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Slavery Was Never Abolished – It Affects Millions, and You May Be Funding It

posted by [nrga](#) on Friday October 19, @02:19PM
from the [or-suffering-4 dept.](#)

Phoenix666 writes:

Phys.org:

When we think of slavery, many of us think of historical or so-called "traditional forms" of slavery – and of the [12m people](#) ripped from their West African homes and shipped across the Atlantic for a lifetime in the plantations of the Americas.

But slavery is not just something that happened in the past – the modern day estimate for the number of men, women and children [forced into labour worldwide exceeds 40m](#). Today's global slave trade is so lucrative that it nets traffickers more than [US\\$150 billion](#) each year.

The article asserts that much of today's slavery is being driven by the demand for electronic goods.

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It's OK though (Score: -1, Troll) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @02:22PM

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @02:22PM ([#750923](#))

I'm vegan. Besides, I'm a wage slave too, so I welcome them.

Comment Below Threshold

Oh well (Score: -1, Troll) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @02:27PM

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @02:27PM ([#750925](#))

They can always be unemployed.

Comment Below Threshold

such is life (Score: -1, Troll) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @02:36PM

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @02:36PM ([#750928](#))

some get enslaved, some live free like me.
sorry but i have to go now, if i don't work and pay for the leases i end up homeless or in prison.

Not Good (Score: 2, Insightful) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @02:41PM (33 children)

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @02:41PM ([#750930](#))

Slavery was abolished *in the United States*. I don't know about other parts of the world. It's hard to expect the US to be the world's police force (especially with the impotent current occupant of the White House), because when they act like it many people don't like it (both here and abroad).

Isn't this something the UN should be acting on? Human rights - especially the right to be free - should exist worldwide ... but they don't. It's tragic, but it's not a surprise.

Re:Not Good (Score: -1, Troll) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @02:54PM (20 children)

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @02:54PM ([#750938](#))

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The UNHCR and associated NGOs encourage people trafficking. They are pro-slavery - what the hell do you think "mass immigration" is?

Re:Not Good (Score: 0) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @03:09PM (1 child)

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @03:09PM ([#750946](#))

"Mass immigration"? Do you mean people fleeing from oppression, war zones and ethnic cleansing? If that was for the purpose of "slavery" wouldn't it easier just to round everybody up and ship them off to the countries that bid the highest? Why make them trek for thousands of miles - and endangering their lives - when they would be worth more if they were healthy and properly fed? Sounds like you may need to rethink your trollish position.

Re:Not Good (Score: 0) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @03:52PM

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @03:52PM ([#750976](#))

Do you mean people fleeing from oppression, war zones and ethnic cleansing?

Things the UN should be preventing?

Sounds like you may need to rethink your trollish position.

Sounds like you might need to [remove your head from your ass](#) [humanrightsfirst.org] and stop supporting [human trafficking](#) [politico.eu] by conflating economic migrants with refugees.

Re:Not Good (Score: 2) by Snow on Friday October 19, @03:12PM (17 children)

by [Snow \(1601\)](#) ★ on Friday October 19, @03:12PM ([#750949](#)) [Journal](#)

I see you wear your ignorance on your sleeve like a badge of honor!

Re:Not Good (Score: 2) by ikanreed on Friday October 19, @03:30PM (11 children)

by [ikanreed \(3164\)](#) on Friday October 19, @03:30PM ([#750958](#))

No way, people moving from place to place of their own will is **exactly** the same as slavery.

It is true that some of the authoritarian enforcement of immigration laws certainly enables modern-day slavers by removing chunks of the population from any willingness to engage with the law, if they're, say, robbed of their documentation and threatened with false deportation if they don't follow orders. But I can't help but think that maybe this user wants a little more of that.

