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Freedom from Slavery and Forced Labour

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Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of gender, nationality, place of residency, sex, ethnicity, religion, color or and other categorization. Thus, human rights are non-discriminatory, meaning that all human beings are entitled to them and cannot be excluded from them. Of course, while all human beings are entitled to human rights, not all human beings experience them equally throughout the world. Many governments and individuals ignore human rights and grossly exploit other human beings. Slavery is when someone actually owns you like a piece of property. Servitude is similar to slavery - you might live on the person's premises, work for them and be unable to leave, but they don't own you. Forced labour means you are forced to do work that you have not agreed to, under the threat of punishment.

Slavery is a Violation of Human Rights, slavery, forced labor and human trafficking are violations of human rights because these acts strip human beings of their inherent rights.

Human Rights for Women and Girls, Women and girls are victims of forced labor in different forms – including debt bondage, trafficking and forced prostitution. As global leaders seek to improve the status of women and girls, it's critical to focus on decreasing women and girls' exploitation in forced labor, trafficking and slavery. When women and girls are enslaved or trafficked, they do not have access to programs aimed at women's equality and development. Trafficked and enslaved women and girls

oftentimes do not attend school. Many times these women and girls are illiterate, subject to domestic violence, do not have access to reproductive and maternal health, healthcare, often face critical malnutrition, do not have access to anti-poverty programs, micro-loans or other economic development initiatives, leaving them dependent on their exploiters.

Restrictions to this right

Your right to be protected against slavery and servitude is absolute, which means it can never be restricted. The right relating to forced labour is also absolute. However, it does not apply to work that: you have to do as part of a prison or community sentence, the government requires you to do in a state of emergency, such as after a natural or man-made disaster, and is part of normal civic obligations, like jury service.

Law says Prohibition of slavery and forced labour, No one shall be held in slavery or servitude, no one shall be required to perform forced or compulsory labour, for the purpose of this Article the term 'forced or compulsory labour' shall not include:

Any work required to be done in the ordinary course of detention imposed according to the provisions of Article 5 of this Convention or during conditional release from such detention, any service of a military character or, in case of conscientious, objectors in countries where they are recognised, service exacted instead of compulsory military service, any service exacted in case of an

emergency or calamity threatening the life or well-being of the community, or any work or service which forms part of normal civic obligations.

Forced labour, Forced labour is any work or service which people are forced to do against their will, under threat of punishment. Almost all slavery practices contain some element of forced labour. It affects millions of men, women and children around the world. It is most often found in industries with a lot of workers and little regulation. These include: Agriculture and fishing, Domestic work, Construction, mining, quarrying and brick kilns, Manufacturing, processing and packaging, Prostitution and sexual exploitation, Market trading and illegal activities