



Approximately [800,000 children](#) go missing in the United States every year, and many of them end up in the hands of sex traffickers. After you read what I have to share with you, I guarantee you will start watching your children much more carefully when they are in public. Earlier today, I received an email from one of my readers encouraging me to check out [John W. Whitehead's latest article](#). So I did, and I was absolutely horrified by what I learned.

In America today, authorities believe that the number of under-age sex workers is somewhere between 100,000 and 150,000. Those children are purchased [millions of times a year](#), and it has become [a \\$9.5 billion industry](#). Every major city in the U.S. has a problem with child slavery, but there are certain areas (such as Washington, D.C.) that have become central hubs. This is a major national crisis, and yet for some reason, very few members of Congress are making this issue a priority.

Lately, I have been writing a lot about how America has become a completely lawless nation, and this is a perfect example. According to [Whitehead](#), some of the children being bought and sold are as young as 9 years old:

Children, young girls—some as young as 9 years old—are being bought and sold for sex in America. The average age for a young woman being sold for sex is now 13 years old.

This is America's dirty little secret.

Sex trafficking—especially when it comes to the buying and selling of young girls—has become big business in America, the [fastest growing business](#) in organized crime and the [second most-lucrative commodity traded](#) illegally after drugs and guns.

As investigative journalist Amy Fine Collins notes, "It's become [more lucrative and much safer to sell malleable teens than drugs or guns](#). A pound of heroin or an AK-47 can be retailed once, but a young girl can be sold 10 to 15 times a day—and a 'righteous' pimp confiscates 100 percent of her earnings."

With all of the law enforcement resources at our disposal, our nation could destroy this industry if it really wanted to do so.

In [his article](#), Whitehead says a single child "might be [raped by 6,000 men during a five-year period of servitude](#)."

Just one child.

And since there are at least 100,000 child slaves in the United States today, we are talking about potentially millions of men committing acts of evil so horrific that they should immediately be given the death penalty.

Once a nation has fallen this low, how can it ever recover?

In one federal case, a child slave testified that "[she was forced to have sex with as many as 20 men a night](#)":

As David McSwane recounts in a [chilling piece for the \*Herald-Tribune\*](#): "In Oakland Park, an industrial Fort Lauderdale suburb, federal agents in 2011 encountered a brothel operated by a married couple. Inside 'The Boom Boom Room,' as it was known, customers paid a fee and were given a condom and a timer and left alone with one of the brothel's eight teenagers,

children as young as 13. A 16-year-old foster child testified that he acted as security, while a 17-year-old girl told a federal judge she was forced to have sex with as many as 20 men a night."

This sort of evil is taking place every night in America, and it should be eradicated.

But our national leaders don't seem too interested in making that happen.

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Every single day, young girls are being abducted and forced into slavery. They are sold to men for as little as \$25, and their pimps make up to \$200,000 per child every year.

Of course, many of the children forced into such a lifestyle don't live very long. According to Whitehead, the average life expectancy for these victims is just seven years:

Those being sold for sex have an average life expectancy of seven years, and those years are a living nightmare of endless rape, forced drugging, humiliation, degradation, threats, disease, pregnancies, abortions, miscarriages, torture, pain, and always the constant fear of being killed or, worse, having those you love hurt or killed.

Stopping this horror should be right at the top of the list of our national priorities, and yet I rarely hear any politician even mention this crisis.

And even if we put an end to all sex trafficking, we would still have a massive national child abuse problem to deal with.

The following numbers come from the National Center for Victims of Crime:

- 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 20 boys is a victim of child sexual abuse;
- Self-report studies show that 20% of adult females and 5-10% of adult males recall a childhood sexual assault or sexual abuse incident;
- During a one-year period in the U.S., 16% of youth ages 14 to 17 had been sexually victimized;
- Over the course of their lifetime, 28% of U.S. youth ages 14 to 17 had been sexually victimized;
- Children are most vulnerable to CSA between the ages of 7 and 13.

**Immediately:**

If you're watching a crime in progress, call 911 and then call the hotline. If you're at a truck stop/travel plaza or any other place of business, please notify the manager-on-duty of the suspicious activity; she/he needs to be aware of what is taking place on the lot and assist in ending it.

**Warning:**

Please do not approach traffickers. Allow law enforcement to deal with traffickers and recover victims. Approaching traffickers is not only dangerous for you and their victims but could lead to problems in the eventual prosecution of traffickers.

**Note:**

There is now a lifetime ban on a CDL for any individual who uses their CMV to commit a felony involving a severe form of human trafficking. All 50 states and DC have a law criminalizing sex trafficking. Some states punish sex purchasers the same as sex traffickers, generally with felony level crimes, and 31 states have a buyer-applicable trafficking law that prohibits a mistake-of-age defense in prosecutions for buying a commercial sex act with any minor under 18.

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Truckers are the eyes and ears of our nation's highways. Victims forced into sexual slavery need your help. If you see a minor working the lot or suspect pimp control, call 1-888-3737-888 and report what you know.

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Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to control their victims. A minor being sold for sex is a victim of human trafficking. While the initial purchase of victims may occur online, the real-time sale of victims can happen in many locations, including truck stops, restaurants, rest areas, hotels/motels, strip clubs, private homes, etc. Truckers are the eyes and the ears of our nation's highways. If you see a minor working any of those areas or suspect that the person selling sex is under someone else's control in order to make a quota, call the National Hotline and report your tip:

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For law enforcement to open an investigation on your tip, they need "actionable information." This would include:

- Descriptions of cars or trucks (make, model, color, license plate, truck and/or USDOT number, etc.) and people (height, weight, hair color, eye color, age, etc.) Take a picture if you can.
- Specific times and dates (When did you see the event in question take place? What day was it?)
- Addresses and locations where suspicious activity took place

**Questions to Ask:**

- Do you keep your own money? If not, who does?
- Do your parents/siblings/relatives know where you are? If not, why not?
- When was the last time you saw your family?
- Are you physically or sexually abused? Are you or your family threatened?
- What is the nature of the threats?

**Trafficking Red Flags to Look For:**

- Lack of knowledge of their whereabouts; not in control of ID/passport
- Restricted or controlled communication – not allowed to speak for self
- CB chatter about "commercial company" or flashing lights signaling "buyer" location
- Acknowledgement of a pimp and making a quota
- Signs of branding or tattooing of trafficker's name (often on the neck)
- A van or RV that seems out of place out by trucks; a vehicle dropping someone off at a truck and picking them up 15-20 minutes later