Re:Not Good (Score: 0) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @03:42PM (10 children)

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @03:42PM ([#750968](#))

You should [read more](#) [oup.com] [much more](#) [theguardian.com]

Re:Not Good (Score: 2) by ikanreed on Friday October 19, @03:48PM (9 children)

by [ikanreed \(3164\)](#) on Friday October 19, @03:48PM ([#750973](#))

Or you could read your own dumb paper, dumbass

As well as sharing the assumption that the social relationships generated by 'smuggling' end on arrival in the country of destination, Jeffreys fails to consider that, having been complicit in what is deemed to be 'a crime against the state', people's opportunities to fend for themselves are usually heavily restricted, and this, in combination with fear of losing their physical freedom and/or being deported if apprehended, can lead them to accept, and/or be unable to retract from, hugely exploitative, sometimes violent, employment relations and extremely poor working conditions.

Man, that sure sounds like exactly the point I was making, almost point for point.

Re:Not Good (Score: 0) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @03:58PM (8 children)

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @03:58PM ([#750981](#))

Man, that sure sounds like exactly the point I was making, almost point for point.

Sounds nothing like.

robbed of their documentation and threatened with **false deportation**

Illegal immigrants are illegal, border enforcement **prevents** slavery and discourages trafficking (AKA: slavery). Nice try though.

Re:Not Good (Score: 2) by ikanreed on Friday October 19, @04:19PM (7 children)

by [ikanreed \(3164\)](#) on Friday October 19, @04:19PM ([#750997](#))

... even commented on the problem of debt bondage and involuntary servitude among some groups of migrant workers [legally](#) present abroad in its 'Trafficking in Persons Report', remarking on the 'intentional imposition of exploitative and often illegal costs and debts on these laborers in the source country or state, *often with the complicity and/or support of labor agencies and employers in the destination country or state*'

Man, it's almost like your entire worldview and everything about it is trash and even the sources you use to justify it to yourself are practically screaming at you that you're creating a humanitarian crisis for a vague notion of law and order.

Re:Not Good (Score: 3, Informative) by ikanreed on Friday October 19, @04:32PM (6 children)

by [ikanreed \(3164\)](#) on Friday October 19, @04:32PM ([#751000](#))

Also, if you want to read about how ICE has been turned against people convicted of trivial offenses like traffic violations, while being green card holders, people present on valid work visas, or even US citizens,(6% of deportations are full on citizens. 6%) read [this](#) [american.edu] report on the consequences of increased enforcement.

You are an enabler. You make slavery happen, AC.

Re:Not Good (Score: 0) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @05:14PM (4 children)

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @05:14PM ([#751025](#))

A Green Card is a work and residence permit, you can still be deported for breaking the law. [Imagine that!](#) [thelocal.se] Denaturalization occurs when a citizenship application has been deemed invalid due to fraud - typically failure to mention being subject to criminal investigation. None of this has anything to do with slavery.

Re:Not Good (Score: 0) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @05:24PM (1 child)

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @05:24PM ([#751033](#))

Fun how this idiot focuses on the tiny aspects that can help steer the topic back to what they want.
6% you clueless fuck, 6%!

Re:Not Good (Score: 0) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @05:42PM

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @05:42PM ([#751047](#))

Fun how this idiot focuses on the tiny aspects that can help steer the topic back to what they want

I thought we were discussing modern slavery.

6% you clueless fuck, 6%!

6 people out of every 100 deportations were naturalized citizens who had their citizenship revoked due to fraudulent applications and decided [not to leave and seek readmission of their own volition](#), [uscis.gov] What exactly is it that you find so confusing here?

Re:Not Good (Score: 3, Informative) by ikanreed on Friday October 19, @05:33PM (1 child)

by [ikanreed \(3164\)](#) on Friday October 19, @05:33PM ([#751040](#))

Yes, yes, please tell me more things I know and just posted a link to a detailed analysis of. Does your sanctimony and condescension totally makes up for your profound and unending ignorance?

the fact that legal immigrants can be and are deported for trivial offenses is exactly what makes them vulnerable to enslavement you absolute dumbshit. Did you read the report, 90% of the cases of that are **legal trivialities like parking and traffic violations**. You vile inhuman monster who **creates laws that rapidly increasing levels of human slavery** (thehill.com). And then you come here to post about how that very slavery you went out of your goddamn way to abet, can be fixed with more of the same.

