



Modern Slavery

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- What is modern slavery?
- Different forms of modern slavery
 - Reasons for the slavery
 - Where does it exist?
 - Living standards
- What can we do to prevent the modern slavery?



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What is modern slavery?

- The most usual kinds of modern slavery is prostitution, child labor, trafficking, adults and children being forced to work in agriculture, domestic work or working at factories producing for global brand for minimum wages.
- Today 21 million people are in a form of slavery.
- Slavery may not be noticed by regular people but it's more common than you probably think.
- Slavery comes in many different forms but it's classified as slavery if;
 - forced to work by mental or physical threats.
 - owned or controlled by an employer
 - dehumanised, treated as property and may be bought or sold as such.
 - physically forced or has restrictions or 'rules' for his/her freedom of movement.



Different forms of modern slavery

- **Bonded labour** - demanded as a means of repayment for a loan.
- **Child slavery** - there is an intention to exploit these children for someone else's gain.
- **Early and forced marriage** - marriage involving children under 18-years-old
- **Forced labour** - work or services which people are forced to do against their will under the threat of some form punishment.
- **Human Trafficking** - people that are moved domestically or internationally to be exploited
- **Descent based slavery** - people that are born into slavery, treated as property

Reasons for modern slavery

- The world's population has increased, which has caused overpopulated countries. This has made an impact to the economy and when the population grows, the ability to get a job reduces.
- Modern slavery is internationally illegal but government corruption can make it easy to get away with and for a country it can be profitable..
- It is cheap and it's easy to find slaves.
- A lot of developed nations don't know that modern slavery is happening, which leads to continuing slavery. It is harder to provide it if you don't know it's happening.
- Lack of education and politics, bad economy or bad liberty are all causes and effects of the modern slavery.



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Top 10 countries with the most slavery

1. India
2. China
3. Pakistan
4. Nigeria
5. Ethiopia
6. Russia
7. Thailand
8. Democratic Republic of Congo
9. Burma
10. Bangladesh

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The living standards for the slaves

- They are forced to work, without pay, under the threat of violence
- Some conditions are so controlled that slaves sometimes are surrounded by guards while they work and that puts them under a lot of pressure
- Today it's not about owning a slave like before, but about using them as completely disposable tools for making money
- Slaves have no rights
- The slaves are being forced into dangerous or difficult work by economic circumstances or other impersonal forces

How can slavery be prevented?

- Become a member in organizations that work towards preventing slavery
- Take action! E.g. write letters
- Do not buy products that have been produced by slavery
- Raise awareness! Educate yourself and others

Top 10 Facts About Modern Slavery

-  Slavery: forced to work without pay under threat of violence and unable to walk away.
-  27 million slaves are in the world today.
-  Slavery is not legal anywhere but happens everywhere.
-  The majority of slaves can be found in India and in African countries.
-  Each year, thousands of slaves are trafficked into the U.S.
-  Slaves work in fields, brothels, homes, mines, restaurants—anywhere slave owners can feed their greed.
-  Human trafficking is the modern-day slave trade.
-  \$90 is the average cost of a human slave sold around the world.
-  Slave holders use many terms to avoid the word “slavery”: debt bondage, bonded labor, attached labor, restavec, forced labor, indentured servitude and human trafficking.
-  We can end slavery in our lifetime. Everyone has a role to play: government, business, international organizations, consumers, and YOU.



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Summary

Twenty-one million people are in a form of slavery. The slavery can appear in many different forms, three of them are Bonded labour, Child slavery, Early and forced marriage, Forced labour. Prostitution, child labor or trafficking are some of the abuses that are used around the world. India and China are the countries who have the most slavery. Overpopulated countries & poor finances are two of the reasons why slavery is dedicated.

The living standards for most of the slaves are poor and the conditions are bad. For example the slaves are being forced into dangerous or difficult work by economic circumstances or other impersonal forces

Today, many people try to prevent modern slavery, and by become a member in organizations, we can get together and help.

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