

AMERICAN ANTI-SLAVERY GROUP



The American Anti-Slavery Group (AASG) works with former victims of human trafficking to abolish modern slavery. Through education, advocacy, and grassroots activism, we fight for the freedom of millions held in bondage around the world.



SLAVERY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Contrary to popular belief, slavery didn't end in 1865. Experts estimate that today there are 27 million people enslaved around the world. It's happening everywhere — even in the United States. The CIA estimates that up to 17,000 slaves are trafficked into the “Land of the Free” every year. Today's slavery takes on the forms of chattel slavery, sex trafficking, debt bondage, and forced domestic and agricultural labor — making it tougher to identify and eradicate.

“I am personally inspired by your tireless dedication to alleviate the oppression of chattel slavery. You have given a powerful voice and new hope to the victims of this festering injustice.”

—Coretta Scott King

“AASG was instrumental in raising the profile of Sudan at Harvard and helped lay the groundwork for our larger divestment movement. They are at the center of a nationwide student campaign to address the situation in Sudan.”

—Mhanav Bhatnagar, Harvard Darfur Action Group campaign chair

AWARENESS The first step in ending modern slavery is teaching the public that it still exists. At AASG, we build awareness through our Speakers Bureau — comprised of slavery survivors — as well as our website, educational curricula, and conferences.

ADVOCACY We advocate for the freedom of slaves through government lobbying and online campaigns, which locate effective pressure points in corporations that benefit from slavery, governments which tolerate slavery, and leaders who remain silent.

ACTIVISM Through our website, we have established a diverse network of activists who are passionate about freedom. Our grassroots activism takes the form of rallies, candlelight vigils, freedom marches, petitions, and letter-writing campaigns.

AID We partner with organizations working on the ground to provide essential support to victims of slavery. By providing food, shelter, education, and rehabilitation, AASG equips survivors with the tools they need to rebuild their lives.



RESULTS

Since breaking the silence surrounding modern slavery with a *New York Times* op-ed in 1993, AASG has:

- Freed over 80,000 slaves abroad
- Brought 2 survivors to testify before the House of Representatives
- Helped pass 4 successful pieces of legislation, including the 2003 Sudan Peace Act and Sudan divestment bills in New Jersey, Illinois, and Oregon.
- Been featured in major media outlets, including *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *CBS Evening News*

