**SOC: 445: Contemporary Social Problems Week 4 - Assignment # 2**

Throughout the course we have read about and discussed a number of social problems. The goals of this assignment are to increase your awareness of a major social problem that you might otherwise overlook.

**Steps to Complete the Assignment**:

Part I Observation

1. Watch the Frontline Documentary about Human Trafficking in the Heartland of America. Take notes during the film. <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/trafficked-in-america/>

This is a documentary about the Human Trafficking of Guatemalan teens who were forced to work against their will on an Ohio egg farm in 2014. (1 hour).

1. After watching the documentary make notes on the following three points. These notes will be necessary as you write the essay:
2. Identify the various parts of the social problem both in national and international contexts.
3. Identify concrete ways the problem can be solved.
4. Identify the various ways that individuals became change agents and attempted to solve the problem.

Part II Analysis and Discussion

Write a 5-page, Times New Roman 12-point font, double spaced paper with 1-inch margins in which you answer the following questions in essay format. This is a formal essay, spelling, grammar, format, and citations will be graded. Your essay must include an introduction with a thesis statement, the body of the paper, a conclusion, and a reference page. Reference and title pages do not count towards page count. You must use the film and our course text; outside academic sources are also acceptable.

Essay Questions:

Please be sure to address all parts of each question. Answer according to the film and according to what else you think is possible based on your reading of the course text. Make sure that you address the sources, the film and your text, and expand your thinking on the topic logically. Cite the text and the film in your paper.

1. What are the problems revealed in the film?
   1. Identify the main problem and any proximate (related) causes of the problem.
   2. Be sure to address issues on national and international levels.
   3. Explore how the problem is maintained by a larger system of support including various organizations, institutions, and relationships.
2. Explain how the problem was revealed, pursued and addressed?
   1. Be sure to identify specific steps taken by individuals/groups that revealed the problem, pursued the problem, and addressed the problem.
3. What more could have been done or should have been done about this problem?
4. Who do you believe is responsible for this problem? There are any number of actors and entities that one could label as responsible. Explain in detail why you believe a person or persons, an agency, a small or large business, the government, or ordinary people (i.e., consumers) should be held culpable in this situation?
5. What can ordinary people do to stop this problem?