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Nepal’s stolen children

1. Why did you choose this documentary over the others?

I chose this documentary as it talks about a largely unknown area of human trafficking. The Indo- Nepal border crossings may have some beautiful sights to visit but before the release of this documentary, hardly anyone has known this dark aspect of the human trafficking. The most important element which attracted my attention was the easy passage the traffickers find. The documentary talks about a horrifying aspect that how many womens are being trafficked to India via illegal crossings.

1. The Nepal/ India border is an issue for human trafficking. What could be done to make it more secure and less present with activity?

In the documentary the police officer talks about the human resource building, I think this can be the most useful way to curb this menace. If the women officials of Maiti Nepal are given an authoritative charge, this can serve the purpose of curbing human trafficking at the borders. I have observed that there was lack of coordination among state authorities and officials of Maiti Nepal,.I believe encouraging both sides can help in making the border crossing more secure.

1. What are the positives and challenges for Maiti Nepal at the border? Is it helpful to have former victims police the border with police?

There are many positives for Maiti Nepal since they have rescued more than 12,000 women’s from traffickers in a short time span. I think the Maiti Nepal faces so much challenges in their task, as they don’t have the state supervision. The former victims of the human traffickers are helpful in sorting out the illegal activities as they have been through same experiences. The thing that can serve their purpose of ending human trafficking is state supervision, which can be helpful in achieving their goal.

1. Maiti Nepal is a survivor led organization. What are the positives and negatives of this type of leadership?

There are few organizations in Asian region which voluntarily work to curb human trafficking. There are many positives and a few negative aspects of such organizations. For example, these organizations work in collaboration with the state authorities and help in rooting out bad elements from the society, this is a positive aspect (*Nepal’s Stolen Children - CNN Video*). However, sometime their functional procedures get overlap with state responsibilities. This is a negative aspect which can be easily mitigated by putting in small efforts.

1. What did you think of the Prime Minister’s response to the issue of human trafficking? Was he committed to fighting it?

The Prime Minister’s response to the representative of DNA foundation was satisfactory. He could had made sure that the representatives should meet the trafficker without any hindrance (*Nepal’s Stolen Children - CNN Video*). I observed that the Prime Minister’s response was not enthusiastic, throughout his statement he didn’t appeared committed to fight human trafficking.

1. Which story impacted you the most from this documentary?

In the start of the documentary, a women was introduced who just met her daughter after many long. I felt that story was really sad and has impacted in different ways. For example, it reflects the hardships such women’s face and how hard it is to see your children so helpless.

1. In all of these documentaries, there is a leader for the cause and mission. How is that uplifting yet in the real world, how is that unrealistic and challenging?

Anarda who is the leader in this documentary, has really surprised many in the world. Since the world is facing such menaces and they are real. Her story can bring enthusiasm to people working in the same areas. It is also challenging since it involves threats at every level. So one who overcomes such threats like Anarda did can be the real hero.

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