Do you have any idea how psychopathic your politics are? Do you? Do you realize how much human suffering exists **because of you?**

Re:Not Good (Score: 0) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @06:26PM

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @06:26PM ([#751067](#))

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People are deported for breaking the law when they go on holiday, the idea of holidaymakers are vulnerable to slavery due to the threat of deportation is brilliant. Somebody should write a comedy about it.

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Psychopathic like pity-plays and emotional blackmail?

Re:Not Good (Score: 0) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @05:42PM

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @05:42PM ([#751046](#))

That was an article from a law journal? Could have fooled me, the beginning of that article was something about how good it was that an illegal alien didn't get legally deported.

Re:Not Good (Score: 0) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @03:38PM (4 children)

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @03:38PM ([#750964](#))

No, I wear [your ignorance](#) [medium.com] on my sleeve like a badge of honor.

Re:Not Good (Score: 1) by khalow on Friday October 19, @04:47PM (3 children)

by [khalow \(3766\)](#) ★ on Friday October 19, @04:47PM ([#751009](#)) [Journal](#)

Looks like you got the wrong person's ignorance on your sleeve. Let's actually read your link.

Corporate supremacists love the pain they inflict on immigrants and locals because it weakens the largest obstacle to their global authoritarianism: workers.

A steady stream of immigrants means a steady stream of competition for jobs. Workers generate profit for multinational corporations, and the cheaper a company's labor costs are, the more profit is left over for the corporate supremacists at workers' expense.

What the corporate supremacists don't tell their victims is how hard life can be north of the border. They don't talk about the permanent temp workers who live in closet-sized apartments despite working long, exhausting hours in warehouses. Some workers don't even know their employer's name, so they have no chance of protesting for better working conditions and higher wages. Those protests wouldn't earn millions of dollars in funding.

A typical dumbshit fantasizing about imaginary villains and conflicts. Smuggling on any of the US borders has been a thing for almost a century since Prohibition started (and given that's the author is talking about the Mexican border, one can add another century on to that to include such things as Comanche Indian raids). It's no more "corporate" now than it was then. They certainly don't hold to some imaginary doctrine that corporations (whatever that's supposed to be) should somehow be supreme in some aspect of society.

Boy, I hope you're trolling. Because otherwise life is going to be harder for you just due to those utterly stupid beliefs.

Re:Not Good (Score: 0) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @05:20PM (2 children)

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @05:20PM ([#751029](#))

Interesting, so how many illegals does khalow have in his closet? Do you have a different slave for every day of the week or do you take Sundays off?

Re:Not Good (Score: 1) by khalow on Friday October 19, @05:26PM (1 child)

by [khalow \(3766\)](#) ★ on Friday October 19, @05:26PM ([#751036](#)) [Journal](#)

Sounds like you got nothing to say. I rest my case.

Re:Not Good (Score: 0) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @06:03PM

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @06:03PM ([#751055](#))

I rest my case.

Your case is the objection to corporations being considered the exclusive importer of slave labor and if you'd made it coherently, it would have been cancelled. You point about contraband is another argument unless you want to discuss people and narcotics being trafficked over the border and [arms being sent back](#), [wikipedia.org]

Re:Not Good (Score: 0) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @03:44PM

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @03:44PM ([#750971](#))

Britain abolished it before the US.

Slavery currently extensive in the US (Score: 5, Informative) by fyngyzt on Friday October 19, @04:03PM (8 children)

by [fyngyzt \(6567\)](#) ★ on Friday October 19, @04:03PM ([#750987](#)) [Homepage Journal](#)

Slavery was abolished *in the United States*.

No. It wasn't. From the US constitution, the highest law in the land...

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, **except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted**, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

...as you can clearly see, any law, justified or not, that turns you into a "criminal" (for instance, drug use, prostitution, gambling), then you can be turned into a slave. Does it happen? Yes:

[FPI AKA UNICOR](#) [wikipedia.org] operates factory operations within federal prisons nationwide, offering more than 100 products and services in 80 Federal Supply Classifications (FSCs), in areas including clothing and textiles, electronics, fleet management and vehicular components, industrial products, office furniture, recycling activities; and services including data entry, computer aided design (CAD), and distribution.

