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Raising Awareness on International Justice and Human Trafficking

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Purpose

Worldwide, there are an estimated 27 million victims of trafficking. With that in mind, this project intended to help students:

- Gain an understanding of social issues throughout the world
- Become activists on behalf of victims of social injustice
- Educate others about social injustice and what can be done to reform it
- Conduct research to assess knowledge about human trafficking at Clemson University

Human Trafficking:

The illegal trade of humans against their will for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor or modern-day slavery

You could easily come across a trafficking victim any day without realizing it (94%).

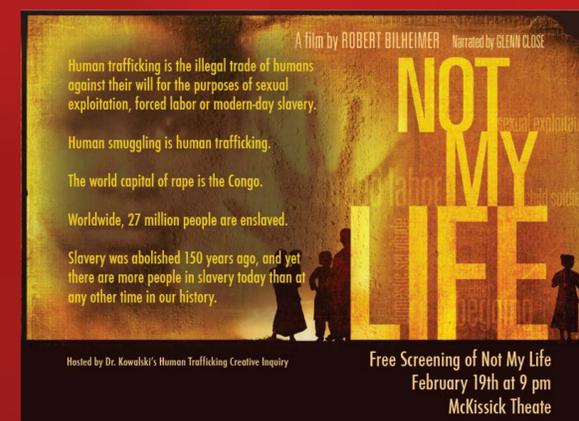
Method

A 26-item survey assessed student knowledge about trafficking. 238 Clemson students participated in this study (see select results below). The team then designed activities to raise awareness about trafficking. Activities included participation in a “Train the Trainer’s Program led by the Global Freedom Network”, the creation of a venue for students to create Valentines for trafficking victims, a campus showing of the film “Not My Life,” and an invited speaker, an expert on trafficking. At all events, postcards containing survey results were distributed. **Percentages reflect correct responses to individual survey questions.**

Enslaved domestics represent the second highest number of human trafficking victims in the U.S. (40%)



The world capital of rape is the Congo (29%).



The first contemporary agricultural trafficking case to gain national prominence, the Miguel Flores case, occurred in South Carolina (16%).

Results & Conclusion

Clemson students correctly answered just over half of the survey questions ($M = 16.84$; $SD=2.37$). Sample items along with the percentage of correct responses included: Marriage is one of the greatest risk factors for women in some countries to contract HIV (55%); Tomatoes used in fast food restaurants are often picked by slaves working on American farms (44%); and, 27 million people are enslaved worldwide (39%). This project was partially supported by the Creative Inquiry program.

