

# Sexual Slavery: Call It What It Is!

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A Faith-based nonprofit whose mission is:

- prevent conditions that foster sex trafficking
- restore victims of sex slavery
- bring justice and encouragement to vulnerable women and children

# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SEX TRAFFICKING?

## Myths:

- It's taboo to talk about sex and pornography.
- Prostitution is solely the woman's choice.
- Prostitution is about pimps and adult women choosing to sell their bodies for sexual acts for money and support?

# SEXUAL SLAVERY IS A SIN AGAINST GOD.

## 1 Cor 6:18

18Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

# Texas girl, 15, trafficked from Mavericks game in Dallas; 8 arrested in Oklahoma-April 2022

The girl was missing for 10 days after she disappeared from a Dallas Mavericks game until authorities found her at a Extended Stay Hotel in Oklahoma City



Oklahoma has an active anti-sex trafficking coalition. Shared Hope's Report Card gives OK a grade A for their efforts to combat.

## PHOENIX ARIZONA

**Debbie, age 15** is a middle child in a close knit family.

Bianca a casual friend called Debbie one night asking if she could stop by.

Bianca pulled up to the house with two older men in a Cadillac.

Debbie went out to the car in her pajamas to meet her.

It was then that Debbie was forced into the car from there...

40 days Debbie was put in a dog cage.

40 days Debbie was raped by a continuous stream of men.

40 days abused and life threatened.

Police Sargent Scheffer—they found Debbie, she is a survivor.

Her family moved from AZ to the Midwest so she could start a new life.

# What is sex trafficking?

Sex Trafficking occurs when someone uses force, fraud or coercion to cause a commercial sex act with an adult or causes a minor to commit a commercial sex act.



# Trafficking Victims Act – Federal Law

Passed by Congress in 2000

- The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 is the first comprehensive federal law to address trafficking in persons.
- The law provides a three-pronged approach:
  - Prevention
  - Protection
  - Prosecution
- **Victims are not criminals!**
- **Victims are any child under age 18.**



40.3 million  
victims of  
human  
trafficking  
worldwide  
(Polaris 2017)

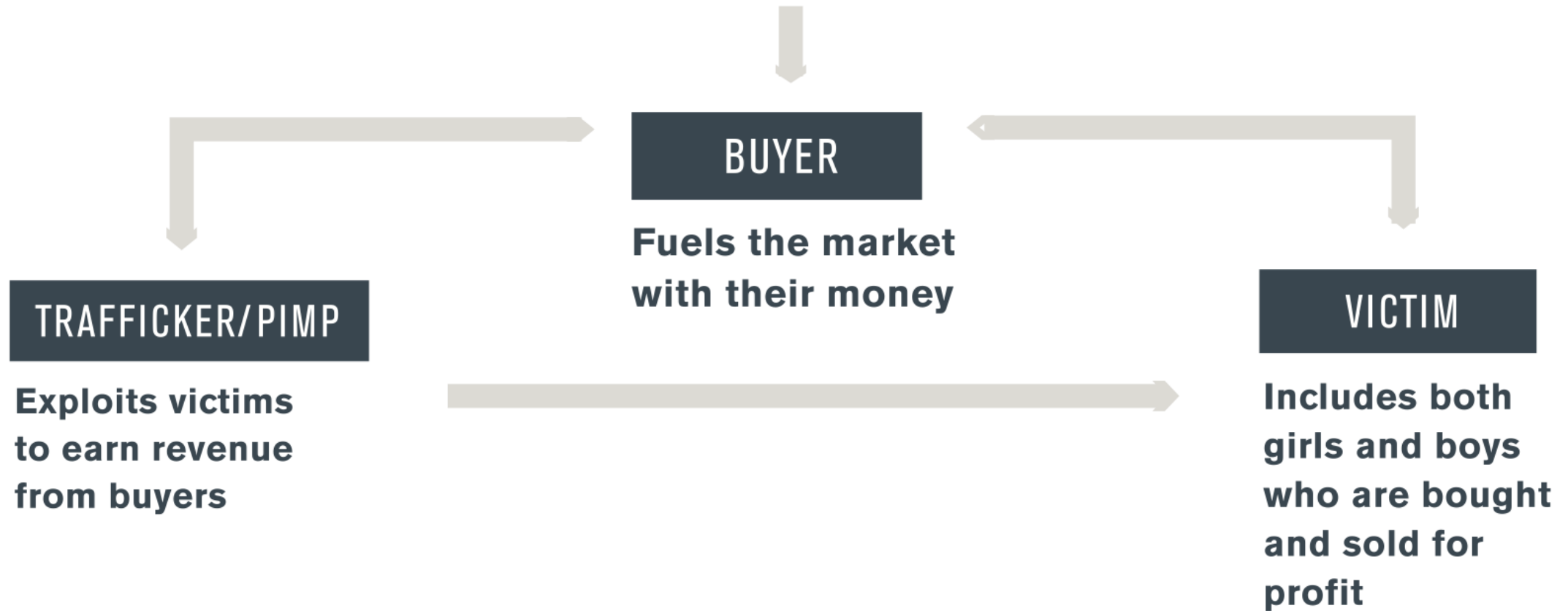
- The Internet has, “reshaped, expanded, and repackaged the availability of all types of sexual services over the past decade,” (Sanders 2008, 63).
- **Backpage.com** was shut down in 2018 by FBI due to sex trafficking on the dating site.
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reports Backpage was involved in 74% of all reports received of online children sex trafficking (Sold in America: The Buyers 2018).
- **Escorts services** use internet. 2.2 million escort sites with 150,000 added every day.
- Human trafficking goes across interstate lines so pimps can assure child is not found.

