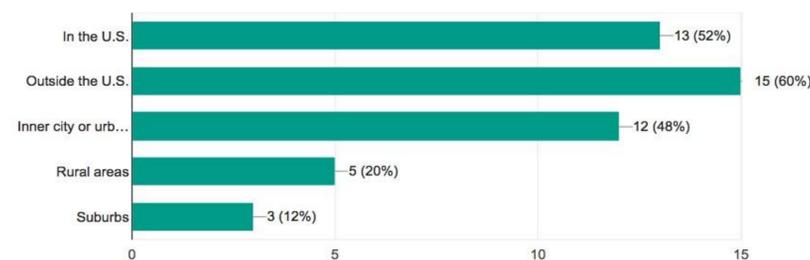
We found out that woman and children make up 80% percent of all trafficking victims. Human trafficking earns profits of roughly \$150 billion a year for traffickers. This shows that human traffickers use people for money and most for their own personal uses.

Observation

In order to understand human trafficking in Cleveland and Ohio, we observed the national Twitter feed about human trafficking in order to compare what we saw there to what we found about Cleveland.

Where do you think human trafficking happens the most? Choose as many as necessary.

25 responses



Survey

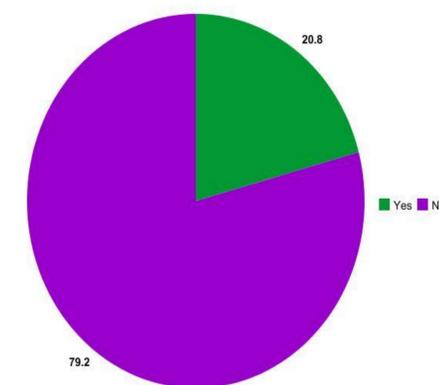
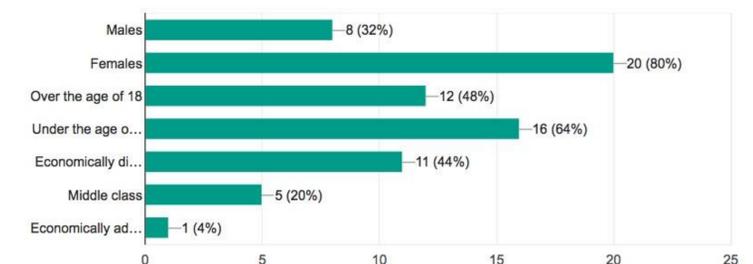
Our survey results show what people believe or what they know about human trafficking. Sixth through ninth graders, ages 10-15, took our survey and they believe that black females under the age of 18, that are economically disadvantaged, are most likely targeted. Most think that human trafficking happens mainly out of the U.S. Some believe it happens in the U.S.

Recommendations

Students should have the opportunity to learn about consent and body autonomy. This could be provided in school. Students should also learn how to protect themselves and others from misogyny and exploitation.

Who do you think is targeted by human trafficking? Choose as many as necessary.

25 responses



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