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# **Decreasing Human Trafficking in Arizona**



**2025 Project Citizen Public Policy Submission**

# Portfolio Section 1

Identifying the Problem

# **The Problem and its Causes** (pg. 1)

“Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked worldwide – including right here in the United States. It can happen in any community and victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality”

# **The Problem and its Causes** (pg. 2)

“In the United States, some of the most vulnerable populations include American Indian/Alaska Native communities, lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-questioning individuals, individuals with disabilities, undocumented immigrants, runaway and homeless youth, and low-income individuals. These victims are deceived by false promises of love, a good job, or a stable life and are lured or forced into situations where they are made to work under deplorable conditions with little or no pay.”

# **The Problem and its Causes** (pg. 3)

Victims can be found in legal and illegal labor industries, including child care, elder care, the drug trade, massage parlors, hair salons, restaurants, hotels, factories, and farms. In some cases, victims are hidden behind doors in domestic servitude in a home. Others are in plain view, interact with people on a daily basis, and are forced to work under extreme circumstances in exotic dance

**“Tools That Teach: What is Human Trafficking?”**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35uM5VMrZas>**

# **Evidence of the Problem** (pg. 1)

“Arizona is committed to preventing trafficking activity throughout every corner of our state and providing victims with the support they need. Identifying, stopping, and preventing human trafficking is up to every Arizonan. Part of increasing prevention? Public awareness.”

# **Existing / Current Policy** (pg. 3)

The arizona Attorney General's office has made it a priority help protect you and all Arizona teens from these predators . But the best protection is that your learn about traffic of people to ensure that you will never become a victim of it . Is it is important that we have and open and honest conversation about this threat and what we can do to prevent it from spreading .

**“How you can prevent human trafficking?”**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRgUJ-KPsRI>**

# **Disagreements about the Problem** (pg. 1)

Under federal law , traffickers can face significant fines and extensive prison sentences , with the possibility of life in prison in cases involving minor or cases of aggravated sexual abuse.

# **Disagreements about the Problem** (pg. 2)

Trafficking related the report to the human rights council in 2016 (A/HRC/32/41) recognized the clear link between trafficking and conflict . It acknowledged that conflict influences the form and nature of the severity of trafficking related exploitation. Also , certain forms of exploitation are either particular to conflict or more prevalent in situations of conflict , such a forced military recruitment of both children and adults . It recognized that not only trafficking . It amplifies vulnerability and increase opportunities for exploitation .

# **Disagreements about the Problem** (pg. 3)

In many cases, people in sex trafficking situations do not see themselves as victims while they are being trafficked. They have been so expertly manipulated or “groomed” that they believe they are making their own choice to engage in commercial sex. These emotional ties are as powerful as being held in handcuffs or behind bars. People in sex trafficking situations may well also depend on their traffickers for physical needs like money or shelter. They may face threats against them or their families or violence if they complain or try to leave.

**“Human trafficking awareness ad”**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0th43jvx9g>**

## **Community Member Interview**

According to Ms. Hively she says that we should enforce more laws around schools, as well as just to enforce more laws in general. She thinks that some of the effects that victims of human trafficking have are, they deal with mental abuse and it could eventually lead to suicide.

## **Community Member Interview**

According to Officer Danny, he thinks that human trafficking needs to be stopped because it's terrible and people shouldn't be treated that way. He thinks that the effects of these victims are, that they will be afraid of it happening to them again, and they may not be able to trust people as well, or as often, because they will be paranoid

## **Community Member Interview**

According to Justin he thinks human trafficking is a big problem because it lures kids men and women away from their families. Making the families not just suffer but them living knowing something happened to them and not knowing if they're alive or suffering. It makes the communities a bad environment on which it makes the place unsafe.

## **Community Member Interview**

According to Paola, This problem can be solved by having more police officers around, spreading awareness about the problem, as well as reporting any weird behavior you may see. Paola thinks that the government should help with this problem. She thinks this because the situations with human trafficking can get worse, and the community may be in more danger if we don't find a solution to this problem.