# What fuels sex trafficking?

## Demand. Demand. Demand.

- Demand for sex with children.
- 99% are men.
- Pornography.
- Cultural tolerance for sexualization.
- Lack of education.

It thrives because there's serious demand



# Pimps

# Victims

Prey on vulnerable children.  
Unloved. Need affection. Abusive homes. Mental disabilities. Age out of foster care...

Pimp provides security, luxury items, food clothing  
Often takes the child out of state

Manipulation/lies

Groom child for sex porn, strip clubs—some invoke fear through beatings, drugs and rape

Threatens and invokes fear by threatening to expose their sexual encounter and threaten their parents

Forms a trauma bond

Love then abuse / love then abuse

Lack of resources to return home

Feels stupid, guilt and ashamed

Child believes they loose value, worth and respect

Child then learns to distrusts all authority

## Who are the traffickers/ buyers?

- 99% percent of buyers for sex are men.
- Age range 18-89
- No stereotypes: politicians, lawyers, physicians, coaches, pastors and people from all walks of life, occupations and socio-economic backgrounds...

## Recruiters work for pimps

- Recruiters scan different venues for possible children.
- Shopping malls
- Schools
- Youth groups
- Sports events
- U.S./Ukraine border crossings

## Who are the victims?

- Average ages 12-16
- Both affluent and underserved populations
- Young children and teens are vulnerable—emotionally.
- Conflict in families
- Substance abuse in family
- Aged out of foster care system
- Mental disability



As predators gain trust with victims online, they will test boundaries by exposing their victims to sexual conversations and pornography.

- Happens slowly over months
- Encourage “sexting”
- Expose them to porn
- Desensitize the victim
- Snap Chat, Tik Tok, Grinder are social media apps that attract.





