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## Exposing Porn's Hold on the U.S.

*"One obvious reason for the corporate censorship of critical dialogue about porn is that it is a hugely profitable industry from which many major media corporations derive great profits.*

*Sociologist scholar, Gail Dines, understands both the economics and cultural power of the pornography industry perhaps better than anyone ever has. Her book, 'Pornland,' is sparking a badly-needed and long-overdue national and international conversation about pornography that goes beyond the traditional*

*'pro-sex' vs. 'anti-sex' superficiality. 'Pornland' will now be the starting point for serious discussions about how porn shapes and distorts social and sexual norms."* Jackson Katz, PhD

*(Author of The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help)*



## Porn as Economics

Gail Dines, in a recent interview with Jackson Katz, discussed her book. She commented, *"Pornland represents an attempt to apply the powerful insights of cultural studies to porn. Rather than rehashing the old argument of 'does porn cause rape,' it delves into the more nuanced and subtle ways the porn industry shapes and limits our sexual imaginations and creativity as both individuals and in the culture as a whole."*

*Much of the scholarship on porn "ignores porn as an industry and instead focuses on just the images, as if they are produced within a social and economic vacuum. ...As someone who studies media, I bring the same lens to porn as I would, say, to advertising. This means that we need to ask questions not only about who owns and controls porn production, but also how images are under-*

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## Awards to Honor Norma Hotaling



Norma Hotaling (1951-2008) founded the San Francisco-based organization, *Stand Against*

*Global Exploitation (SAGE).*

She had personally transcended homelessness, addiction and prostitution and transformed her own suffering into an opportunity of hope for others. Trafficked into prostitution when she was a child, she was trapped in it for 18 years.

After she escaped, she was determined to create exit strategies for others like her. She spent the next 18 years of her life creating a safe haven for victims of prostitution and sex trafficking. Calling attention to inequalities in the criminal justice system, she developed new policies and programs to focus on the demand side of sex trafficking.

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stood by consumers. If you don't ask these questions, then you are ignoring the cultural and economic foundations of porn. ...To research porn without exploring its links to capitalism and sexism is like looking at advertising while forgetting the consumer.

When I talk about the industrialization of sex, I am referring to the way the porn companies commodify and 'corporatize' a real human need and desire. What is often ignored in discussions on porn is the fact it is a business. Once we examine just how porn functions within the capitalist world, it becomes clear that the pornographers are not out for our sexual liberation and empowerment, but rather to make money. This strips it of its veneer of fun and fantasy and reveals it to be a predatory industry.

The porn business is embedded in a complex value chain, linking not just film producers and distributors, but also bankers, software producers, Internet providers, cable companies and hotel chains. These become allies and collaborators, with a vested interest in the growth and continued viability of the porn business.

If we examine the economic connections between the porn industry and mainstream media corporations, we can use as an example the cable television business. According to an article on XBIZ, a business website for the porn industry, the big distributors of porn are *Time Warner Cable*, *Cox Communications* and *Comcast*, the largest cable TV providers in the US. Comcast also owns E! Entertainment, a cable station that often carries porn-friendly documentaries.

Porn is also distributed via satellite TV. One of the biggest companies, *DirecTV*, was owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. between 2003 and 2006. Murdoch owns the *Fox Television Network*, *Twentieth Century Fox*, *New York Post*, the *LA Dodgers*, and *TV Guide*, to name just a few. Murdoch also owned the second largest satellite provider, *EchoStar Communications Corporation*, which, according to the *New York Times*, made more money selling hardcore pornography films through its satellite subsidiary than all of *Playboy's* holdings combined.

Porn has been a major source of revenue for hotels such as *Holiday Inn*, *Hilton*, *Sheraton*, *Radisson* and *Hyatt chains*, as well as the *Marriott*. In 2007, an article on XBIZ put the annual revenues from hotel porn to be more than \$500 million. Hotel porn not only makes money for the hotels, but also for the companies that supply it, like *LodgeNet* and *On-Command*. ...

