

THE FORGOTTEN WOMEN: A LOOK AT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING TO FUND TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

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Several pieces of legislation have been enacted to combat human trafficking, yet they fall short of protecting all victims while knowingly allowing terrorist organizations to profit by millions of dollars. The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, and subsequent amendments are analyzed through the lens of legal enforcements against human trafficking that overlooks trafficking outside of labor and commercial sex. The United Nations Palermo Protocol is examined to show lack of enforcement strategies and accountability for nation states. Both pieces of legislation are viewed as cornerstones in the fight against human trafficking, yet simultaneously fall severely short of being all encompassing. A different approach to eliminate human trafficking to fund extremists' groups is to supplement the current criminal prosecutorial system and install a human rights system that treats kidnapping of women to fund terrorist organizations as an epidemic.