**“This is Human Trafficking - Social Media Recruitment | Awareness Campaign” video**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mH93tQ4n8M>**

# **Why Government Should be Involved** (pg. 1)

Due to the complex nature of the crime, traffickers often operate undetected and those who are trafficked are unlikely to identify themselves as victims, usually blaming themselves for their situation . Victims are frequently incorrectly identified and treated as criminals or undocumented migrants .therefore they need to help us with better policies to ensure our safety we as their citizens they must make sure we are okay

# Why Government Should be Involved (pg. 2)

The government should be involved because us as its citizens they should be worried in our health and well being and not having anything to ensure our safety how can we go out and ensure we will be okay and have a good time while being paranoid the government needs to step in to help us because we are human and we matter and as them being placed in higher ground they should help us and put all their support in us human trafficking inst a small hick up we have in phoenix its a world wide issues we all need to help in.

# Why Government Should be Involved (pg. 3)

Mark's message:

“As your Attorney General, I want you to know that we take this threat very seriously. Human trafficking is more than just a crime, it is a profound tragedy for all those who become its victims. That is why it is vital that parents know how to identify potential threats to their children, and how to respond if they see the warning signs.”

# **“The Ways Human Traffickers Lure Their Victims | Houston Police”**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zz1kS3efJi0>**

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<https://ctic.iom.int/en/resources/understanding-human-trafficking-conflict>

<https://goyff.az.gov/htc>

[https://www.azag.gov/sites/default/files/publications/2018-06/Human\\_Trafficking\\_Not\\_Buying\\_I\\_t.pdf](https://www.azag.gov/sites/default/files/publications/2018-06/Human_Trafficking_Not_Buying_I_t.pdf)

<https://polarisproject.org/understanding-human-trafficking/>

# Portfolio Section 2

Alternative Policies

# Alternative Policy #1 (pg. 1)

*Install more cameras on streets where human trafficking / abductions are happening.*

# Alternative Policy #1 - Advantages (pg. 1)

The advantages of installing more cameras on the street can reduce crime rate, Kids will be able to be safe and will provide evidence for legal scenarios. Quick action by authorities, Cameras scare off traffickers, Tracks trafficking patterns. The advantages of having cameras in public places are to help catch and deter criminals. Having cameras creates a safe environment for you and other people.

# Alternative Policy #1 - Advantages (pg. 2)

Many people are aware of human trafficking and know that it's dangerous harmful to communitys the public people and different places as it's known for occurring for different locations people always make sure to be prepared and know how to watch out for their friends/family/siblings ect, but most P.D.A they tend to watch people or stalk them when the are alone or with not as much people just make sure to report this scenario ,

# Alternative Policy #1 - Disadvantages (pg. 1)

If they put cameras there will be no privacy. Using surveillance camera can raise privacy issues for employees and the public, especially if cameras are places in sensitive areas.

# Alternative Policy #1 - Disadvantages (pg. 2)

You can't have access to visible things or higher authorization or command by the higher ups. as a citizen instead of being the person to have the right to so probably you can't help as much or do much just vote/freedom of speech/ and not that much because you might/not be possible in your specific way you have to have a higher authority and not identified/known or fit to qualify in that specification or ordered task or objective.

# Alternative Policy #1 - Disadvantages (pg. 3)

Can't take over neighborhood, can't take command or authority and approval of everything. Only by government's approval/dominance

## Alternative Policy #2 (pg. 2)

*Provide victim services for people impacted / survivors of human trafficking. This can look like therapy, mental health, support and safety, etc.*

# Alternative Policy #2 - Advantages (pg. 1)

Some advantages are that people build programs and give out valid information to watch out for any specific education or give out knowledge for people to be prepared and ready to call or know the local authority it's a crime that's impacting the public citizens individuals and people/community ect, people also warn each other and send out alerts were the last human trafficking was conducted or found and people also have right to report and shady behavior caused by the locals or people because they tend to stay in groups rather than then by themselves because they watch/stalk the P.D.A and the innocent people

# Alternative Policy #2 - Advantages (pg. 2)

The advantages are being able to press charges on the offender.

# Alternative Policy #2 - Advantages (pg. 3)

Maybe give out more warnings for the public or go live on the news to make sure it reaches out for all the town/city to ensure their safety health and problems to decrease this modern slavery. And find a solution for authority and watch out for this behavior discuss people and interrogate them and be sent to the court's jurisdiction if they caught the criminal. And approval for them to be charged and sent to jail and given authorization by the government.

