

BAD NEIGHBOR:

**TRACING U.S. BENEVOLENT GOVERNANCE, NEO-COLONIALISM, AND ANTI-TRAFFICKING
INITIATIVES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE LATINX DIASPORA**

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Hi! MY IVY LEAGUE THESIS IS DUE sex
trafficking sex trafficking sex trafficking TELL
ME UR TRAUMA NOW PLEEZE oh and tell
me a funny story abt ur worst John!
teeheehee ALSO I NEED THIS IN 5 MIN YOU
ARE WELCOME 4 THIS PLATFORM

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METHODOLOGY

- **Ethnographic participant research at Polaris, formerly Polaris Project**
- **Worked as an intern for their Sex Trafficking from Mexico Initiative, know the Sex Trafficking from Latin America Initiative**
- **Focus on Institutions and Ideology**
- **Ethnographic participant observation on human trafficking trainings**
- **Sociological perspective**

“TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS SHALL MEAN THE RECRUITMENT, TRANSPORTATION, TRANSFER, HARBORING OR RECEIPT OF PERSONS, BY MEANS OF THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE OR OTHER FORMS OF COERCION, OF ABDUCTION, OF FRAUD, OF DECEPTION, OF THE ABUSE OF POWER OR OF A POSITION OF VULNERABILITY OR OF THE GIVING OR RECEIVING OF PAYMENTS OR BENEFITS TO ACHIEVE THE CONSENT OF A PERSON HAVING CONTROL OVER ANOTHER PERSON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLOITATION. EXPLOITATION SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, THE EXPLOITATION OF THE PROSTITUTION OF OTHERS OR OTHER FORMS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, FORCED LABOR OR SERVICES, SLAVERY OR PRACTICES SIMILAR TO SLAVERY, SERVITUDE OR THE REMOVAL OF ORGANS”

POLARIS



“A wall along the southern border is not an effective tool to prevent or disrupt human trafficking. Claims that a wall will stop vast amounts of human trafficking are not only inaccurate and misleading, they also harm our efforts to educate the public on the true nature of this crime and the field’s ability to help trafficking victims and survivors.

“We can’t let growing anti-immigrant rhetoric create a climate of fear for vulnerable populations and prevent immigrant victims from seeking help. Traffickers are emboldened by anti-immigrant statements and policies, which they can weaponize as more powerful threats.

“We understand that some people may believe a wall along the southern border is important, and the debate on that is continuing. The issue of human trafficking, however, should not be part of that debate.

**OPERATION UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
TIMOTHY BALLARD.**

Thank you so much, Mr. President. Thank you very much. I spent 12 years as a special agent, as an undercover operator, working on the southern border, working sex trafficking cases. And I can tell you, you're exactly right. One little girl I can tell you about. In fact, I introduced this little girl to Ms. Trump during a private briefing. This little girl was kidnapped in Central America. Eleven years old. Groomed for 2 years with the intent of getting her ready to come to America. Why? Because we are the highest consuming nation of child pornography. We are the clientele that's the big money.

The difference between those two cases is two plus two equals four. The wall was the difference. The wall rescued this little boy, and the lack of a wall caused this little girl to go through a hell that is indescribable, that is not manufactured. It is a real crisis. It is a real emergency.

**COMMERCIAL SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION OF
CHILDREN (CSEC)/HUMAN
TRAFFICKING TRAINING -
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ISLAND:**



**Join us for community trainings
on Human Trafficking!**

The Rhode Island Human Trafficking Task Force is hosting six educational trainings open to the general public. These trainings provide an overview of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)/Human Trafficking and provides definitions, statistics, and other information about this global, national, and statewide problem.

Learn about the techniques used by traffickers to recruit and target victims as well as possible signs that someone might be a victim of trafficking. The training ends with an outline of the local resources and the statewide protocol on how the task force and various providers handle CSEC cases.

4/3/19

4:00 - 6:00 PM

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215 Pleasant View Avenue
Smithfield, RI**

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING - FLUSHING, NEW YORK



APR 14 Roundtable Discussion: Human Trafficking
Public · Hosted by [John Choe](#) and 2 others

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about 2 weeks ago

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