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Sex trafficking is never culturally appropriate, but the data will shock you regarding how much of this activity takes place in the USA. The “proper” thing to do is to keep vigilant watch on our children, friends, and family to avoid abduction and abuse. The “pure” thing to do is to never knowingly participate in any activity where sex slavery or abuse are present.

According to Wikipedia, “According to Polaris hotline statistics, people from Latin America make up almost one third of the population of victims of human traffic in the United States. Most victims are from Mexico, Haiti, Honduras, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic. In the U.S., human trafficking tends to occur around international travel-hubs with large immigrant populations, notably California, Texas and Georgia. The U.S. Justice Department estimates that 14,500–17,500 people are trafficked into the country every year. The 2016 Global Slavery Index estimates that including U.S. citizens and immigrants 57,700 people are victims of human trafficking. Those being trafficked include young children, teenagers, men and women and can be domestic citizens or foreign nationals. According to the Department of State's statistics from 2000, there are approximately 244,000 American children and youth that are at risk for sex trafficking each year. 83% of victims in confirmed sex-trafficking incidents were identified as U.S. citizens, while most confirmed labor-trafficking victims were identified as undocumented immigrants (67%) or legal immigrants (28%).”

IMAGE DETAILS:

“The Brown Dot Project: In 2011 32.3% of US Sex Slavery Victims were Latino”

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