SOC-220: Social Inequality Worksheet Scoring Guide

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Human trafficking is derived and assisted by social inequality as unequal power leads to exploitation of the underprivileged. Increasing social inequality has made human trafficking a critical global problem. Socio-economic inequalities contribute towards the creation of a system where people with power can dominate and exploit those who have little to no power (John R. Barner et al., 2014). Other than socioeconomic factors, gender, age, and racial discrimination are also factors that perpetuate human trafficking. Socially discriminated people are oppressed and are becoming victims of human trafficking. Human trafficking in today's world can occur even without differentiating race, ethnicity, gender, age, or financial status but social inequality aids the criminal process as targeting already oppressed people is an easier way.

Individual discrimination induces social inequality among people to discriminate against people based on race, ethnicity, age, and gender (Pincus, 1996). When people start to think that one of the social groups deserves has a lesser value, that one group faces the effects of social inequality. Institutional discrimination occurs when an institution or government directly or indirectly makes policies or customs which favor one social group over another or disregards a social group. People in institutions have the power to discriminate among social groups. This is the reason why institutional and individual discrimination are interlinked.

A practical solution to the problem of social inequality includes combining the efforts to illegalize trafficking and providing stable economic living conditions (Coy M, 2008). Previously, approaches were made to halt human trafficking activities but the victims who were not provided means of sustainability were forced to be victims of human trafficking again.

In the past, many efforts were separately made which had little effect on the problem and the issue of human trafficking is ever-growing. It is now important to practice combined solutions which can be more effective.

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