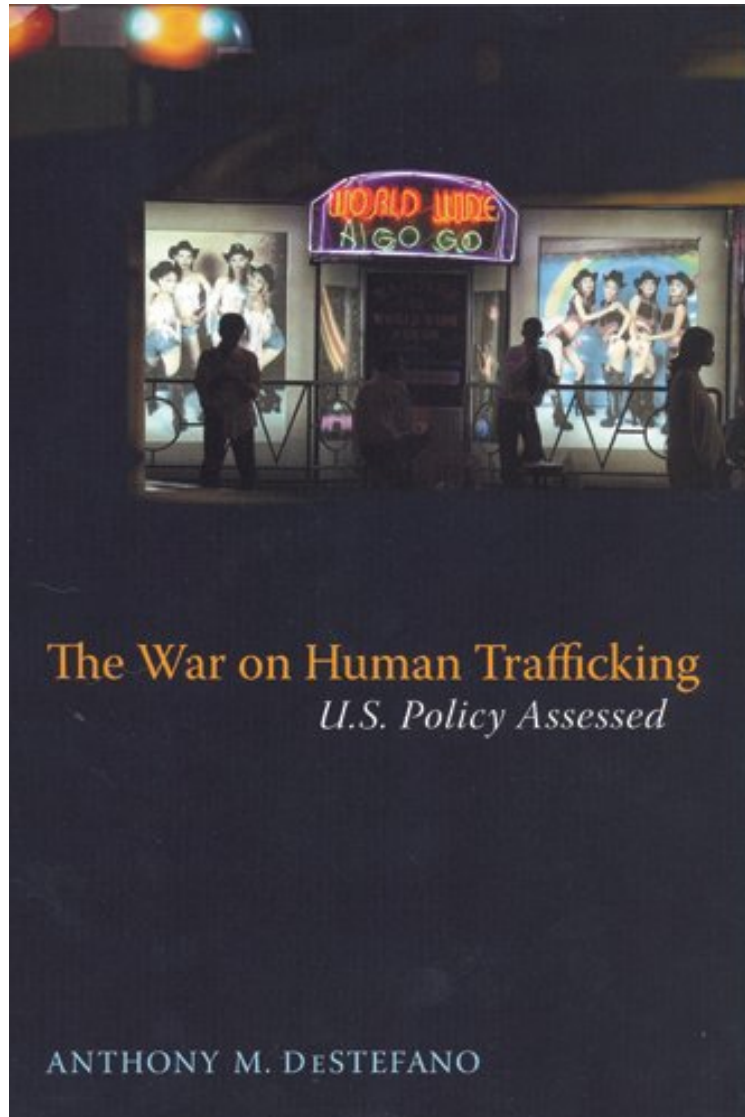


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**Anthony DeStefano : The War on Human Trafficking: U.S. Policy Assessed** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The War on Human Trafficking: U.S. Policy Assessed:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. a must-read By AlienA solidly researched, comprehensive and unbiased book that is completely accessible to anyone interested in learning just how extensive and sophisticated this criminal industry is. This book should be required reading for anyone who wants to understand what needs to be done in order to combat human trafficking. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. sober appraisal of U.S. policy By Brooklyn Boy At last, a look at U.S. policy on human trafficking that goes beyond the political hysteria that

surrounds the issue. This book brings out into the open the reality that we don't really know the dimensions of the trafficking problem, either in the U.S. or the world. This is because a lot of the debate has been based on the same recycled, half-baked and dated information. The writer shows how simplistic thinking about trafficking drove U.S. policy and laws and how the issue has become a means for anti-prostitution forces to use the law to go after the oldest profession. The unfortunate aspect of that is it appears to ignore the problems women and men face because of lack of jobs and opportunities in their societies. Gives a good look at some of the worst labor and sex trafficking cases. It also has a comprehensive discussion of the diplomacy and political machinations which led to the U.S. trafficking law and the United Nations Protocol.<sup>2</sup> of 3 people found the following review helpful. Needed book on an understudied topic

By Schriftstellername Human trafficking is (unfortunately) a big problem in our world, yet there doesn't seem to be much public awareness of the topic or efforts being made to solve it. This book, essentially the only of its kind, presents the both the troubles and policy efforts to eradicate human trafficking in a U.S. context, and is accessible to lay readers while still containing valuable research for specialists.

The United States has taken the lead in efforts to end international human trafficking—the movement of peoples from one country to another, usually involving fraud, for the purpose of exploiting their labor. Examples that have captured the headlines include the 300 Chinese immigrants that were smuggled to the United States on the ship *Golden Venture* and the young Mexican women smuggled by the Cadena family to Florida where they were forced into prostitution and confined in trailers. The public's understanding of human trafficking is comprised of terrible stories like these, which the media covers in dramatic, but usually short-lived bursts. The more complicated, long-term story of how policy on trafficking has evolved has been largely ignored. In *The War on Human Trafficking*, Anthony M. DeStefano covers a decade of reporting on the policy battles that have surrounded efforts to abolish such practices, helping readers to understand the forced labor of immigrants as a major global human rights story. DeStefano details the events leading up to the creation of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, the federal law that first addressed the phenomenon of trafficking in persons. He assesses the effectiveness of the 2000 law and its progeny, showing the difficulties encountered by federal prosecutors in building criminal cases against traffickers. The book also describes the tensions created as the Bush Administration tried to use the trafficking laws to attack prostitution and shows how the American response to these criminal activities was impacted by the events of September 11th and the War in Iraq. Parsing politics from practice, this important book gets beyond sensational stories of sexual servitude to show that human trafficking has a much broader scope and is inextricable from the powerful economic conditions that impel immigrants to put themselves at risk.

This original and needed book details the controversial confluence of prostitution with the broader problem of trafficking in persons, and the resulting political fallout that has hampered efforts to combat one of the twenty-first century's more egregious forms of human slavery. --Jim Finckenauer, Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University

DeStefano's book provides new insights for experts and the general public on the ideological debates swirling around human trafficking, as well as a better way forward. --Ann Jordan, Global Rights

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