

Human trafficking has been in the news a lot the past several months. Being able to discern what is fact v. myth can be hard. This month, let's work to better understand the truth about human trafficking and recognize when stories, movies, or social media are not representative of the reality. This is important because when we do not understand the truth about complex societal issues, we cannot help solve the problem. Review the information below! And choose at least one (or more!) task from each section. Let's learn, take action, and mobilize others this month - together!



LEARN

- Understand the myths, facts, and reality of human trafficking from the [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#), [Polaris Project](#), and the [Blue Campaign](#).
- Read this article highlighting [movies and myths about human trafficking](#).
- A [direct service provider](#) offers a look at myths v. reality.
- [The Irina Project](#) is a response based out of the UNC-Chapel Hill Hussman School of Journalism and Media that monitors and analyzes media representations of sex trafficking.
- [Social media and Finding the Truth About Human Trafficking](#) podcast episode.
- Your idea _____



TAKE ACTION

- Research article sources and only "like" and share posts from trusted sources.
- Review #humantrafficking, #endhumantrafficking, and #endit to see how human trafficking is portrayed in the media and discuss whether those portrayals are accurate or not, whether it is representative or harmful.
- Find local news stories in your area to learn how they are portraying human trafficking.
- Hear from [Survivor Advocate Rebecca Bender's Instagram](#) for interviews and stories for mythbuster facts.
- Your idea _____



MOBILIZE

- Share the Polaris Project [fact sheet](#) of common myths and misconceptions about human trafficking in the U.S. with friends, family, and school staff so they can know what to look for.
- Partner with clubs at your school to share this information with members.
- Create social media posts to share.
- Educate your school newspaper and daily announcements team on the myths and facts of human trafficking.
- Your idea _____