Progressives have, for good reason, singled out the importance of mass media as a major form of (mis)education. A few huge multinational corporations dominate the market and use their economic and political power to deliver messages that sell a particular worldview that promotes consumerism, inequality, small government and tax cuts for business and the wealthy. But many of these same progressives argue against the view that porn has an effect on men. They call anti-porn feminists unsophisticated thinkers, who don't appreciate how images can be open to numerous interpretations. It is strange when the same people who understand that mass media has the power to shape, influence, and seduce viewers, simultaneously deny that porn has any impact on its consumers. ...

For complete interview, go to: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jackson-katz/interview-with-porn-schol\\_1\\_b\\_682126.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jackson-katz/interview-with-porn-schol_1_b_682126.html)

### Porn on the Internet

An Internet security company found about 37% of the four million online pages they surveyed contained pornographic content. Between 2009 and 2010, pornographic sites increased by 17%. *Internet Pornography Statistics* estimates more than \$3,000 is spent on Internet pornography every second and 'sex' is the most frequent search term in the world, accounting for 25% of all Internet searches.

A security company spokesperson stated, "When you consider that more than one third of the Internet's content is pornographic, combined with the overwhelming increase in young people now curiously visiting web sites with such ease of access, it is becoming increasingly imperative that adults take responsibility for the management of home PC security."

In examining the economics of porn, researchers found the majority of sites were free. However, for-pay porn sites contribute content to draw business. Of the 35,000 pornographic domains examined, 90% were free.

Another study found that some porn sites harbored malware or engaged in other actions that endangered their users. About 3.23% of porn sites came loaded with adware, spyware, viruses and other software designed to exploit gaping holes on a system's various software programs. One such hole that some sites are using involves JavaScript catchers, which prevent the user from quickly leaving the site.

Other sites redirect users clicking on images that appear to be on the current site to other sites, a risky practice. To test whether this could be abused, the researchers created two faux-adult sites, complete with pornographic content. They spent \$160 to get other sites to redirect users to their site.

They then scanned the computers of the 49,000 visitors to the test sites and found that 20,000 were using a computer and browser combination that was vulnerable to at least one known exploit. (<http://www.dailytech.com/Study+One+Third+of+Internet+is+Crammed+With+Porn/article18760.htm>)



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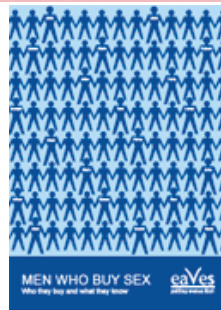
### Study of 'Men Who Buy Sex'

The authors (Melissa Farley, Julie Bindel, and Jacqueline Golding) interviewed 103 London men who were buying sex. Over half confirmed they were in a relationship while they also used women in prostitution. 55% believed that a majority of people in prostitution were lured, tricked or trafficked. 96% used women in indoor prostitution (brothels, flats, saunas, massage parlors). Legalization of prostitution encouraged these men to buy sex. Many stated that pornography use led to their paying for sex and informed their decisions to request specific acts with women in prostitution and also with non-prostituting sex partners.

Over half believed that men would 'need' to rape if they did not have access to prostituted women. 65% believed that 'most men pay for sex.' A majority of these men were aware of specific instances of trafficking for prostitution. Often, they knew that they were using trafficked women for sex. Trafficking is associated with brothel and massage parlor prostitution in the UK.

Traffickers have the capacity to hide human trafficking in the huge volume of travel facilitated by globalization. Organized criminals who traffic women to London for prostitution have the capacity to rapidly modify trafficking operations: to forge high quality documents; to use front companies; to use advanced technology such as satellite phones, GPS, and digital surveillance; to use defense lawyers skilled at defending organized criminals; and to launder funds from trafficking via sophisticated methods.

Since it is known that prostitution is associated with extremely high levels of violence against women and that men who buy prostituted women are aware of the crimes of pimping, coercive control, lack of opportunity for escape and trafficking, the next logical step would be stronger legal and social deterrents for the sex buyer. (<http://www.prostitutionresearch.com/c-prostitution-research.html>) To access the full report, go to: [http://www.eaves4women.co.uk/Resources/Reports\\_And\\_Consultations.php](http://www.eaves4women.co.uk/Resources/Reports_And_Consultations.php)



### Porn Harms Men

Gail Dines stated, "Over the last few years I have seen a big change in the way men respond to my lectures. Rather than being angry and defensive, many now express concern and anxiety over the amount of porn they are using. During the Q&A after a lecture I gave recently at a large state university, a female student was voicing distress about men's use of porn. She wanted to know what men get out of it, aside from an orgasm. I suggested that maybe one of the hundreds of men in the room might answer that. There was a hush.



