

CRIME & VIOLENCE

(Josh McDowell research 2006-Present)

“CHILD ABUSE”

“**ABUSE.** Rates of serious child abuse are lowest in intact families; 6 times higher in stepfamilies; 14 times higher in always-single-mother families; 20 times higher in cohabiting biological-parent families; and 33 times higher when the mother is cohabiting with a boyfriend who is not the biological father.” (New Oxford Review 9/07)

“Abuse, from The Foster Letter – Religious Market Update, October 25, 2007, p2, www.GaryDFoster.com)

“Many human trafficking operations run by women, U.N. reports”

“The perpetrators behind human trafficking around the world are often women, the United Nations reported yesterday.”

“Women are the majority of traffickers in almost a third of the 155 nations the United Nations surveyed. They accounted for more than 60 percent of the human trafficking convictions in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.”

“‘Women commit crimes against women, and in many cases the victims become the perpetrators,’ said Antonio María Costa, executive director of the Vienna-based U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime. ‘They become the matrons of the business, and they make money. It's like a drug addiction.’”

“Most of the world's nations reported some form of ‘modern slavery’ last year involving mainly the sex trade or forced labor.”

“The report by Costa's office was based largely on human trafficking convictions reported to the United Nations between September 2007 and July 2008. About 22,500 victims were rescued during that time. About four of every five reported cases involved sexual exploitation; most of the rest involved forced labor.”

“Two of every five countries covered in the report had not recorded a single conviction from 2007 to 2008. ‘Either these countries are blind to the problem or they are ill-equipped to deal with it,’ Costa said.”

“‘We only see the monster's tail,’ he said. ‘How many hundreds of thousands of victims are slaving away in sweatshops, fields, mines, factories or trapped in domestic servitude?’”

“The report's release coincided with yesterday's appointment of Academy Award-winning actress Mira Sorvino as a U.N. goodwill ambassador to help fight human trafficking.”

“‘Until a few years ago, I blissfully believed that slavery was a thing of the past. . . . Well, obviously I was terribly wrong,’ said Sorvino, who has two young children.”

“Costa said: ‘On his 200th birthday, Abraham Lincoln must be turning in his grave. The Great Emancipator did not end slavery. It is alive and well in the form of human trafficking – a crime that shames us all.’”

“Twenty percent of victims were children, but they were the majority in Southeast Asia's Mekong region and parts of Africa.”

“‘Children's nimble fingers are exploited to untangle fishing nets, sew luxury goods or pick cocoa. Their innocence is abused for begging or exploited for sex as prostitutes,’ the agency said.”

(Carley Petesch, “Many human trafficking operations run by women, U.N. reports,” Associated Press, February 13, 2009,

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2009/feb/13/1n13traffick001939-many-human-trafficking-operatio/>)

“HUMAN TRAGEDY – A MADE-FOR-TV MINISERIES OFFERS AN UNFLINCHING-AND UNFORGETTABLE-LOOK AT THE HORRORS OF MODERN-DAY INTERNATIONAL SEX SLAVERY”

“As many as 27 million men, women and children are enslaved worldwide today-more than were trafficked during the entire 400-year period during which slavery was legal throughout the British Empire. Their numbers swell by about 800,000 each year, with most bought and sold for sex. The United States is one of the chief consumers of the ‘commodity,’ with about 15,000 human slaves smuggled into our country every 12 months.”

(Gary Schneeberger, “Human Tragedy – A made-for-TV miniseries offers an unflinching-and unforgettable-look at the horrors of modern-day international sex slavery,” Citizen, September, 2006, pp10,11)