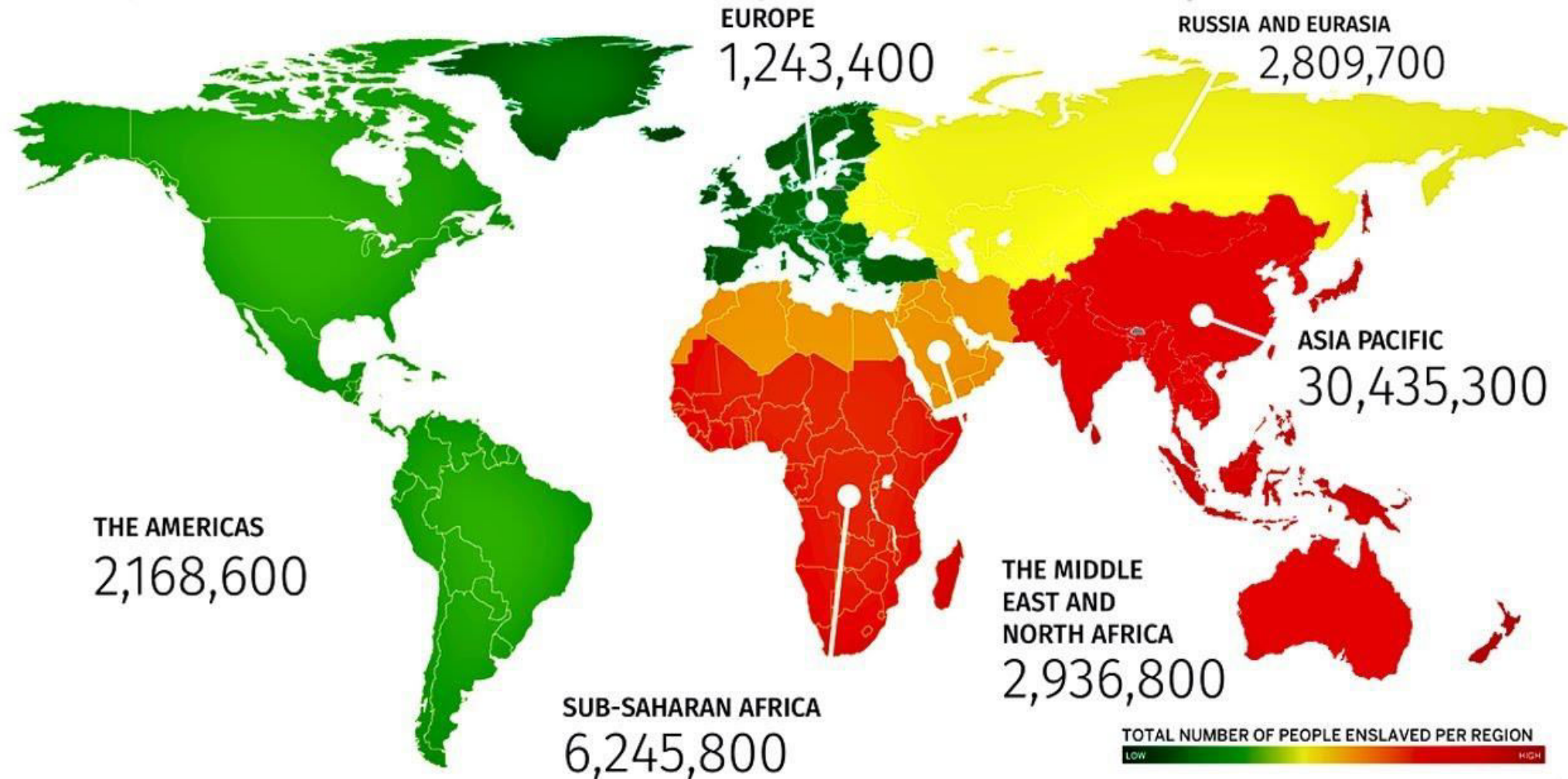


Shades of Sustainability—Light, White, and Carbon Heavy

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MODERN SLAVERY



“The fact that millions continue to be trapped in exploitative and dehumanizing conditions is a terrible stain on modern society.”

**--Nisha Varia,
*Human Rights Watch***

Slavery has been an ignoble stain on the legitimacy of human civilization from the beginning. Although this truth only dawned on our collective consciousness a few centuries ago, the systems and forces that promote slavery remain as pervasive and entrenched in the global economic order as ever.

--Siddharth Kara, Modern Slavery

“But there is no secret about the engine driving this vicious cycle: it is us—the consumer culture of the rich north. Shrimp, fish, gold, diamonds, steel, beef, sugar, and the other fruits of slavery and environmental destruction flow into the stores of North America, Europe, Japan, and, increasingly, China.”

--Kevin Bales, *Blood and Earth: Modern Slavery, Ecocide, and The Secret to Saving the World*

“The supply chain that reaches from the Bisie mine to the phone in your pocket has around eleven steps, the last two being the retailer where we buy our goods and ourselves, the ultimate consumers of the cellphones, laptops, and everything else. Since most businesses don’t want slavery in their products, the lies told to hide slavery cluster most thickly at the beginning of the supply chain. The sense of guilt or responsibility for the origin of the base materials fades at every step on the chain—until it is completely extinguished in the minds of many consumers.”