Gail Dines

Then a lone hand went up. A twenty-something student got up and set the tone for the next 90 minutes: *'I am really anxious about speaking but I have to tell you what has happened to me.'*

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### Dines cont.

What followed was a heartrending story of his compulsive porn use and his own despair over what felt like an inability to stop using.

One of his most poignant comments was how much he looked forward to school vacations, because his lack of Internet access at home meant he could get a break from porn. He sat down. Rather than an embarrassed silence, men started getting up to tell stories about the negative ways that porn has affected them.

Although not all compulsive users, these men talked about their feelings of inadequacy around sex after using porn -- they were using porn sex as their yardstick -- and they all failed to measure up.

What I hear from men is that the more they use porn, the less able they are to develop intimate relationships with women. Many of these men are concerned about the effect their porn use has had on their sexual behavior, and they are especially upset when it infiltrates into a relationship with a woman they care about. ...

I hope more men start sharing their experiences and speaking out about how they are being harmed by porn. The porn industry doesn't just have contempt for women; it also has little respect for men and their desires for non-exploitative sex, intimacy and connection. Not only has porn distorted men's relations with women, but it also has affected their sense of themselves as good people who care about social justice and basic human dignity. Imagine what could happen if a growing number of these men decided to end their silence and started challenging this predatory industry and its arrogant presumption that it's just giving men what they want?"

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As reported in June 2010 by Dr. Laura Lederer during a Congressional briefing entitled, *Pornography Harms: What Congress Can Do To Enforce Existing Laws*, there are numerous links between sex trafficking and pornography. She explained four such links:

1. Some types of pornography actually are sex trafficking.
2. Some perpetrators are trafficking and/or exploiting women and children to record the acts they perform.

For example, in January 2010 a 59-year old American was arrested by Cambodian police and extradited to the U.S. by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He was charged with having sex with three girls, ages 12 and 14. He found the girls through Phnom Penh taxi drivers, who knew the location of brothels holding minors. He allegedly paid \$3,000 to the taxi driver and \$4,800 to the brothel owner to have sex with underage girls, recording the acts in pornographic pictures.

3. Pornography is used in sex trafficking and the sex industry to train women and children what to do.
4. Pornography creates and provides rationalizations for exploiters as to how and why their sexually exploitive behaviors are acceptable. (For the full text: [http://pornharms.com/Sex\\_Trafficking\\_and\\_Illegal\\_Pornography\\_Statement.pdf](http://pornharms.com/Sex_Trafficking_and_Illegal_Pornography_Statement.pdf))

“Trafficking, as the U.S. Dept. of Justice and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children both note, is often associated with pornography. Cameras and film equipment are often found when trafficking circles are broken up. Plainly, the reality of the human beings behind many of those images on the Internet is poorer, dirtier, druggier — and younger.” (Mary Eberstadt, <http://www.firstthings.com/article/2010/05/the-weight-of-smut>)

### Craigslist Closes ‘Adult Services’

Craigslist’s ‘adult services’ section was shut down on Sept. 4th in the U.S., but prostitution on the Internet is alive and well — even, quite possibly, on Craigslist. It’s unclear if the shutdown is permanent. A black bar reading ‘censored’ remained in place on the company’s U.S. pages. However, erotic services ads on non-U.S. sites were still active. Neither Craigslist CEO Jim Buckmaster nor a company spokeswoman responded to e-mails and phone calls by news reporters. The company plans to issue a statement on the matter.

State attorneys general from 17 states had pressed Craigslist to do more to block potentially illegal ads promoting prostitution, and hailed the company’s decision to shut the ‘adult services’ section down. But like other illegal online activities targeted with prosecution or lawsuits, including gambling, child pornography and unauthorized music downloads, shutting down one outlet simply sends many users running to others.

John Palfrey, a Harvard University law professor and co-director of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society, said the move from Craigslist was still a victory because it moved the ads off a highly visible location. “Will people be able to find these ads online? Almost certainly. Will they be able to find these on legitimate sites? Probably not.”

