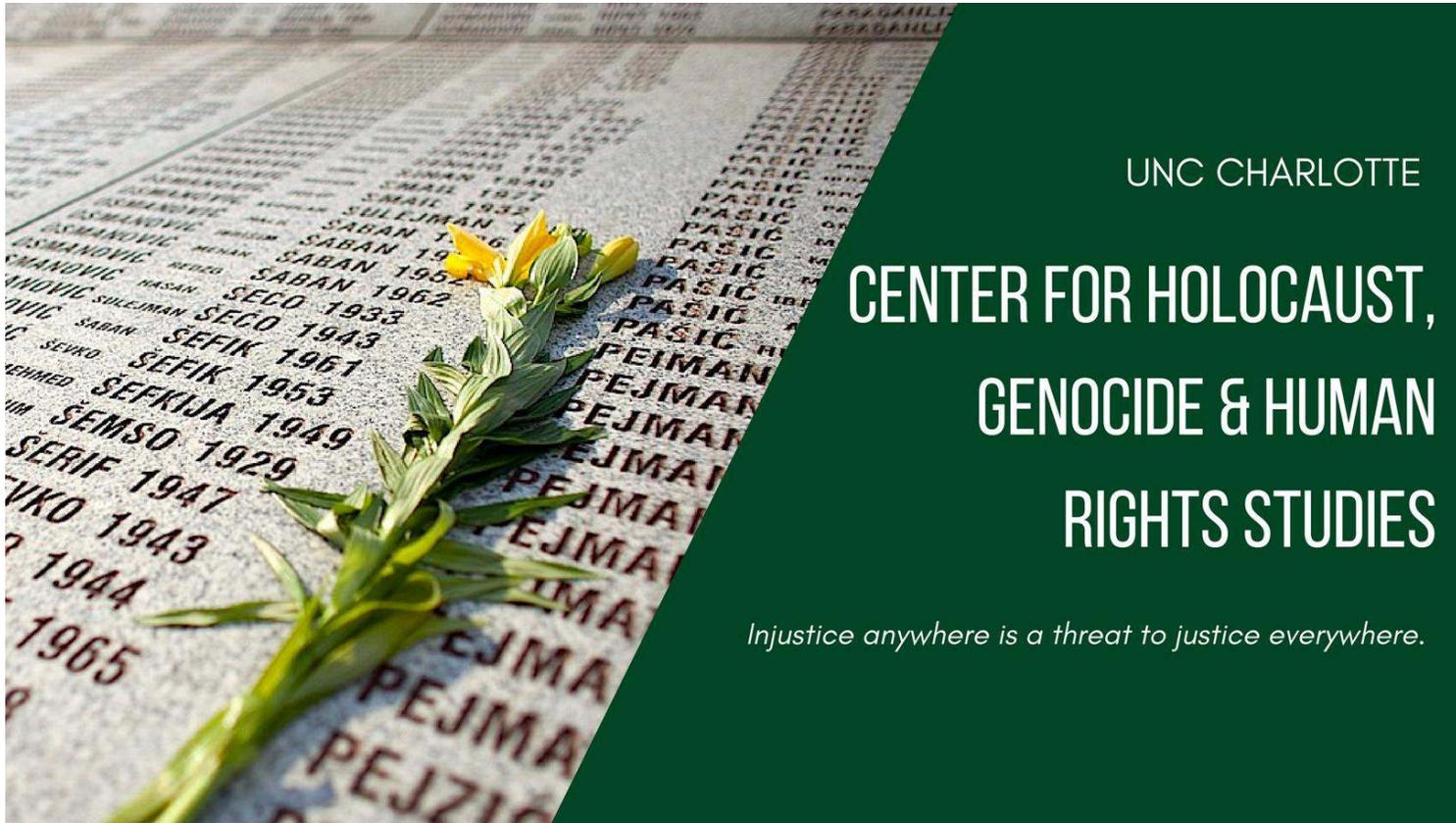


Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking



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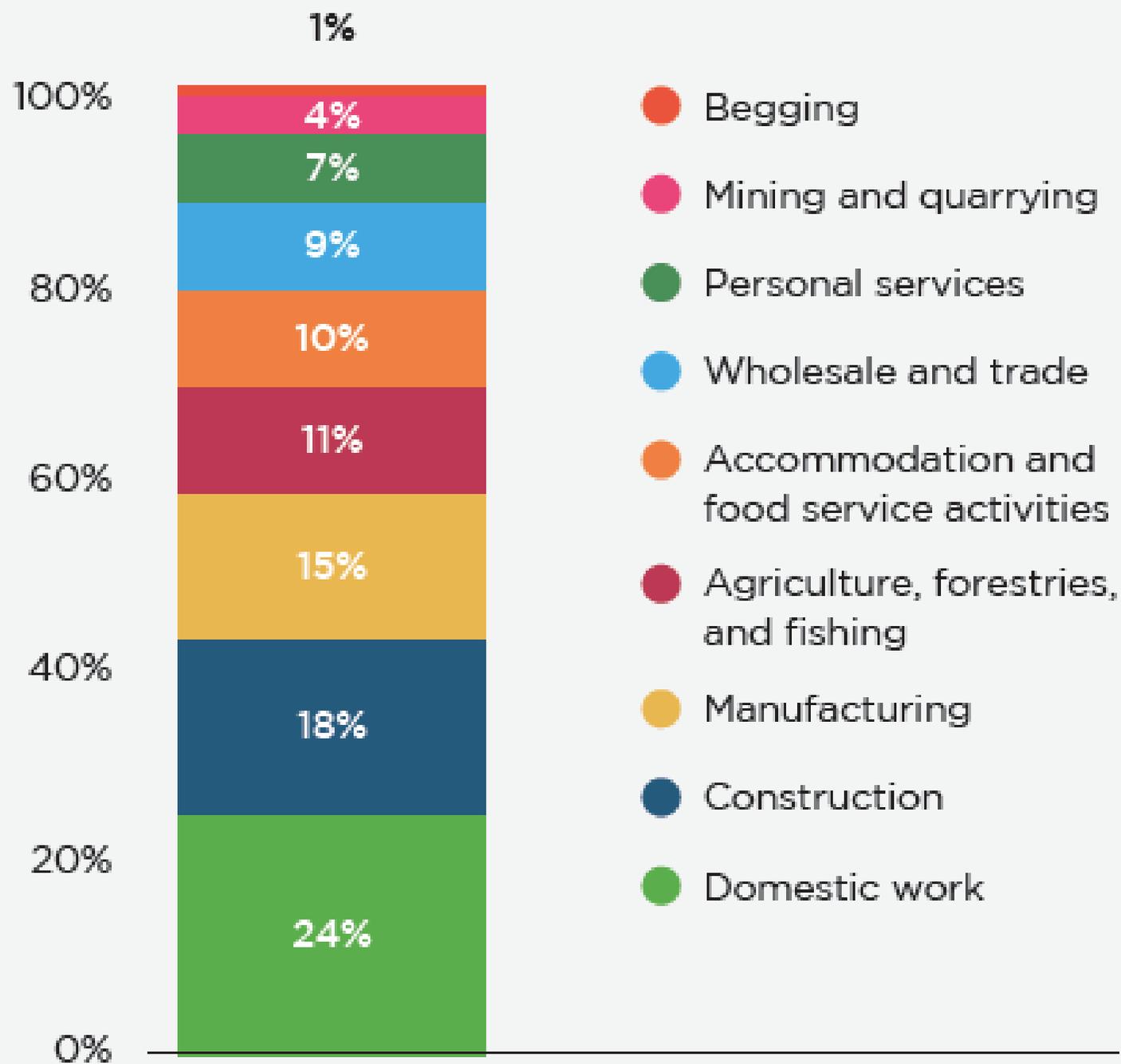
- The term “slavery” evokes images of the long-abolished trade in African slaves.
- Yet slavery is thriving in new as well as old forms in the twenty-first century.

