**Risk Factors for Human Trafficking**

(Demand Side - johns & traffickers)

- **Society**
  - Hyper-sexualization of women and girls
  - Social disparities
  - Weak or unenforced laws and policies related to trafficking perpetration
  - Weak laws and policies related to gender equality, incl prostitution laws*
  - Norms supportive of male sexual entitlement, violence against women and children

- **Community**
  - Community disorganization/weak community ties
  - Limited economic opportunities
  - Systems that facilitate the sale of victims, particularly online
  - Lack of criminal justice system training and coordination

- **Relationship**
  - Family and peers who support or don’t speak out against the exploitation of women and children
  - Gang involvement??

- **Individual**
  - Hx of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse
  - Hx of witnessing violence in the home
  - Adherence to rigid gender roles
  - Acceptance of norms supporting sexual exploitation of women and children
  - Overestimation of problem behavior in peers/others
  - Lack of trafficking awareness (existence, harms)
  - Lack of empathy??
  - Substance abuse

*people providing sex arrested more often than johns/traffickers
Protective Factors for Human Trafficking (Demand Side)

- Respect for diversity and emphasis on equality
- High status of women
- High level of gender equity
- Policies that support children and families
- Societal norms and laws that discourage the exploitation of women and children
- Bonding with caring adults
- School/community connectedness
- Available resources and opportunities
- Healthy community norms and expectations
- Programs that support children and families (i.e., nurse-family partnerships, in-home interventions, etc)
- Family connectedness and/or attachment
- Positive peer relationships
- Family and peer norms that discourage the exploitation of women and children
- Viewing problem behavior disapprovingly
- A sense of self-efficacy
- Good emotional health
- Problem solving and conflict resolution skills
- **note: all of these are for SV, as I could not find literature that explicitly bears this out for HT

*I wasn’t able to find research on protective factors for demand, so made inferences based on risk factors (i.e. these are NOT necessarily research-based*