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Human Trafficking in China

Although human trafficking particularly child trafficking and its connection to adoption in China is an important issue, it is very impervious. This is because the concern is shunned by China's administration, which is aware that the challenge is there but fails to produce data on the number of children abducted or sold. Due to the consequences for the many families in the U.S and European nations that have bought children from China, China's neighboring countries also shun the subject itself (Associated Press in Washington). There have been very few studies regarding the purchase of children or child trafficking in China's global adoptions. This essay shall explore the groups involved and their context in the power relationships in China

There are macro-cultural groups that are involved in child trafficking: the U.S and China. Adoption organizations generate profit (approximately $20000) from the purchase of children. For every child that is adopted from China, orphanages usually collect donations of around $5000 from the buyers (Custer). On the American part, eliminating the Chinese adoption program would result in a great reduction in profit for most adoption agencies, and would stimulate the complete closing down of others. For the Chinese side, orphanages generate revenue for each child given to adoptive guardians, and because trafficked children often cost the institution almost $500 to buy, a swift foreign adoption leads to considerable profits (Custer). Children from Hunan and other provinces in China were being purchased by many large orphanages, and these organizations did not disclose this to the adoptive parents. However, the

rate of adoptions reduced as soon as people were aware of the scandal and the Chinese government decided to shut everything down (Custer).

The birth-limitation regulation placed by the Chinese administration and the traditional preference for a boy child, lead to a lopsided ratio of 118 boys to 100 girls and this is a primary source of demand for the foreign women that are trafficked to become prostitutes and wives for men in China (Rogin). Those that attempt to bring attention to the human trafficking issue in China are usually castigated and forced into harsh labour-prison camps which are by themselves violations of human rights.

All in all, there is a great debate over whether the recent condemnation of China by the United States is justified. This is because there a lot of unstudied dynamics that are operating in the human trafficking ideal. Both countries are macro-cultural groups involved in some way in the facilitation of the purchase of children.

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