

# 100 MILLION

FREE. SAFE. EDUCATED.  
UNITED STATES

## TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN

### WHAT WE BELIEVE

All children should be **free, safe, and educated!** What do the words 'freedom' and 'security' mean to you? Victims of child trafficking are neither free nor safe. The United Nations defines child trafficking as when a child is recruited, transported, or held unwillingly so others can exploit them.

### JOIN US.

"I PLEDGE TO DO ALL I CAN TO END CHILD LABOR, ENSURE EDUCATION FOR ALL AND ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN SO THAT EVERY YOUNG PERSON IS SAFE, FREE AND EDUCATED."

TAKE THE PLEDGE.

### DID YOU KNOW?

According to the International Labor Organization (ILO), **more than 1.2 million children and young people worldwide are trafficked annually.** Victims of child trafficking are forced or sold into modern slavery (forced and unpaid labor) in all sectors of the economy.

According to the The Counter Trafficking Data Collaborative, **1 in 4 victims of trafficking are children.**

Most victims of human trafficking are forced into labor. More than two-thirds of trafficking victims fall into this category, according to the ILO, including nearly **4 million children.**

There are an estimated **152 million child laborers** around the world, with around half of them participating in what is known as "hazardous work" – work that endangers the child's physical, emotional, or social well-being.

The ILO reports that forced labor has generated up to **USD \$150 billion per year.**

In 2018, **over half of criminal human trafficking cases** active in the U.S. were sex trafficking cases **that involved only children.**

According to the 2020 Trafficking In Persons report, the U.S. prosecuted fewer cases and secured fewer convictions than previous years, issued fewer trafficking victims immigration benefits, and **did not adequately screen vulnerable populations for human trafficking indicators.**

### TAKE ACTION

Write an op-ed to send to your local newspaper or any news source. Use these statistics to help make your point. Use the outline on page 2, where we walk you through the steps!

Watch [The Price of Free](#) and follow the story of Sonu, a young child from India trafficked to Delhi for work. Hear about the fight to free him from modern day slavery.

Follow us on Twitter @100millionUS, engage with the hashtags #EndHumanTrafficking on July 30th and #FreeSafeEducated anytime to join the conversation and have your voice heard!

# OP-ED OUTLINE

## I. Introduction

a. Hook: The beginning is your chance to capture your reader's attention!

- July 30th is the World Day against Trafficking in Persons...

- Did you know that more than 1.2 million children and young people worldwide are trafficked annually?

- Today I learned about Sonu, a young Indian child taken from his family to work in Delhi, and the fight to bring him home.

b. Context: Now back up a little bit. Explain what the issue is at hand. In a few lines, provide some background and context.

- Use the definition of human trafficking on the first page!

- Victims of child trafficking are forced or sold into modern day slavery (forced to do unpaid labor) or sold into the sex industry.

- Share the story of *The Price of Free*, a film made to show the struggle that trafficked children can face and how hard it is to get them out of modern day slavery.

c. Tell your reader where you stand on this issue.

## II. First body paragraph

a. Evidence #1: Describe the central piece of evidence that supports your position.

- According to the The Counter Trafficking Data Collaborative, 1 in 4 victims of trafficking are children. Most victims of human trafficking are forced into labor, the International Labor Organization estimates about two-thirds of trafficked children are forced into labor.

b. Tie Back: Make sure to connect this evidence back to your main argument.

## III. Second Body Paragraph

a. Evidence #2: Describe a second piece of evidence that supports your position. Try using a different type of persuasion.

- In 2018, over half of criminal human trafficking cases active in the U.S. were sex trafficking cases that involved only children. There is no official number of human trafficking victims in the U.S., and vulnerable populations, including children, are not being watched for indicators of human trafficking.

b. Tie Back: Again, make sure to connect this evidence back to your main argument.

## IV. Conclusion

a. Summary: In just a few lines, remind your reader of the main argument and evidence.

b. Personal Comment, Call to Action, or Question: What do you want to leave them with? Ask your readers to watch the film, speak up about child trafficking, or join you and the 100 Million Campaign to ensure every child is free, safe, and educated.

c. Include a one sentence byline. "Name lives in XXX, and is a member of the U.S. 100 Million campaign which works to ensure every child, regardless of where they live are safe, free and educated." Feel free to add more!