

According to the California 2008 **“Post Guidelines on Law Enforcement Response to Human Trafficking”**

police should look for the following (dubious) ‘symptoms’ of human trafficking: (*found on pg 12*)

Victims (*if they are victims, why are they arrested?*):

4 ... may distrust outsiders particularly law enforcement...

All sex workers are distrustful of cops- and will be distrustful of them as long as we are considered outlaws and cops can use the laws to rape and extort us! That **does not make them a victim of sex trafficking...**

5 They fear deportation...

This would be true for all persons in the US illegally- does this mean that *all* undocumented aliens are victims of trafficking and anyone who hires them could be considered a trafficker?

6 They are unaware of their rights and may not consider themselves victims...

If they do not consider themselves victims, why would the police be in a better position to make that determination than the adult individual? ... Unless we consider adult women *incapable of self-determination*, this is a shaky presupposition which infantilizes adult women, and a premise that the feminist movement once vehemently opposed and supposedly successfully challenged!

7 Life may be better now than it was previously.

Seriously? If life is *better* for an individual than it was *previously*, why would they be considered ‘*victims*’? Would a victim of chronic domestic violence consider his or her *life to be better than it was previously, before they married?*

8 They are afraid and intimidated by the traffickers...

Many people are afraid of and intimidated by their bosses- “America’s Worst Bosses” includes Bartlesville, OK. [Police Chief Tom Holland](#) who was rated 14th on a list of [100 worst bosses of 2011...](#) Does that mean those who work for Chief Holland are *victims of human trafficking?*

9 They fear the unknown...

Wow- this could make ALL citizens of *the entire world* victims of human trafficking!

Given the state of the economy, **many of us fear the unknown...**

http://lib.post.ca.gov/Publications/human_trafficking.pdf