### Craigslist cont.

Craigslist has been under prosecutors’ scrutiny for years. It tried to monitor postings on its ‘adult services’ page by charging a fee to post the ads and requiring them to be vetted and approved. The section carried ads for a variety of erotic services, including personal massages and a night’s companionship, which critics say veered into prostitution.

Craigslist’s personal ads, which are free, are not regularly vetted. M. Ryan Calo, a senior research fellow at the Center for Internet and Society at Stanford Law School, said ads for sexual services could become more challenging for law enforcement to monitor if they begin migrating back into the personals. “Instead of being in a small stream, they’re going to be in a big ocean,” Calo said.

Getting such ads removed from other sites is the next goal, said Malika Saada Saar, executive director of the Rebecca Project for Human Rights, a group that has been involved in pressuring Craigslist to block adult services ads. “The issue isn’t going after a particular company. The issue is going after children being sold for sex online.” (<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/09/06/tech/main6838640.shtml>)

### Blog: Focus on ‘supply & demand’

“I don’t ultimately think that Craigslist is the problem and I do think that pushing it more underground will actually hurt the fight against traffickers. We need to focus on the root of how young girls are getting IN to sex trafficking in the first place. Is it via Craigslist? Is it because they run away? Is it at the mall? Is it through human trafficking from other countries?”

We can scapegoat Craigslist because it’s popular (as well as all the local alternative city papers, MySpace, the Internet in general, etc), but that’s not the root of the issue. The supply and the demand are the two ends of the spectrum that get passed over when we focus on the Internet more than on the traffickers and the users of children for sex trafficking.” (The blogger worked against child sex trafficking in Asia with ECPAT & EMPOWER and in the U.S. with Youth Advocate Program International and the U.S. Coalition to Stop the Commercial Exploitation of Children). (<http://www.rhrealitycheck.org/blog/2010/08/16/craigslist-responsible-child-trafficking>)



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### 10 Things Men & Boys Can Do to Stop Human Trafficking

The *Renaissance Male Project* believes that men are complicit in human trafficking when they purchase sex because they create the demand which then allows others to exploit women and children for profit. Men must play a role in ending this form of modern-day slavery.

#### 1. Challenge glamorization of pimps in our culture

In reality, pimps play a central role in human trafficking and routinely rape, beat and terrorize women and girls to keep them locked in prostitution. Men can take a stand against pimps and pimping by renouncing the pimp culture and the music that glorifies it.

#### 2. Confront the belief that prostitution is a “victimless crime”

Women involved in prostitution are at a greater risk to be murdered than women in the general population.

#### 3. Stop patronizing strip clubs

Strip clubs may be places where human trafficking victims go unnoticed or unidentified.

#### 4. Don't consume pornography

Victims of human trafficking have also been forced into pornography. Men can stop the voyeurism of sex and sex acts that fuel human trafficking by refusing to consume pornography and encourage others to do the same.

#### 5. Tackle male chauvinism and sexism online

Men can change this culture by starting threads in online forums that cause men to talk about their attitudes towards women and how these attitudes and behaviors are linked to human trafficking.

#### 6. End sex tourism

Men in the U.S. and other “first world” nations routinely travel overseas and have sex with women in developing countries. When men engage in these practices, they do not acknowledge the fact that many trafficked women and children come from developing countries—even in countries where prostitution is “legal.” Traveling overseas grants men a great deal of anonymity. As men, we have a responsibility to confront the men that go overseas and participate in sex tourism.

#### 7. Talk to men and boys in male spaces about men's issues

Men need to turn male spaces — barbershops, locker rooms, fraternities and union halls — into circles of ac-

“Trafficking is now called ‘casual encounter’ on Craigslist.”  
Melissa Farley, Prostitution Research & Education

countability where men learn about non-violence, social justice and ending violence against women.

#### 8. Support anti-human-trafficking policies

One of the most important acts men can do to stop human trafficking is to support anti-trafficking legislation at the local, state or federal level.

#### 9. Support creation of “John Schools”

There would be no human trafficking if there were no demand for it. Strategies aimed at ending human trafficking must focus on eliminating the demand. “John Schools” are education programs designed to educate customers apprehended by law enforcement who attempted to purchase sex. By teaching the legal and health effects of buying sex and the realities of prostitution, such schools impart knowledge that can reduce demand, making men conscious of how their actions can spur on human trafficking. Learn whether or not your local community has a John School. If not, encourage your local prosecutor's office or city counsel to start one.