All physically able inmates who are not a security risk or have a health exception are **required** to work, either for FPI or at some other prison job. Inmates receive from 23 cents per hour up to a maximum of \$1.15 per hour.

This is in addition to remuneration-free mandatory cleaning and maintenance tasks.

This is a case of forcing people to labor against their will for meaningless "compensation." Failure to comply results in serious punishment and can lead to extension of prison time. It is straight-up slavery.

On top of this, the government has turned normal / victimless human pursuits (examples include drug use, gambling, prostitution) into "criminal" activities. This keeps the net wide, the slave population high, and slave-generated profits in the vicinity of half a billion dollars flowing into the pockets of the slave owners.

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Re:Slavery currently extensive in the US (Score: 1, Troll) by Freeman on Friday October 19, @04:41PM (4 children)

by [Freeman \(732\)](#) on Friday October 19, @04:41PM ([#751004](#)) [Journal](#)

You call Drug Use, Gambling, and Prostitution Normal / Victimless human pursuits, but I don't think you understand the meaning of Victimless. Each of those pursuits do have victims. They just tend to be the children/family of the gambling addict, or the drug addict, or the children that are pushed into Prostitution. Perhaps, some of that would be negated by legalizing certain things, but none of those pursuits can claim to be victimless.

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"I said in my haste, All men are liars." Psalm 116:11

Re:Slavery currently extensive in the US (Score: 1, Insightful) by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @04:51PM

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @04:51PM ([#751012](#))

Drug Use

!= drug addict

And which drugs are you even talking about? SSRIs? Warfarin? Statins? Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs? Epipens?

Gambling

!= gambling addict

You sound like you're addicted to moralizing.

Re:Slavery currently extensive in the US (Score: 2, Informative) by khalow on Friday October 19, @05:08PM

by [khalow \(3766\)](#) ★ on Friday October 19, @05:08PM ([#751019](#)) [Journal](#)

You call Drug Use, Gambling, and Prostitution Normal / Victimless human pursuits, but I don't think you understand the meaning of Victimless.

Sigh.

... They just tend to be the children/family of the gambling addict, or the drug addict, or the children that are pushed into Prostitution.

That would be wrong. In the first two situations, they are harmed by the behavior of the addict of whatever. In the second case, that's highly illegal, even if (or rather when) one legalizes prostitution.

Then we get to the enforcement of laws against these activities. Once again, we see evidence of the lack of victimhood with far more harm created by law enforcement and incarceration than by the alleged crimes themselves.

Re:Slavery currently extensive in the US (Score: 2) by james on Friday October 19, @05:24PM

by [james \(2882\)](#) on Friday October 19, @05:24PM ([#751034](#)) [Journal](#)

And then, rather than address the underlying problems, we further victimize the family through non constructive incarceration of the addict. And instead of teaching them that working steadily carries rewards, we prove to them that it's just exploitation.

Your post is toxic, moralizing claptrap (Score: 2) by fyngyzt on Friday October 19, @06:23PM

by [fyngyzt \(6567\)](#) ★ on Friday October 19, @06:23PM ([#751064](#)) [Homepage Journal](#)

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On the contrary.

Drug use: someone who smokes a "harm's" other people just as much a someone who drinks a beer. However, the pot smoker can be fined, imprisoned and enslaved for their action. The victim here is the pot smoker, and their family — and the state creates the victims. Without the law, there would be no victims.

Gambling: the person who throws \$1 into a bet for/against some legislatively-forbidden outcome "harm's" other people just as much as someone who buys a \$1 lottery ticket. However, the former can be fined, imprisoned and enslaved for their action. The victim here is the former bettor, and their family — and the state creates the victims. Without the law, there would be no victims.

Prostitution: The person who buys \$100 for dinner and receives a blow job from a willing, informed provider, "harm's" other people just as much as a person who puts out \$100 for dinner and receives a blow job (and, to be fair, dinner.) However, the former can be fined, imprisoned and enslaved for their action. The victim here is the former recipient of the sexual activity, and their family — and the state creates the victims. Without the law, there would be no victims.