# PORN AND SEXTING

**By age 24 90% of boys are viewing porn and 60% of girls view porn.** (Dr. James Dobson with Patrick Trueman)

**Porn is the new digital cocaine.  
Unlike cocaine, pornography is a behavioral addiction.**

**55% clergy use porn**

**103 Porn sites**

**83% of users watch porn on smartphones**

**Porn revenue is \$6-15B in US.**



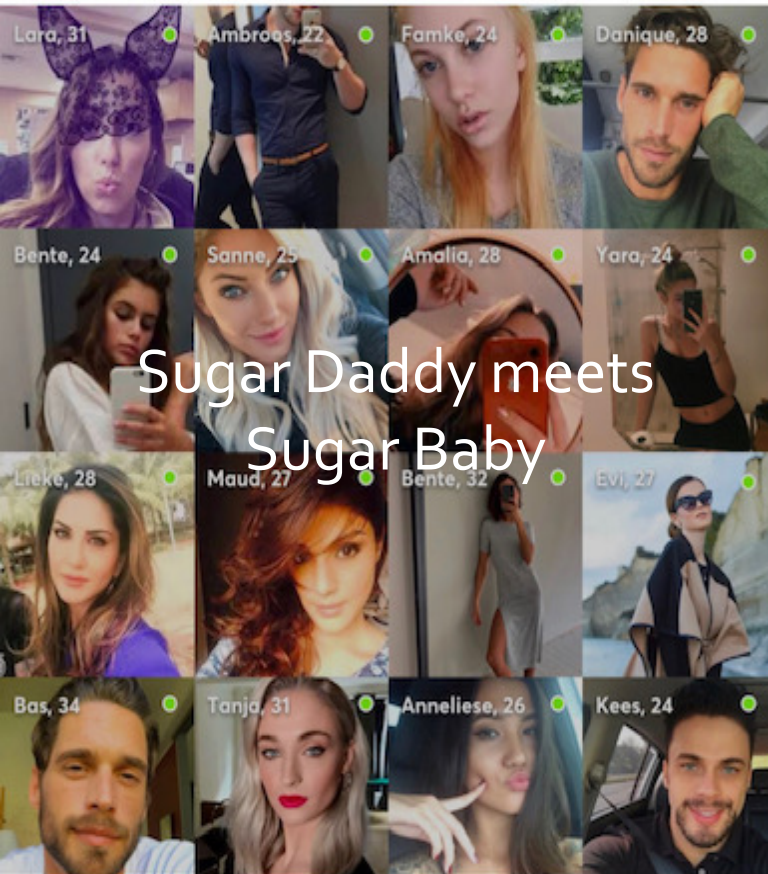
## **How Is Porn Connected to Human Trafficking—Predators Groom Victims**

- Victims are exposed to porn films showing other children engaged in sex for training.
- This helps to normalize sex acts.
- Victims begin sexting images of themselves
- Predator uses the images as blackmail to further groom the child.
- Victims are also filmed and used in the production of porn content.

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I am  a woman

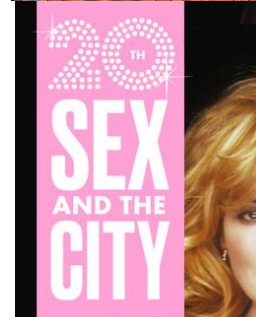
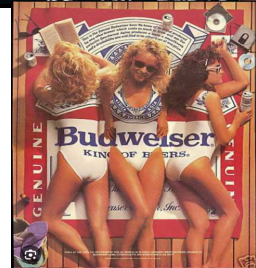
Looking for  a woman



**Fashion brand's ad  
 banned for  
 'sexualized' image of  
 young model**

Critics felt the ad portrayed "a vulnerable child."

By [Rachel Thompson](#) on March 30, 2016



Teens caught sexting may be charged with production, distribution and/or possession of child pornography – all are federal crimes.

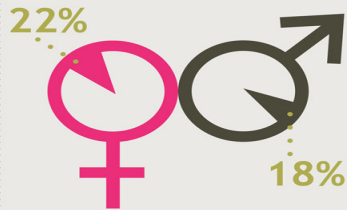
53% of teens who sext are girls  
47% of sexters are boys

17 percent of the sexting recipients report that they have passed the images along to someone else. 55 percent of those who passed the images to someone else say they shared them with more than one person.