#### 10. Raise sons and mentor boys to challenge oppression

No boy is destined to be a “john,” a pimp, or a human trafficker. Raising young men in circles of accountability to be respectful and protective of all women and children is one of the most important things men can do to stop human trafficking. Talk about human trafficking as a modern form of slavery to help convince men and boys to become allies in the fight to end this form of oppression. (<http://msmagazine.com/blog/blog/2010/08/04/10-things-men-and-boys-can-do-to-stop-human-trafficking/>)

### Epidemic of ‘Sexual Obesity’

There is an emerging social phenomenon called ‘*sexual obesity*’ — the widespread gorging on pornographic imagery that are deleterious and unhealthy. Mary Ann Layden, a psychiatrist who runs the *Sexual Trauma and Psychopathology Program* at the Univ. of Pennsylvania, coined the term.

*What, if anything, can be done about this ‘sexual obesity’ epidemic?* For starters, we could use a campaign that might promise to do to pornography what was ultimately done to tobacco — a *re-stigmatization* based on the evolving record of fact. What's needed is nothing less than the kind of leadership that turned smoking, in the course of a single generation, from ‘cool’ to ‘un-cool’ — one eventually summoning support high and low, ranging from celebrities, high-school teachers and principals, counselors, former users, and anyone else who knows they belong in the coalition of the willing on this wretched issue.

(Mary Eberstadt, *The Weight of Smut*, <http://www.firstthings.com/article/2010/05/the-weight-of-smut>)



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### The Norma Hotaling Awards

In commemoration of her untimely death *Global Centurion* has created three awards, which pay tribute to her legacy by recognizing individuals carrying on this important work.

#### **Survivor-Centered Service Provider Award**

This award shall be presented to someone who has overcome life struggles similar to those of Norma Hotaling and has demonstrated leadership in overcoming their own circumstances, while at the same time working to make a positive difference in the lives of others hurt by the commercial sex industry, helping victims become survivors.



#### **Demand-Reduction Award**

This award shall be presented to someone focused on eradicating demand. A key criterion for evaluating nominees will be their ability to reach today's youth, especially young men and boys, educating them about the harm caused by the commercial sex industry. Nominees to this award need to have a proven ability to reach young minds, and to affect cultural and attitudinal change. Nominees who have developed innovative ways to educate the general public as to how demand creates and fuels sex trafficking also will be given consideration.

#### **Josephine Butler Award**

The Josephine Butler Award shall be presented to someone working to change law and policy on sex trafficking. Josephine Butler (1826-1906), a British feminist and evangelical Christian, was ahead of her time in the fight to end commercial sexual exploitation of women and children. Concerned with ensuring the welfare of women and girls trafficked into sexual servitude, she spearheaded a 20-year campaign to repeal the Contagious Diseases Acts in England and other countries. The Acts were regressive laws that degraded and further exploited those already trapped in commercial sexual exploitation. Butler also worked to make the harm of sex trafficking visible. She is best known for founding the International Abolitionist Federation, an early international anti-slavery organization. Nominees to this award will have demonstrated an ability to affect change in law and policy that clearly advances the abolition of sex trafficking.

Nominees must be adult women or men, who are U.S. citizens or legal U.S. residents and have an abolitionist approach to human trafficking. They may head or be part of an organization, but need not be. Anyone may nominate, or self-nominate, by filling out an application. Applications are sent to: [awards@globalcenturion.org](mailto:awards@globalcenturion.org). Applications must be received before October 1, 2010. Award recipients each receive \$5,000. Awardees will be announced and notified on December 17, 2010 — the memorial day of Norma Hotaling's death.

### Global Centurion

Global Centurion is a non-governmental organization whose mission is to assist communities, states, and countries in eradicating child slavery by focusing on the demand side of the slavery.

Human trafficking, like drug trafficking, involves a triangle of activity: supply, demand, and distribution. Since the passage of the TVPA, the focus has been on the rescue, rehabilitation, and restoration of victims. In the last ten years, thousands of anti-trafficking organizations have formed to build shelters and provide services to victims of sex trafficking. Hundreds more are focused on education and awareness-raising about human trafficking. While these efforts are important, they do little to stop child sex slavery. The only effective method for eradicating child sex trafficking is to target demand.

