## Sex Trafficking Networks | Polaris Project

## Comparison Chart of Primary Sex Trafficking Networks in the U.S.

	Asian Networks	Latino Networks	Domestic Networks
Locations of operation	Asian Massage Parlors (AMPs),	Residential brothels, escort	Street, hotels, residential
	room salons/hostess clubs,	"delivery" services, hostess	brothels, strip clubs, some
	residential brothels, karaoke	clubs/"cantinas," and some	massage parlors, internet, truck
	bars, escort services	massage parlors	stops, private parties
Trafficker profile	Older Asian female	Latino male controllers,	U.S. domestic male pimps,
	management in AMPs, male	recruiters, enforcers,	male and female recruiters and
	owners, enforcers, and	transporters; pimps known	enforcers, male transporters
	transporters	as "padrotes" (father)	
Victim profile	Predominantly South Korean	Predominantly Mexican,	U.S. Citizen adults and minors;
	women, and some Chinese and	central American, and south	some Native Americans; avg.
	Thai women, often between	American adult women and	age of recruitment estimated at
	ages of 18 and 55; rare minors	some minors	12-14
Demand profile (Johns)	Middle to upper class working	Entirely 'closed' network	Open network that includes
Open: All men	professionals; Asian men in	catering to Latino males	men of all backgrounds
Closed: Only some men	'closed' networks; some foreign		
•	business men		
Methods of recruitment	False promises of legitimate	False promise of marriage	False promise of love and
	employment, internet chat	and opportunity; false	support; sometimes
	rooms, in saunas/baths	promise of legitimate jobs	kidnapping or abduction
Methods of control	Physical isolation, language	Physical abuse, rape, assault	Physical abuse, rape, assault
	barriers, debt bondage, threats,	with weapons, debt	with weapons, debt bondage,
	threats of reports to	bondage, threats of force,	threats of force, sexual abuse
	immigration, psychological	threats to family, threats of	of minors, threats to family or
	control, intimidation,	reports to immigration,	to children, control of drug
	controlled transportation	sexual abuse of minors	supply, psychological control
Affiliation to gangs	Some have affiliation with	Some have affiliations with	Some have affiliations with
	Asian street gangs and/or	MS-13 and other Latino	street gangs; some gangs
	organized crime	gangs	directly engage in trafficking
Advertising mechanisms	Classified ads, Asian	Fake business cards	Online sex ads, internet
to attract customers	newspapers, internet classifieds,	distributed person-to-	classifieds, local newspapers,
	phone directories, word of	person, word of mouth	phone directories, word of
	mouth, billboards		mouth, text messaging
Pricing structure/Cost	\$60 per hour plus tips for	\$30 for 15 minute sex act;	Nightly quotas of \$200 to
per sex act	AMPs; inflated prices for food	avg. of 20 to 35 men a day;	\$1,000; average of 7 to 15 men
	and alcohol in room salons;	money usually taken by	per day; all money kept by
	average of 5 to 15 men a day	managers and 'padrotes'	pimps/traffickers
Transnational and	Smuggling through Canada and	Smuggling through Mexico;	Direct transportation by
internal transportation	Mexico; overstaying legitimate	transported via cargo vans	pimps; use of individual cars
structure	visas; use of Korean "taxi"	or commercial buses	and/or commercial
	services	between cities	transportation lines
Support Structure that	Advertisers, landlords, active	Advertisers, landlords	Advertisers, landlords, media,
Facilitates Operations	online john community		operators of hotels used
•			heavily by pimps, taxis