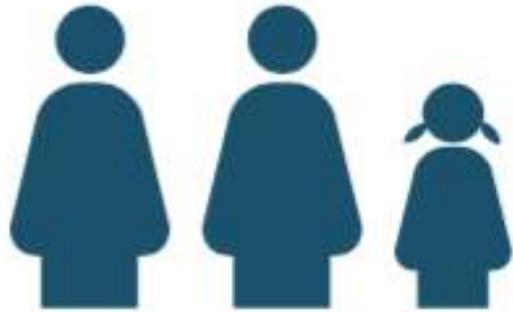


Modern slavery and sex of victim

Percentage distribution of victims of modern slavery, by sex and category







GENDER

Women and girls accounted for 71 per cent of modern slavery victims.



DEBT BONDAGE

Debt bondage affected half of all victims of forced labour imposed by private actors.



CHILDREN

One in four victims of modern slavery were children.



FORCED LABOR

An estimated 25 million people were in forced labor at any moment in time in 2016. Out of them, 16 million people were in forced labor exploitation in the private sector such as domestic work, construction, agriculture.

FORCED LABOR

About 5 million persons were in forced sexual exploitation, and just over four million persons (or 16 per cent of the total) were in forced labor imposed by their state authorities.

CHILD LABOR

152 million children – 64 million girls and 88 million boys – are subject to child labor and account for almost one in ten children around the world.

Forced marriage

In 2016, an estimated 15.4 million people were living in a forced marriage.

Forced marriage

While men and boys can also be victims of forced marriage, most victims (88 per cent) were women and girls, with more than a third (37 per cent) of victims under 18 years of age at the time of the marriage.

CHILD SOLDIERS

- There have been estimates that a few hundred thousand children, from 200,000-500,000, are involved with fighting forces as child soldiers. However, this figure is outdated, if not inaccurate.
- Being invisible in nature, child soldiers are hard to find estimates for since estimates are not available for all situations of conflict, states experts.

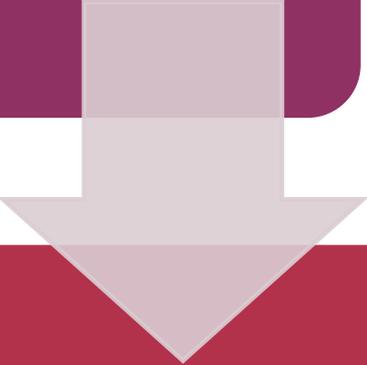
A SAD YET TYPICAL STORY:

Clemmie Greenlee, had her life taken over by a pimp at age 12. She said she spent years having sex with up to 50 men a day. On average, she was beaten 10 times a month, for not meeting her daily quota or other offenses.

A SAD YET TYPICAL STORY:

Why didn't she run away? Because, she says, of a mix of fear, Stockholm syndrome, emotional manipulation by pimps, hopelessness fueled by drug addiction and distrust of the authorities.

Eventually, Greenlee was able to escape that life, and she now runs a residential program called Eden House to help other women start over.



An African-American, she says that what trafficked women endure is absolutely an echo of what her ancestors endured on plantations.

CHARLOTTE

- Updated: December 10, 2019 - 6:36 AM
- **CHARLOTTE, N.C.** — The Department of Homeland Security announced Monday that Charlotte is among the top cities in the country with the most arrests for human trafficking.
- “We call it a living nightmare,” said Chris Healy, assistant special agent in charge.
- Healey oversees nearly 50 Homeland Security agents who work around the clock to stop human trafficking in the Carolinas and said they have seen an increase in cases.

CHARLOTTE

- New data reveals in the 2019 fiscal year, the number of cases nationwide **jumped 38%**.
- Charlotte agents arrested 125 human trafficking suspects and rescued 30 local victims.