In all three cases, by moving these activities to the black market, the participants are prevented from accessing remedies when one of the parties does something nonconsensual.

Where legislation is appropriate — people being *forced* into such life choices — it already exists, as it should. However, in no case is slavery any kind of appropriate remedy. All that does is teach the incarcerated that human life is the lowest possible value coin, but coin it is. If you have a complaint against people being enslaved, you should stop supporting laws that encourage it and teach it to others.

Any sane definition of liberty is based firmly upon the idea of informed, consensual/personal choice. As soon as you step on that idea, you're well off into the land of the oppressor.

You don't like some personal choice? That's perfectly okay. Don't make that choice. You don't like that *someone else* making such a choice? Feel free to complain, and feel free to provide as much information about why you think some other choice would be better.

But as soon as you try to *force* them to make personal choices your way, you've stepped well over the line. You have no right to do so, even if, by some abject exercise in malfeckery, society has given you or your legal system the power to do so, as is definitely the exact circumstance with various kinds of "sin" legislation. The other person's freedom to choose is far more important than any imaginary right you might think you have to not be offended.

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Re:Slavery currently extensive in the US (Score: 5, Informative) by Beryllium Sphere (r) on Friday October 19, @04:45PM (1 child)
by [Beryllium Sphere \(r\) \(5062\)](#) on Friday October 19, @04:45PM ([#751008](#))
It's even worse in some state systems. Four states don't pay for prison labor at all.
Louisiana's state pen at Angola is a converted plantation and inmates are put to work there picking cotton.
Being enslaved to the government might make more sense than being enslaved to a private corporation, though. Corporations like Starbucks and Victoria's Secret have made deals with prisons to use prisoner labor. That's one problem with the government keeping slaves -- the temptation to engage in "convict leasing" is ever present. Look up the history of "Black Codes" and "convict leasing". There is nothing accidental about this.
Oh, and I'll amplify the points about a wide net. You don't even have to use drugs to wind up in prison. Here's all it takes to be guilty of "conspiracy to distribute": [https://seattlecriminallawyerhelp.com/blog/ignorance-of-the-law-obstruction-of-justice/](#), [seattlecriminallawyerhelp.com] I'm three handshakes from someone who hitchhiked, got picked up by a van of hippies, and they had a brick of LSD. Everyone in a vehicle is legally guilty of possession, so he got a doubled digit Federal sentence for "with intent to distribute" -- for hitchhiking.

Re:Slavery currently extensive in the US (Score: 2, Insightful) by khalow on Friday October 19, @05:13PM

by [khalow \(3766\)](#) ★ on Friday October 19, @05:13PM ([#751024](#)) [Journal](#)

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• **Nontraditional forms? (Score: 2) by [jdauidb](#) on Friday October 19, @03:26PM (#750956) [Homepage](#) [Journal](#)**

When we think of slavery, many of us think of historical or so-called "traditional forms" of slavery

So are we talking about nontraditional forms of slavery, now? Or are we talking about the traditional form continuing to exist? If we're not talking about the traditional forms of slavery, what exactly is the difference in this modern incarnation?

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○○☯☛ Seccesion is the right of all sentient beings

◦ **Re:Nontraditional forms? (Score: 4, Informative) by [Runaway1956](#) on Friday October 19, @03:38PM (2 children)**

by [Runaway1956 \(2926\)](#) ★ on Friday October 19, @03:38PM (#750963) [Journal](#)

I had my own questions about "traditional slavery". It's important to understand that the US did NOT practice slavery as it was recognized throughout the world. In virtually all other societies, a slave was a slave, for life at most. His/her children didn't become slaves automatically. Slaves were mostly recognized as humans, and accorded at least meager respect as humans. Especially in Islam, all a slave had to do to escape slavery in perpetuity was to convert to Islam. Refuse to convert, and you were screwed for forever. Native American and many other societies rewarded faithful service with acceptance into the tribe. The Jews had their Jubilee. The English had their bond servants, whose servitude was limited to a definite point in time.