# Alternative Policy #2 - Disadvantages (pg. 1)

Challenge: identifying victims, victims are not from the U.S.

# Alternative Policy #2 - Disadvantages (pg. 2)

Such victims are usually unaware of their rights as victims, do not understand the laws of the United States or the language spoken.

# Alternative Policy #2 - Disadvantages (pg. 3)

Victims become dependent on the trafficker and may not even consider themselves to be victims.

# Controversies and Conflicts (pg. 1)

Why is human trafficking a big deal?: Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery.

Will people have empathy/ or compassion for people who did human trafficking: no because people know that it's bad to do human trafficking and they will feel bad for the victims.

# Controversies and Conflicts (pg. 2)

What is human trafficking?: Human trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of people through force, fraud, coercion or deception, with the aim of exploiting them for profit.

Sex trafficking: sex trafficking is one type of human trafficking basically kidnapping young people and including small children. Raping them or abusing them.

# Controversies and Conflicts (pg. 3)

How can you help the victims of human trafficking:  
Nationwide, ICE participates in a variety of human trafficking awareness events in January and throughout the year to educate medical professionals, key industries and the general public to identify indicators of trafficking activities. The recognition of human trafficking by others can save a victim's life and help the investigation and prosecution of traffickers.

# Sources (pg. 1)

Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000  
Costs & Benefits of Alternative Public Policies - Study.com

<https://www.state.gov/humantrafficking-about-human-trafficking/>

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en/type-trafficking/human-trafficking>

[https://www.upmd.org/Blog.aspx?IID=266#:~:text=Helps%20catch%20and%20For%20deter,red%20lights%2C%20power%20poles\).](https://www.upmd.org/Blog.aspx?IID=266#:~:text=Helps%20catch%20and%20For%20deter,red%20lights%2C%20power%20poles).)

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# Portfolio Section 3

Our Proposed Policy Solution

# Our Proposed Policy (pg. 1)

Our proposed policy is to spread awareness about human trafficking through public events. We can spread awareness by hosting events that talk about the problem of human trafficking in the state and just spreading awareness about human trafficking in general. While spreading awareness we can insert data from official government and organization websites. The level of government that will be needed for our policy would be state government as it would reach on a wider scale than only Phoenix government. It would be important to spread awareness on a state level rather than a city level because it would prevent human trafficking on a wider scale.



# Level of Government Responsible to Help (pg. 1)

The level of government is Arizona state government because that's who we chose to work with and it'd be easier to spread awareness through Arizona instead of the entire nation.



# COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

⇨ BREAK THE CHAINS ⇩

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Thursday • **January 23, 2020** • 1400-1530

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**Where:** Fellowship Hall - Chapel  
(Light snacks provided)

**Speaker:** Allison Smith  
Education & Outreach Specialist for Trafficking  
In Persons Refugee & Immigrant Center,  
Asian Assoc of Utah

**More info:** SAPR Office: 777-1950 / Hill.SARC@us.af.mil

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This is a free event, register at:  
<https://hillctip2020.eventbrite.com>

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# **Advantages of our Policy** (pg. 1)

1. It can lower the threat for human trafficking to happen
2. Easy to advertise any events
3. Easy to host
4. Easy to spread awareness
5. Low cost



**COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING**



# Why Our Policy is Constitutional (pg. 1)

Our policy is constitutional because it doesn't violate any amendments in the constitution and doesn't violate people's rights.



# **Sources** (pg. 1)

[Human Trafficking Resource](#)

[Victim assistance](#)

[Human trafficking prevention month](#)

[Human trafficking data](#)

[Human trafficking data](#)

[Human trafficking help](#)

[Human trafficking data](#)

# **Sources** (pg. 2)

<https://goyff.az.gov/humantrafficking>

# Portfolio Section 4

The Action Plan

# **Supporters** of our Policy (pg. 1)

## Freedom Net USA

The Freedom Network of the USA is the largest affiliation working on human trafficking in the United States Freedom Net USA, envisions services and anti-trafficking movements available to all people and trying to take away from things and systems that cause vulnerability to people being trafficked.