Feb. 7, 2020 news story

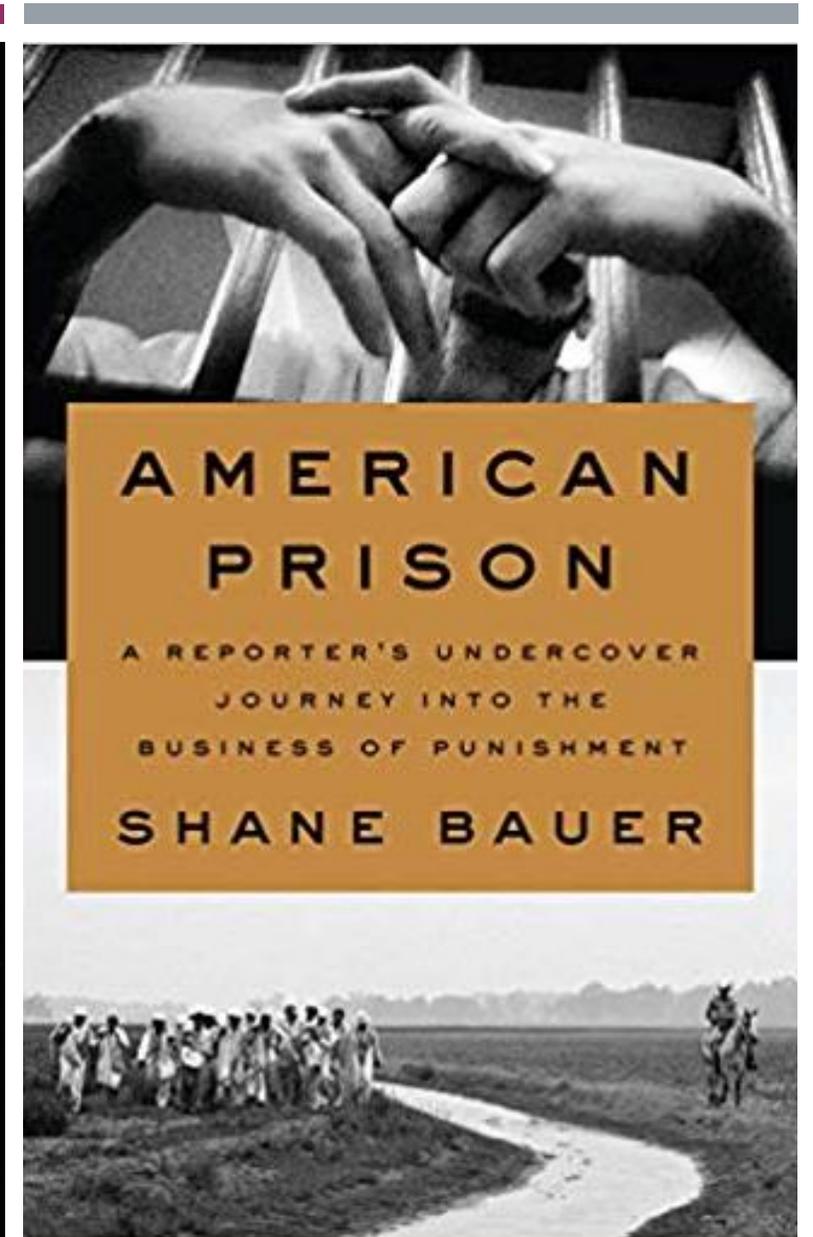
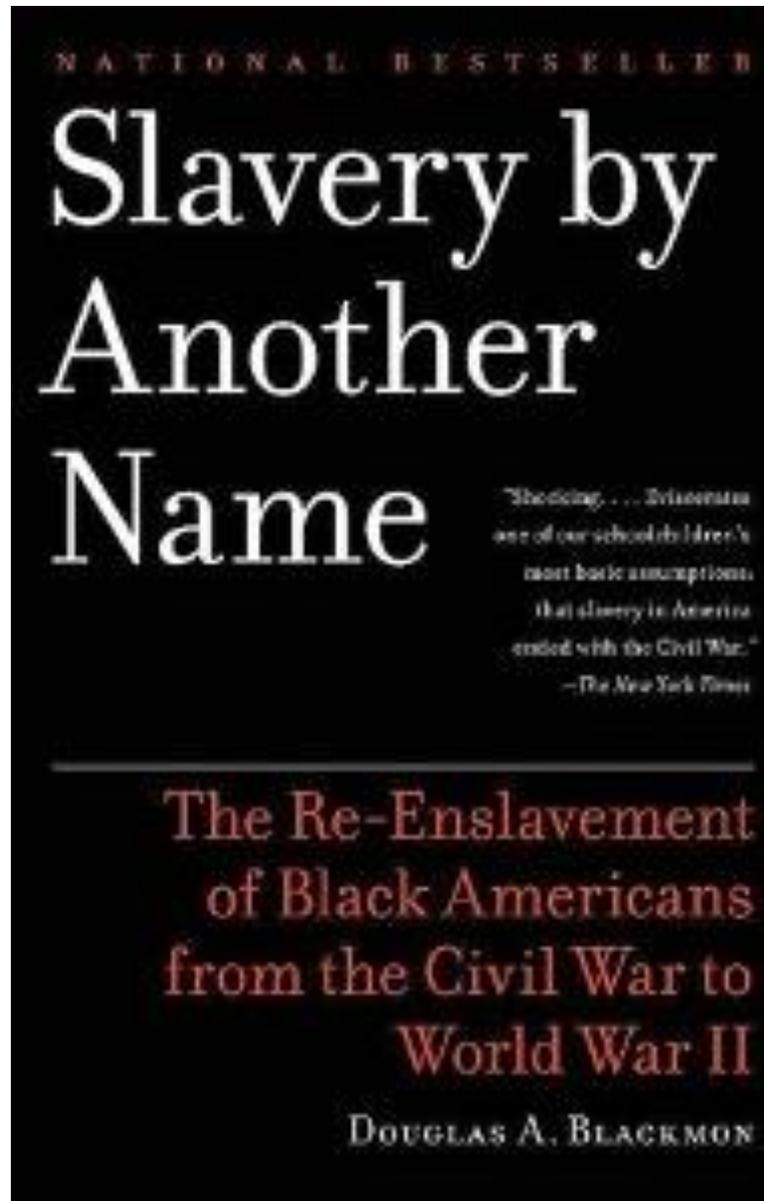
According to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, there is now an average of 78 sex trafficking cases every year in North Carolina, and Charlotte is the #1 city.