# THE TRUTH ABOUT TEEN SEXTING

PERCENTAGE OF TEENS THAT HAVE SEXTED NUDE OR SEMI-NUDE PHOTOS OF THEMSELVES:



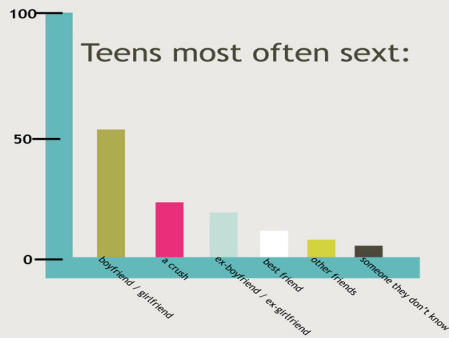
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11% OF YOUNG TEENAGE GIRLS, AGES 13 to 16 HAVE SEXTED NUDE OR SEMI-NUDE PHOTOS OF THEMSELVES.

86% OF SEXTERS ARE NOT CAUGHT

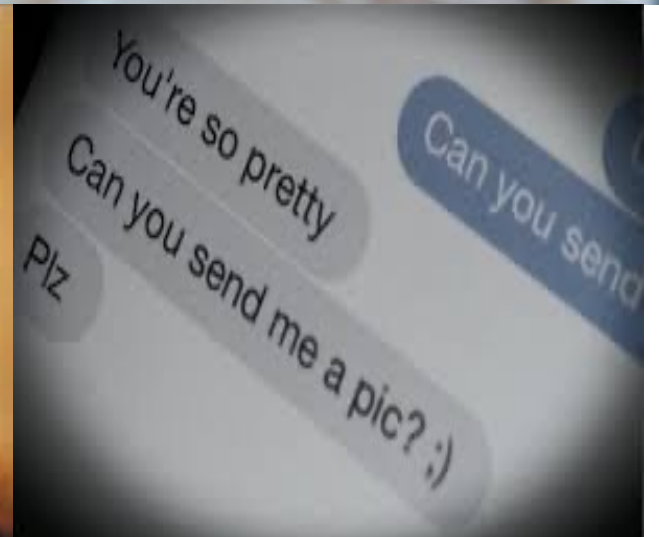
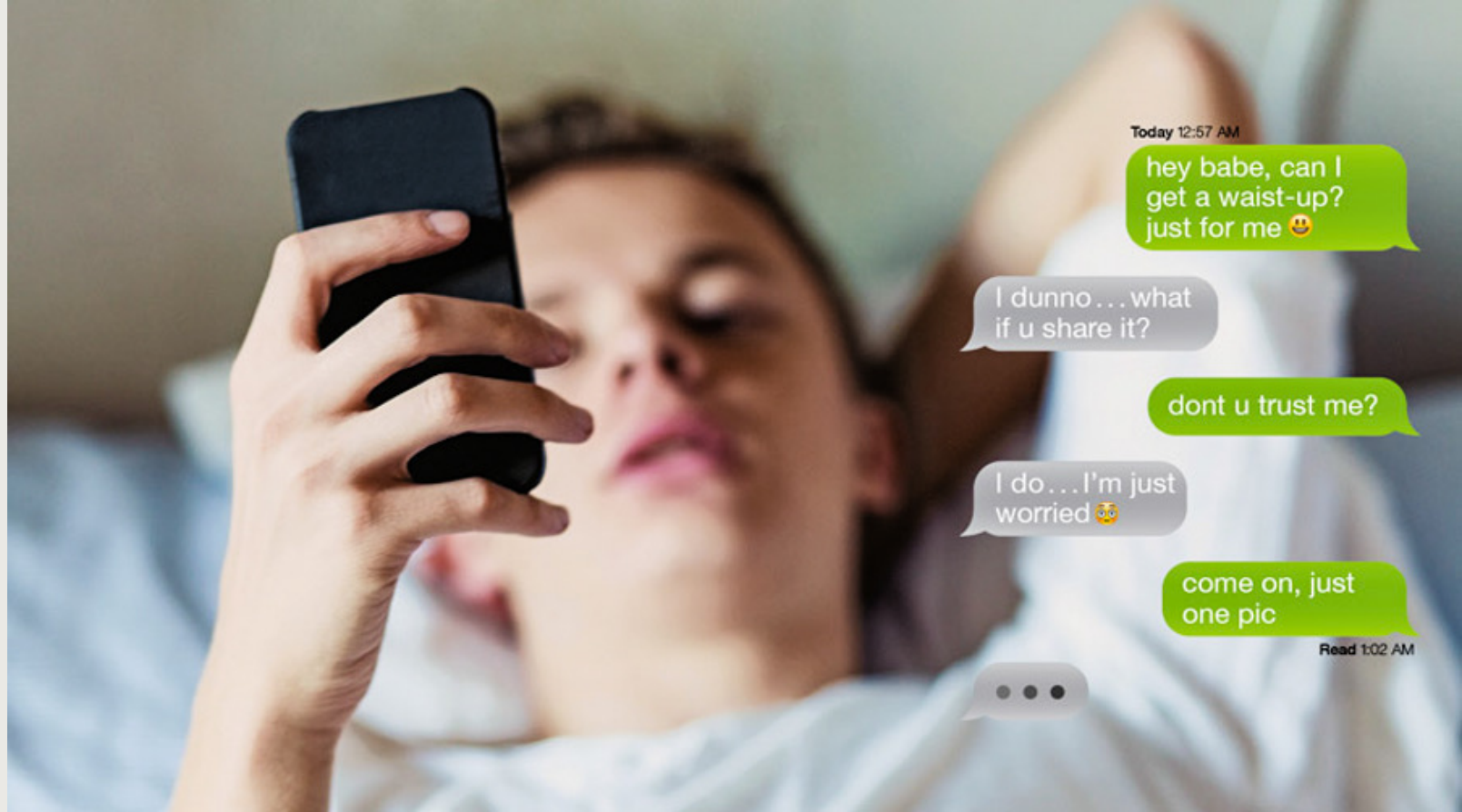
48% OF TEENS HAVE RECEIVED A SEXUALLY SUGGESTIVE MESSAGE

