

# “Why do people downplay the severity of human trafficking?: A look at political affiliation and perceptions of control”

## Supplemental Material

### Human Trafficking Questions:

#### “Total Attitude” Toward Human Trafficking

**Directions: Please answer the following questions using the scale ranging from 1 (meaning not at all) to 7 (meaning very much so).**

1. Human trafficking is a global issue, but to what extent do you think there are significant numbers of trafficked women in the United States?
2. More generally, to what extent do you think the problem of human trafficking involves the United States?
3. Human trafficking is a problem—but just one of many global problems. To what extent do you think the government should make it a priority to devote resources to trying to reduce human trafficking?

#### Houston-Kolnik et al. (2016) “Victim’s Control” and “Individual’s Control”\*

**Directions: Please answer the following questions using the scale 1 meaning strongly disagree and 7 strongly agree.**

1. A trafficked person has the ability to leave their circumstances.
2. A trafficked person could go to the police, but chooses not to.
3. If a trafficked person chooses to leave, the problem would be over.
4. I can make a difference for trafficked persons.
5. I have the ability to work against trafficking through political involvement.
6. I am able to raise public awareness about trafficking.

*\*Questions 1-3 are combined for “Victim’s Control” construct and questions 4-6 are combined for “Individual’s Control” construct.*

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