# **Supporters** of our Policy (pg. 2)

[Missing kids.org](https://www.missingkids.org)

The national center for missing and exploited children is a private non profit organization who holds a mission to prevent and reduce children victimization, and find missing children.

# **Supporters** of our Policy (pg. 3)

<https://www.childrenofthenight.org/>

Children of the night a privately funded non profit org, has a mission to have a positive impact on the lives of young children who are vulnerable to exploitation, have been sexually exploited and are involved prostitution etc, they are leading them to success by offering them specialized services and the education needed to lead them in the right direction, what's also according to Children of the night is that with these services being offered they state, "And to date 70% are leading to successful adult lives across various careers."

# **Opponents** of our Policy (pg. 1)

The opponents of our policy are Cartels and criminal organization

Task: Find a source that proves this

Source-

<https://www.state.gov/policy-issues/combating-drugs-and-crime/>

# **Opponents** of our Policy (pg. 3)

(Criminals)

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/16-arrested-undercover-child-sex-crimes-operation-led-local-pd-supported-hsi-phoenix>

<https://www.fox10phoenix.com/video/1487697>

# Government Supporters of our Policy (pg. 1)

Kris Mayes-

Arizona Attorney General- Human trafficking and Exploitation

The Arizona Attorney general office works on prosecuting traffickers and combats heinous crimes by working with community partners and law enforcement with investigations and prosecutions strategies.

[Arizona State Attorney General Office On Human Trafficking and Exploitation](#)

# Government **Supporters** of our Policy (pg. 2)

City of Phoenix- Phoenix human trafficking task force.

The Phoenix human trafficking task force is a task force created and led by councilman Jim Waring with co-chair sarah suggs that was created in December of 2013 for combatting and addressing human trafficking, but to do this Phoenix has adopted, “The Compass plan” Which the task force states, “A five year roadmap to eradicate human trafficking.”

<https://www.phoenix.gov/district2/human-trafficking>

# Government Supporters of our Policy (pg. 3)

Ice works with homeland security coming together with special agents to catch and punish human traffickers and educate the community on various signs and forms of the crime in this case, human trafficking.

[Ice.gov](https://ice.dhs.gov)

# Government Opponents of our Policy (pg. 1)

What current or former government official has been caught in a human trafficking scandal?

Matt Gaetz- (Donald trump attorney general pick)- According to PBS it states, “Matt gaetz was once under investigation for sex trafficking. Now he could lead the justice department”

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/matt-gaetz-was-once-under-investigation-for-sex-trafficking-now-he-could-lead-the-justice-department>

# **Government Opponents of our Policy** (pg. 3)

<https://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/arizona-official-felony-charges/>

<https://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/ex-maricopa-county-assessor-paul-petersen-sentenced-to-5-more-years-behind-bars>

Paul peterson, A Maricopa county Assessor caught in an Illegal adoption scheme, and with eleven felony offense.

# Outline of our Action Plan (pg. 4)

First-Getting a permit to host events at oso park costing around 450\$ dollars

Second- Finding a connection like (police station, national park service)

Third-

## **How we will get Opponents to Support our Policy (pg. 2)**

<https://www.state.gov/20-ways-you-can-help-fight-human-trafficking/>

Attorneys can offer human trafficking victims legal services to support for those that are seeking benefits or special immigration. And also Health care providers can identify the indicators of human trafficking and also assist victims.

## **How we will get Opponents to Support our Policy (pg. 3)**

<https://www.state.gov/20-ways-you-can-help-fight-human-trafficking/>

People can host an awareness-raising event for people to watch and discuss the films about stopping human trafficking from happening.

# **How we will Fund our Policy** (pg. 1)

\*Oso Park is \$450

\*Officer danny (connections)

\*Taxes - connect with policy makers

# How we will Fund our Policy (pg. 2)

Social medias-

Tiktok

SnapChat

Instagram

Twitter

**-We can post and share information about awareness on human trafficking and post resources and information about how people can traffick what trafficking is and how to get out of a trafficking situations.**

# **How we will Fund our Policy** (pg. 3)

Door to Door-

Going door to door doesn't cost a thing to just share information about trafficking we can do share the same information we would on social media by talking to people about, how people can traffick what trafficking is and how to get out of a trafficking situations.