

**FROM THE POLARIS PROJECT-** WHOSE FUNDING COMES IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO THE NUMBER OF 'ESTIMATED' HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS: *“With 100,000 children estimated to be in the sex trade in the United States each year, it is clear that the total number of human trafficking victims in the U.S. reaches into the hundreds of thousands when estimates of both adults and minors and sex trafficking and labor trafficking are aggregated.”*

**FROM CNN:** “The data on [human trafficking](#) is sparse, but what is known is terrifying. It's already the second largest criminal industry in the world -- behind only the trade in illegal drugs -- and it's growing fast. The global commercial sex trade exploits one million children annually. At least 100,000 and perhaps as many as 300,000 children in America are victims of sex trafficking each year.”

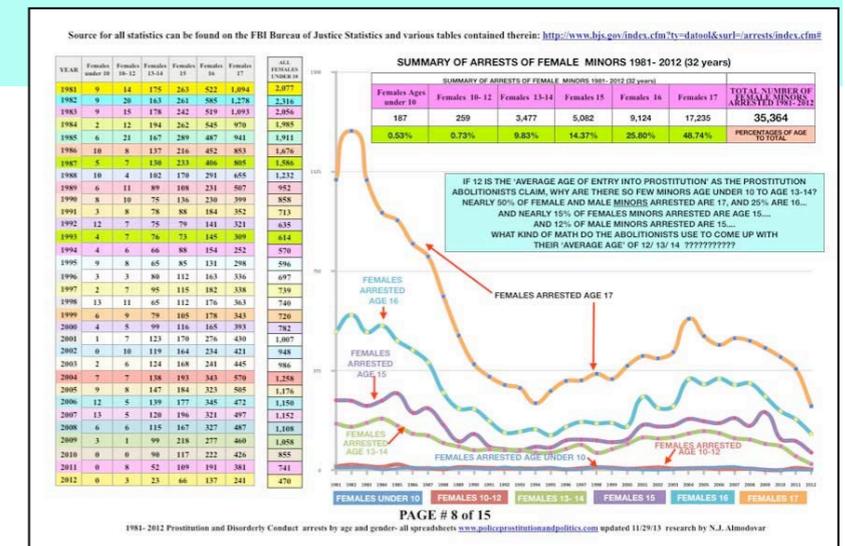
...but... but... but... if there are 100,000 to 300,000 children being trafficked into prostitution EVERY YEAR, why can't all those 'rescue raids' find more than 220 on average per year?

That leaves us with an annual deficit of 99,780 children (based on the *100,000* guesstimated trafficked children per year) or 299,780 children NOT found if there are '300,000' children trafficked into prostitution... and that's just the children... what about the adults who are not found?

Over the ten years that these raids were being conducted, if the average number of rescues per year is only 220, this means we have a total deficit of **997,800 children yet to be found** (based on the 100,000 per year guesstimate) and a deficit of **2,997,800** children not rescued if we use the CNN **300,000** child trafficking victims 'guesstimate.'

Okay- so the ones who were under 12 would become adults within 10 years the ones who were 12/ 13 or 14 would become adults within 6, 5 and 4 years respectively, but still... if these children are being sold over the internet on adult ad venues such as backpage.com and craigslist,

**why can't more of them be found?**  
**WHERE ARE THEY?**



Above graph shows all female minors arrested from 1981 to 2012- also find graph on page 235

In **1982**, there were **2,316** female minors arrested for prostitution. Of these, **1,278** were age **17**, and **585** were age **16** (see graph for all other ages)

In **2012** there were **470** female minors arrested, of which **241** were **17**, and **137** were **16**.

“What about the children?”