FEB. 7, 2020 NEWS STORY

Last fall, Present Age Ministries joined forces with DSS and CMS to teach courses to seventh and eighth-grade students in Charlotte about sexual trafficking.

According to the ministry, there are at least five-hundred new ads are posted soliciting sex in Charlotte every day.

PRISON LABOR, 1865 - PRESENT



Black orphaned children and juvenile offenders could be bought to serve as laborers for white planters in many southern states from 1865 until the 1940s.



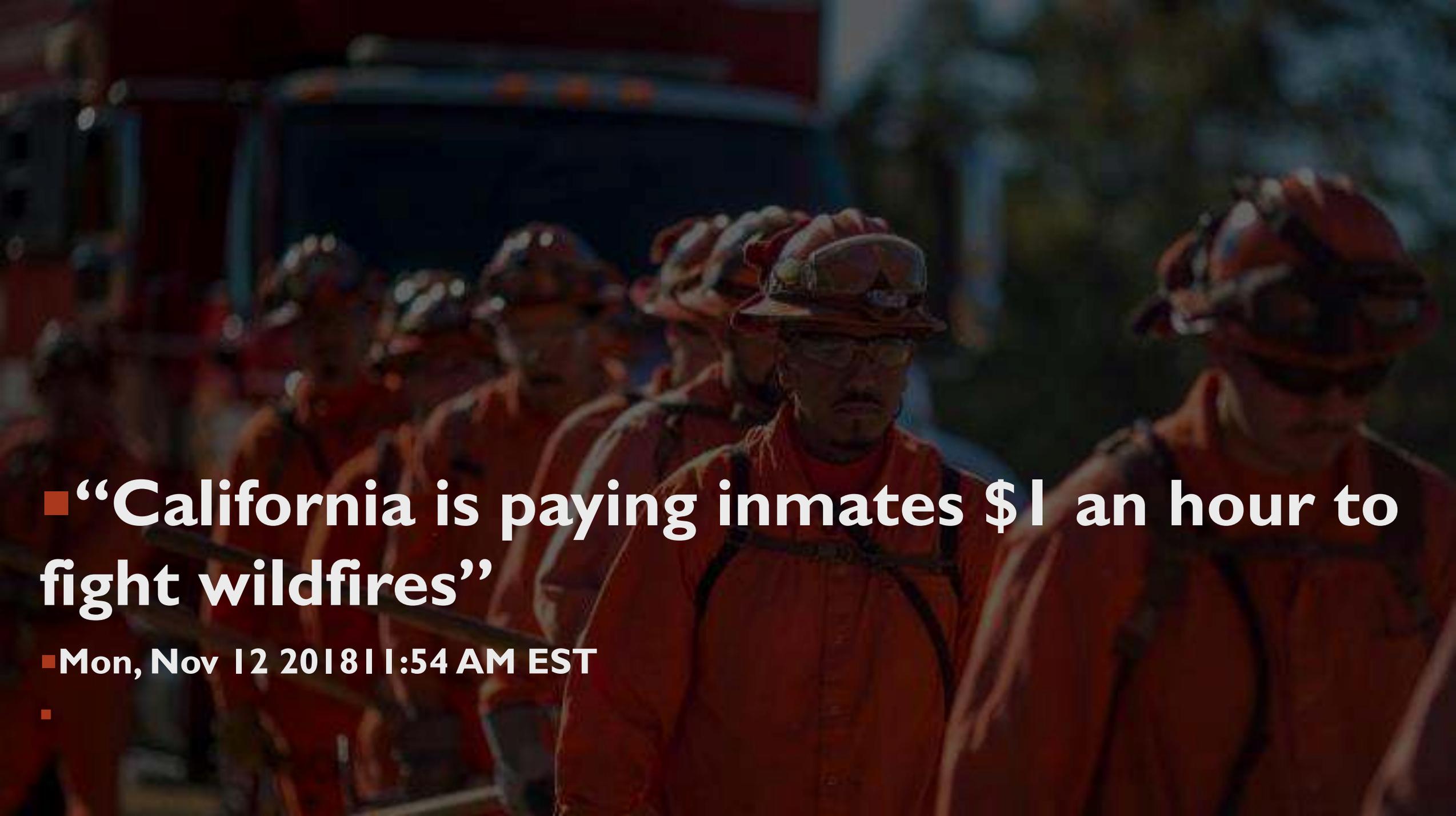
The writer Douglas A. Blackmon described the system:

- a system in which armies of free men,
- guilty of no crimes and entitled by law to freedom,
- were compelled to labor without compensation,
- were repeatedly bought and sold,
- and were forced to do the bidding of white masters through the regular application of extraordinary physical coercion.

**30 Percent of California's
Forest Firefighters Are
Prisoners**

**About 4,000 inmates
battle blazes in the
Golden State's woodlands.**

PRISON LABOR



■ **“California is paying inmates \$1 an hour to fight wildfires”**

■ **Mon, Nov 12 2018 11:54 AM EST**

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BY RYAN SABALOW

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NEWS

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by [Blair Stenvick](#) • Aug 21, 2020 at 3:25 pm



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- The handmade rug industry has one of the highest child labor rates in the world.
- When GoodWeave began its work in 1994, there were nearly one million children—many kidnapped or trafficked—working on the looms in South Asia, often for up to 18 hours a day.
- Through its efforts, the organization has not only helped bring child labor in the rug industry down 75%, it has built affiliations with retail outlets all over the U.S. to ensure that all carpets sold are free from child labor.

Prajwala

is a pioneering anti-trafficking organization working on the issue of sex trafficking and sex crime.

Second-Generation Trafficking:

- In India, children who grow up in brothels with their parents often meet the same fate.
- Based in Hyderabad, India, the organization rescues women from brothels and then provides them with education, mental health care, and job programs.



Two children returning to Meagui after working on a cocoa plantation. Richard (left) is carrying a pesticide tank on his back. His whole body is covered with a skin disease (probably Psoriasis). The boys do not attend school.

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and defeat slavery:
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