Slavery in the US was especially oppressive, and not "traditional" at all.

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▪ **Re:Nontraditional forms? (Score: 2) by [schad](#) on Friday October 19, @05:31PM (1 child)**

by [schad \(2398\)](#) on Friday October 19, @05:31PM (#751039)

"Slavery" is an umbrella term that means you're forced to work against your wishes. There are additionally several types of slavery. "Chattel" and "traditional" are synonyms for each other, and they do indeed refer to the flavor we had in the US. Other types include indentured servitude, serfdom, and forced marriage.

Chattel slavery has been pretty much the same everywhere it's been practiced, and it has been practiced in most parts of the world. (Probably all parts; slavery predates written human history.) I think what's throwing you is that past cultures often practiced multiple kinds of slavery at the same time. An educated Greek man enslaved and sent home to tutor the children of rich aristocrats did not have the same life as the *million* Gallic slaves Julius Caesar brought back with him to Rome.

▪ **Re:Nontraditional forms? (Score: 2) by [ikanreed](#) on Friday October 19, @05:43PM**

by [ikanreed \(3164\)](#) on Friday October 19, @05:43PM (#751049)

That's very close to but not quite true.

Chattel slavery as practiced in the United States(and some of the other colonial Americas, Brazil and Cuba e..g) was perhaps uniquely barbaric. It was pretty historically unprecedented to ban teaching literacy to slaves in the historical Ottoman, Asian or medieval and ancient European varieties of institutionalized slavery. It was also extremely uncommon to have "slave patrols" to gather and return slaves who escaped. It was frequently the case that protections against excessive physical abuse or murder of slaves were encoded in the law. There was about an 80/20 split on freeing children of slaves versus keeping them, but surprise, we ended up on the side that was vile and shitty. Some small percentage of slaves even had mandatory leave and minimal pay, but it'd be dishonest of me to pretend that was the norm.

Things that were common in every variety of slavery, though: raping slaves, hard manual labor, being forced into the local religion(though, as others noted, this freed you in Islamic slavery), dispassionate lack of care for basic needs.

◦ **Re:Nontraditional forms? (Score: 3, Interesting) by [ikanreed](#) on Friday October 19, @03:39PM**

by [ikanreed \(3164\)](#) on Friday October 19, @03:39PM (#750965)

Oh that's easy.

"Traditional" slavery was defined by people being chattel slaves. Property of their owners. Enforced by laws. In the racist US version it was furthered by an explicit understanding that your owner could subject you to whatever abuse they felt like handing out. Older forms often had some few protected rights for slaves. It was defined by a society that understood it to be an institution.

Modern slavery is different. More often than not, it's backed up with some kind of backhanded threats, and uncaring authorities. In Saudi Arabia, for example, it's traditional form is to invite "workers" to come in on temporary work visas at decent wages, then when they arrive, steal their passports, and threaten them with being turned over to the authorities as criminals if they don't work at wages lower than promised(or none at all depending on access to escape routes). The authorities don't explicitly protect slavery as a thing that they want, but the ways rules are enforced allow private individuals to control the entire lives of other individuals.

It probably won't surprise you to learn that the US version is similar, but the slavers promise to get your children thrown in those dog cages. Rarely are the actual slavers punished in "immigrant raids" by ICE and the like.

◦ **Re:Nontraditional forms? (Score: 0) by Anonymous** **Coward on Friday October 19, @04:03PM**

by Anonymous Coward on Friday October 19, @04:03PM (#750988)

what exactly is the difference in this modern incarnation?

[Explained here](#) [antislavery.org]

• **Major omission (Score: 4, Insightful) by [Thexalon](#) on Friday October 19, @03:47PM (1 child)**

by [Thexalon \(636\)](#) on Friday October 19, @03:47PM (#750972) [Homepage](#)

One of the very common situations for slaves is being sold into prostitution. What, you thought all those 14-year-olds in Bangkok were choosing their profession freely?

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A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of bad gravy.