*Why is the focus on demand essential?* Just as in any other market, basic economic principles are at work. Supply is a result of demand: when demand goes up, supply grows to meet the demand. Conversely, if demand goes down, the supply will also. As long as people can buy and sexually exploit children, there will continue to be a market for them. Global Centurion designed a program that addresses the demand side of child sex slavery. By targeting child predators for arrest, prosecution, and successful conviction, Global Centurion will help to eliminate the demand fueling this heinous crime. (<http://globalcenturion.org/>)

### Training Airline Crews

Some airline flight crews are trained to look for signs of human trafficking. If something seems suspicious, they pass information to the captain, who signals law enforcement. When passengers are deplaning, law enforcement can ascertain whether or not there is a human trafficking situation.

During one flight, a crew member wondered about six Russian women accompanying a male passenger. She reported her concern. As they deplaned, all six of the women were rescued from their trafficker. (Excerpt: Helsinki Commission Hearing)



## Action

### 'Truckers Against Trafficking' Webinars

Truck drivers have joined in working against the human trafficking crisis in America. One of their organizations, *Transport for Christ*, has scheduled various webinar dates in September in order to educate drivers and concerned citizens about the problem. Upcoming webinars, scheduled for Sept. 15th, 16th and 23rd, begin at 9 p.m. EDT.

Because members of the trucking and travel plaza industry represent the eyes and ears of America on U.S. highways, they can play a critical part in fighting this crime and finding those who perpetrate it. They simply need to know what to look for, what questions to ask, and what steps to take.



To participate in a webinar, send your name and email address to: [tfcio@transportforchrist.org](mailto:tfcio@transportforchrist.org) – (This address is used for the webinar). For more information, please contact Scott Weidner, President and CEO of 'Transport for Christ' at 717-426-9977. Please title request "Trafficking webinar."

### Nobel Peace Prize for African Women

An international committee composed of citizens and persons with recognized international roles have launched the idea of awarding the *Nobel Peace Prize for 2011 to African women*. The proposal came from the awareness of the growing role that African women have acquired in the daily life of the African Continent, at political, social and economic levels.

For decades, African women have been the key players in the area of micro-credit that led to the emergence of thousands of small businesses. They are able to organize and manage the economy of thousands of cooperatives in Africa that bring together women engaged in agriculture, trade, training, and the processing of agricultural products. These efforts help prevent the human trafficking of vulnerable people.

African women have succeeded in organizing themselves to fight for peace and maintain life even in the most tragic situations, in a political commitment that is often widespread and unrecognized. Often these efforts put them at risk of being subjected to violence and oppression.

For further information and to sign the petition, go to: <http://www.noppaw.net/>



### The International Megan's Law of 2010

The international version of *Megan's Law*, the sex offender notification law named for a New Jersey girl who was raped and murdered in 1994 by a sexual predator living on her street, passed in the U.S. House in July 2010.

The bill (HR 5138) seeks to protect children from known child sexual predators seeking to travel abroad. The legislation establishes a framework for international law enforcement notifications when convicted child sex offenders pose a threat to children while traveling. A corresponding bill has yet to be introduced in the Senate. (<http://www.politickernj.com/international-megans-law-passes-house>)

### Icelandic Women Challenge Gender Inequality

In 1975 the status of Icelandic women was very weak compared to women in neighboring countries. Women received only about 61% of men's salaries and had very little influence in politics. Women decided it was time to bring the situation to light on UN Day, October 24th. Women went out of their homes and did not attend work that day. The society was completely paralyzed.

In 2005, they repeated the demonstration. At the time women's total salaries were 63.5% of men's salaries. In a state of real gender equality, women would therefore have done their share of work by 2:08 p.m. (The average working day is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) About 50,000 people gathered in the streets, most of them women. The total population of Icelandic women is 157,000 individuals.

Today Iceland ranks first on the World Economic Forum measure for the Global Gender Gap. Yet, women's total salaries are only 65.65% of what men earn on a yearly basis.

