

## **Human Trafficking and Homicide: Factors and Policy Implications**

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The purpose of this study was to focus on the intersectionality of human trafficking and homicide. We looked at the factors that affect the probability that homicide would occur within the different types of human trafficking (labor, organ, sex). The reason this research is important is because criminologists do not pay enough attention to homicide in regards to human trafficking. The current literature primarily focuses on human trafficking in relation to drug trade, arm trade, and terrorism. The specific questions we sought to answer was how human trafficking and homicide were connected, and in what phase of trafficking homicide is most likely to occur. Furthermore, we wanted to research how the current policies could be affected by the results we found.

We composed a database of cases that we found on Nexus Uni that had both components of human trafficking and homicide. We identified the gap in literature that research still needs to address by looking at official governmental databases, news reports, and criminology textbooks. We found that the current databases (such as the Uniform Crime Report) need to include additional identifiers for human trafficking and homicide. We used statistics to collect data on this particular intersection, and saw results that centered around the gap in literature. We presented our results at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting in March 2018. Future research should include more cases to be added to the database.