

***We interviewed Jackie Kong, from ISanctuary, which is an organization that helps spread the word about human trafficking and empowers human trafficking victims.***

**Would you say that the history of slavery contributed to human trafficking?**

- “Slavery as we knew it in history is different than human trafficking/slavery that is occurring today, but in some sense it is the same. It is a person, dominating, overpowering, having total control and owning another human being. It is the sense that one human being is better than another. I don't have a professional opinion on if slavery in the past contributes to human trafficking today but I think slavery in the past was not hidden, it was normalized. Human trafficking today is a dark, hidden and horrific world.”

**What would you say are the differences between slavery and human trafficking if any?**

- “I don't think there is a difference between slavery and human trafficking. Human trafficking is a more modernized term recognized in the early 2000's. The definition of human trafficking is the action or practice of illegally transporting people from one country or area to another, typically for the purposes of forced labor or commercial exploitation through means of force, fraud or coercion. I think human trafficking terms are needed to prove the act in prosecution in court.”

**What systems would you say are the most prominent in contributing to Human trafficking today?**

- “Trafficking is the most widely known form of human trafficking. Media has a huge part in this - movies, TV shows, music all normalize these ideas. Media also normalizes a cheating culture - which plays into the [idea of buying women.] I believe our culture's tendency for immediacy and instant pleasure also plays a huge part in trafficking. Gangs are another system that plays into the role of trafficking as gang members are realizing that weapons and drugs are dispensable, but women are not.”

**Would you consider Indentured Servitude as a form of human trafficking?**

- “Yes, that is labor trafficking.”

**Is human trafficking being kept physically, or does it also relate to emotional or mental captivity as well?**

- “Human trafficking can be being kept physically, but most people being human trafficking are not chained up like we imagine it to be. Pimps psychologically manipulate their victims through emotional and mental needs. There is

an article that a pimp wrote called "How to be a pimp" in which he uses Maslow's Hierarchy of needs to show how to manipulate a woman. There are also different types of pimps, the most widely known one is a Romeo Pimp in which he pretends to be a girls boyfriend, will provide her a cell phone, nice clothes, food, shelter and most importantly safety and love."

- "Pimps know how to prey on the vulnerable. Sometimes, traffickers and the women/men they traffic become like a family structure. The pimp is "Daddy" and all the women are 'sisters.' "

**Based on this informative interview, we learned that there are many parallels between human trafficking and slavery because both exist due to systems that allow it to exist.**