39% OF TEENS HAVE SENT A SEXT



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SEXTING AND HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD VISIT:  
[www.uKnowKids.com](http://www.uKnowKids.com)

References:  
PCs n Dreams <http://www.pcndreams.com>  
American Osteopathic Association <http://www.osteopathic.org>  
The Pew Charitable Trusts <http://www.pewtrusts.org>  
Enough is Enough <http://www.internet.safety101.org>  
Designer: Brigit Gilbert



CHILDHOOD 2.0  
The Living Experiment

## Warning Signs

Change in appearance

Change in attitude

Display of expensive things-clothing/jewelry

Older boyfriend not from school (stay hidden)

Begins to isolate

Sudden change of friends

New tattoo

Unexplained absences from school

Presence of fear and intimidation

Inconsistent in recounting events

- Shared Hope International-[sharedhope.org](http://sharedhope.org)
- National Center for Exploited and Missing Children 1-800-843-5678
- National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888
- Covenant Eyes –Christian recovery program for porn addiction

*We're on a mission to stop human trafficking,  
end childhood hunger and educate  
tomorrows leaders.*



**Phoenix Dream Center**



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# Redemption and Recovery - Phoenix Dream Center

Christ-centered recovering center financially supported by churches and businesses.

Bringing physicians, therapist, clergy, teachers under one-roof.

Victims enter the program and do not leave the campus for 1-year or more. They are given new messages: you are worthy, you are valued.





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# 4-Pillar Model

Program is a year or so long. 92% success rate  
They have a team structure model

1. Stabilization and build trust
2. Recovery/counseling/life skills and legal work begins against traffickers
3. Dreaming of a new life/teach life skills
4. Transitioning
  - 8-9 Staff
  - Each girl given \$5000 to start a new life (car, rent...

## Sexual Slavery Is A Spiritual Battle

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

- Ephesians 6:10-13