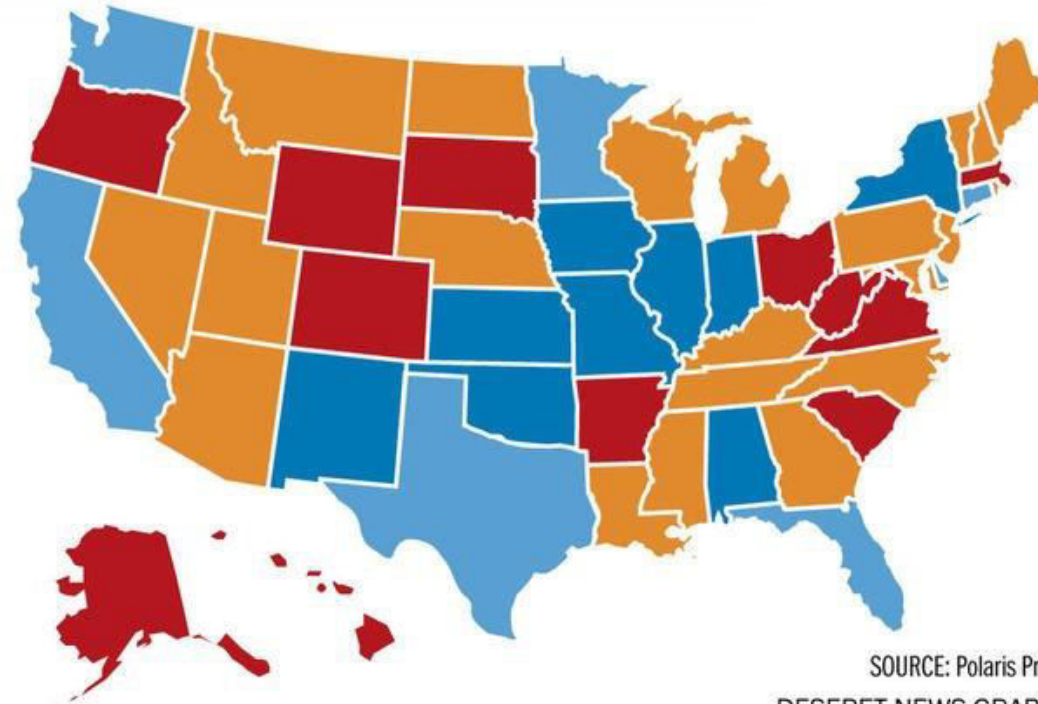
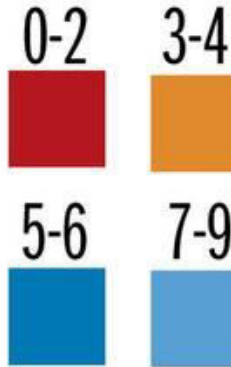
Fighting Slavery in the United States

Despite increased awareness in recent years, many states still come up short when it comes to human trafficking laws, advocates say.

States are evaluated on the strength and inclusion of the following 10 conditions on:

1. Sex trafficking
2. Labor Trafficking
3. Asset forfeiture for human trafficking crimes
4. Training on human trafficking for law enforcement
5. Human trafficking commission, task force, or advisory committee.
6. Posting of a human trafficking hotline
7. Safe harbor
8. No requirement for force, fraud, or coercion for minors
9. Victim assistance
10. Civil remedy

CONDITIONS MET



SOURCE: Polaris Project

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Impact Achieved (from Free the Slaves)

The increased focus on measurement at Free the Slaves has already helped improve our ability to assess impact. In 2014, we were able to record the following aggregate results from our programs:

- 2,265 people freed from slavery.
- 82,583 villagers educated on how to protect their families from traffickers.
- 1,977 villages and neighborhoods supported to protect their residents from slavery.
- 1,281 government officials trained on how to more effectively stop slavery.
- 163 traffickers and slaveholders arrested.

**THIS COULD BE
THE GENERATION
THAT SAYS,
“ENOUGH.”**

“ I expose slavery in this country, because to expose it is to kill it. Slavery is one of those monsters of darkness to whom the light of truth is death.

Frederick Douglass

Signs of Enslavement

(from Survivors of Slavery, 2014)

Be alert if a person:

- 1. Appears to be working without pay.**
- 2. Is not free to change employers.**
- 3. Is being held against his or her will.**
- 4. Shows signs of employee abuse, either mental or physical.**

- 5. Appears to be malnourished among people who are not.**
- 6. Wears the same clothes every day or does not appear to own many personal possessions.**
- 7. Is not allowed to leave his or her home.**
- 8. Is being watched or followed when he or she leaves home.**
- 9. Works an excessive number of hours.**
- 10. Is afraid to discuss himself or his work situation.**

- 11. Has been abused or threatened for refusing to work.**
- 12. Has an unqualified debt related to his or her work situation.**
- 13. Has been transported across national borders.**
- 14. Has had his or her passport or legal documents confiscated by an employer.**
- 15. Lives in fear of his or her employer.**
- 16. Has had his or her family members threatened.**

17. Seems to have an unusual sense of obligation to his or her employer despite exploitation.

18. Seems to be treated differently than other members of a household.

19. Appears to be confined to a relatively meager living space, such as the basement or garage.

20. Is a child and performs most or all of the domestic work in a household.

If you meet a person who exhibits these signs, it is typically better to inquire about his or her well-being rather than to ignore the signs.