◦ **Not just Bangkok (Score: 3, Informative) by [Beryllium Sphere \(r\)](#) on Friday October 19, @05:01PM**

by [Beryllium Sphere \(r\) \(5062\)](#) on Friday October 19, @05:01PM (#751017)

This is happening in the US. There's even an unofficial connection to the criminal justice system.

Turns out, if you post bail for someone, you can revoke it at any time and they go back to jail.

There are crooked bail bondsmen who will bail out a woman and then inform her that she has a new job in sex work where she doesn't keep the earnings, and if she doesn't like it she gets locked up again. <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2018/jun/29/revealed-how-us-sex-traffickers-recruit-jailed-women-for-prostitution-the-trap> [theguardian.com]

• **You May Be Funding It (Score: 2) by [Runaway1956](#) on Friday October 19, @04:01PM**

by [Runaway1956 \(2926\)](#) ★ on Friday October 19, @04:01PM (#750985) [Journal](#)

Shop at Walmart? Have an Apple device? Maybe we can devote a sub-thread to identifying those companies that either use, or made their fortunes on the backs of slave labor.

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• **link broken (Score: 1) by [khalow](#) on Friday October 19, @04:02PM**

by [khalow \(3766\)](#) ★ on Friday October 19, @04:02PM (#750986) [Journal](#)

The link for "forced into labour worldwide exceeds 40m" is broken. It should be [this](#) [ilo.org].

• **Moronity abounds (Score: 2) by [requerdanos](#) on Friday October 19, @05:16PM (1 child)**

by [requerdanos \(5997\)](#) ★ on Friday October 19, @05:16PM (#751028) [Journal](#)

Slavery Was Never Abolished – It Affects Millions, and You May Be Funding It

This is like saying "Murder was never outlawed -- it kills millions and you may be paying to feed the murderers*."

I.e. deliberately idiotic drivle delivered as propaganda.

Here's how. The logic is along these lines: Your taxes go to food benefits such as "food stamps." A percentage of benefit recipients commit murder. Therefore you are paying for murder and so therefore it was never outlawed.

The problem with this heartfelt line of logic is that it is a pile of warm, steaming completely wrong wrapped in let's-lie-for-propaganda-purposes.

Murder is illegal and so is slavery, like so many illegal things, in that only the government may practice them and then only as specified under the law.

That's not a perfect system, but it's a pretty far leap from "I saw somebody speeding yesterday" to "speeding was never made illegal." Specifically, you have to journey from the realm of the true to the realm of the completely false.

When we think of slavery, many of us think of historical or so-called "traditional forms" of slavery

"Traditions" are not the defining quality of slavery. Slavery is a process that involves enslaving someone. It may be practiced openly, or secretly, but it's not dependent on anyone's tradition. It's degrading and wrong and evil and heartless regardless of your personal cultural traditions.

Even if you want to attack "traditional" slavery, I think you're full of it. Traditional, culturally-encouraged, legally-approved slavery where people and their offspring are treated as property without rights, is not practiced in any significant culture anywhere. The closest thing to an institution of slavery is probably in [Sudan](#) [sudanupdate.org], and even there it's still illegal. And I don't see you listing any efforts you've undertaken to remedy that wrong, just sitting here lying about laws as they apply to slavery using sophistry.

slavery is not just something that happened in the past — the modern day estimate for the number of men, women and children forced into labour worldwide exceeds 40m.

That doesn't mean that it's not illegal or that it was "never abolished." This is not rocket science here. The prevalence of cocaine and heroin doesn't mean that they were "never abolished" either. This is pretty simple stuff.

The article asserts that much of today's slavery is being driven by the demand for electronic goods.

The article also asserts some outright false things. Flat-out lies.

Look, isn't slavery bad enough? Shouldn't we work to end illegal slavery because it is wrong and victimizes people?

Do we have to lie and say it is not prohibited before we can make excuses to be against it? Because that sounds very, very petty.

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Abolished is not the same thing as banned or criminalized. Abolished means actually eliminated. If someone says murder is illegal, they are correct. If they say murder is abolished, they are wrong because it still happens.

(1) *I never put on a pair of shoes until I've worn them five years. -- Samuel Goldwyn*