It is appropriate to remind Iceland and the world about women's strength and empowerment. So Icelandic women will again leave work at 2:25 p.m. on October 25th. The 2010 demonstration is expanded to include an *International Conference on Male Violence against Women* on Oct. 24th. On Oct. 25th women will leave work at 2:25 p.m., after their paid "working day".

As far as Icelandic women know, these demonstrations have been unique worldwide. In Oct. 2010, they welcome other women and men to join the demonstration or to do the same in their own countries.



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### 8 One Day, One Place, One Voice for the Voiceless!

The *Triple S Network* is announcing a public event for October 23, 2010. They hope to gather thousands on the National Mall for the 'D.C. Stop Modern Slavery Walk', an effort to raise awareness about human trafficking and celebrate human rights. Besides the 3.1-mile walk, there will be an information fair, music and speakers. All of the money raised will go to organizations that combat human trafficking and care for victims.

Participants may choose to walk under the *Global Centurion* banner or create their own team to represent their own organization. To walk with *Global Centurion*, contact Laura J. Lederer at: [llederer@globalcenturion.org](mailto:llederer@globalcenturion.org)



### Global Forum on Human Trafficking

Sponsored by the *Not For Sale Campaign*, the *Forum* will take place Oct 13-15, 2010 in Yorba Linda, CA.

**Day One:** 'Enhancing a Global Movement' focuses on developing and cultivating a greater movement through sphere-specific discussions aimed at enhancing the commitment of business, religious, culture, social, and political leaders.

**Day Two:** 'Pressing Topics' focuses on issues facing the modern-day abolitionist movement and potential solutions to them. Topics may include collecting trafficking data, supporting survivors, and the complexity of supply chains.

For more information on the *Global Forum* visit: <http://www.globalforumon-humantrafficking.org>

### Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Deterrence & Victims Support Act of 2010

Annually over 100,000 children are victimized through commercial sex and prostitution within the U.S. Particularly vulnerable are runaway children. An estimated 33% of them are lured into prostitution within the first 48 hours of leaving home. Yet, fewer than 100 beds nationwide are available to provide a safe shelter and professional health and social services to these young victims.

Two bills, S. 2925 by Sen. Ron Wyden (OR) and H.R. 5575 by Rep. Carolyn Maloney (NY-14), recognize domestic sex trafficking of minors as an urgent problem. The bills provide crucial funding to develop and enhance comprehensive, collaborative efforts to combat the sex trafficking in the U.S. by providing six block grants of \$2,500,000 each to state or local government entities that have designed a holistic approach to investigating, prosecuting and deterring sex trafficking, and providing special services and shelter to the victims.

#### Contact Legislators

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted to pass S. 2925 on Aug. 5th. The House version (H.R. 5575) is scheduled for a House Judiciary hearing on Sept. 15th. The House is in summer recess until September 10th. Contact your legislators in support of this crucial legislation before then. (<http://actioncenter.polarisproject.org/component/content/article/35-action/827-wyden-bill>)

#### Informative Web Sites:

Each site contains information related to human trafficking.

*Stop Trafficking* features these for reader education and discretion, but does not thereby endorse the content of sites,

#### Helsinki Commission

##### Hearings:

[http://csce.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=ContentRecords.ViewDetail&ContentRecord\\_id=481&ContentType=H,B&ContentRecordType=H&CFID=36633715&CFTOKEN=44199882](http://csce.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=ContentRecords.ViewDetail&ContentRecord_id=481&ContentType=H,B&ContentRecordType=H&CFID=36633715&CFTOKEN=44199882)

#### Truckers Against Trafficking

<http://www.truckersagainsttrafficking.com/>

#### Global Centurion

<http://globalcenturion.org/>

#### Not For Sale Campaign

<http://www.notforsalecampaign.org/events/global-forum-on-human-trafficking/>

#### Radio debate on KQED an NPR affiliate in San Francisco

#### Norma Ramos (CATW) & Jim Buckmaster (Craigslist)

Radio debate 08/31/10

<http://www.kqed.org/a/forum/R201008310900>

#### Video:

#### Stolen Lives Regained

<http://www.wordnet.tv/videos/stolen-lives-regained.htm>

#### Toll-Free 24/7 Hotline National Human Trafficking

Resource Center

1.888.3737.888

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