

# Anti-Trafficking and Insecurity: Moving Beyond Criminal Justice to Cross-Sector Collaboration

SYMPOSIUM

Responding to Human Trafficking:  
Towards Integrated Action

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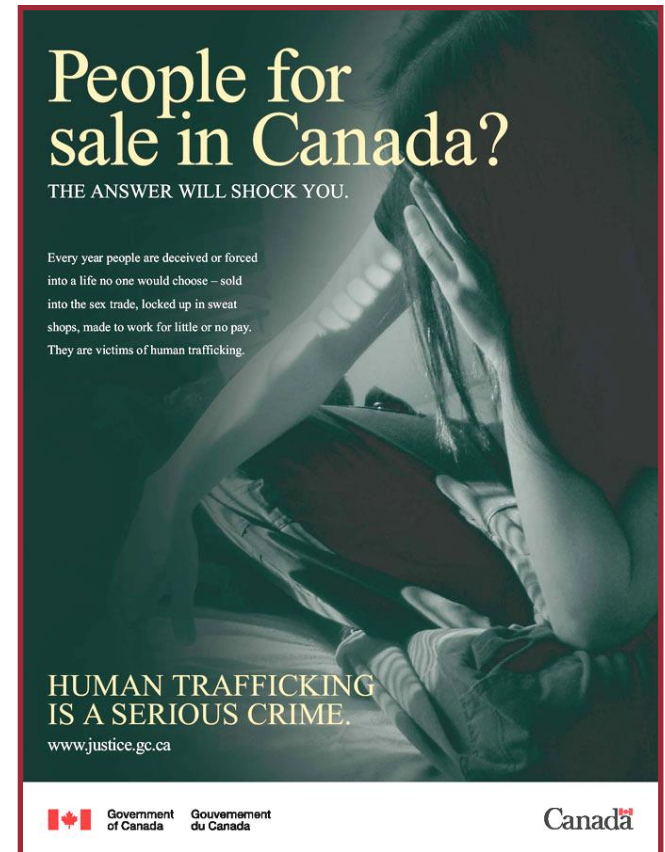
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# Methods


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- PhD Research
  - ▣ Document and Policy Analysis
  - ▣ Field Research
  - ▣ Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg
    - 56 one-on-one interviews
    - 3 group interviews
    - 2 focus groups
  
- ACT/MRU Research
  - ▣ Sample: Existing ACT Network
  - ▣ Survey: 53 Respondents
  - ▣ Focus Groups: 5 Groups; 18 Respondents



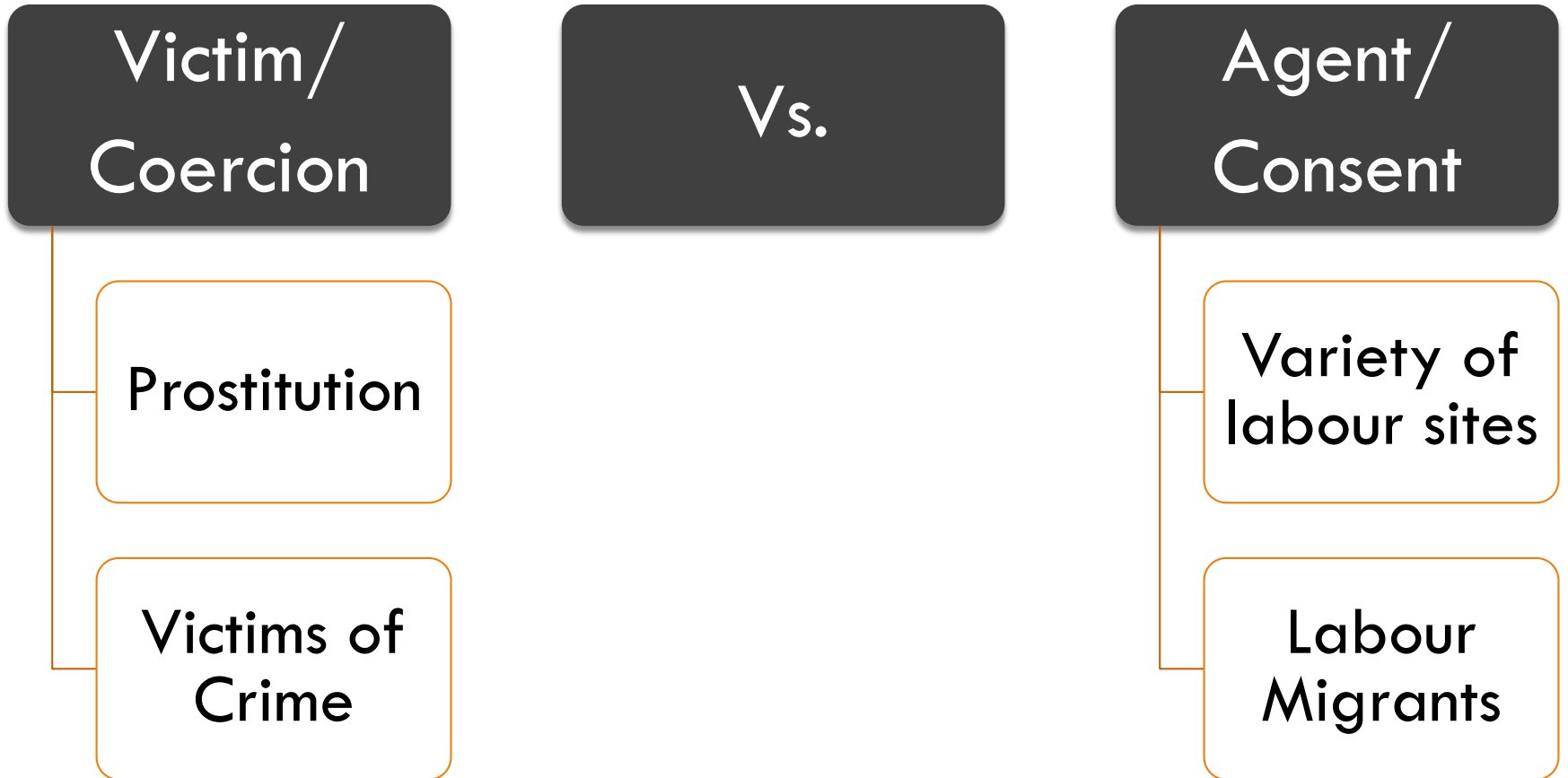
# Objectives

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- ❑ Human trafficking as a transnational crime  Conflict between human rights and national security
- ❑ Insecurity for trafficked persons and temporary migrant workers
- ❑ Cross-Sector Collaboration and Future Research



# Human Trafficking: A Contested Definition



# Implications of the UN Protocol

Trafficking = Transnational Crime



# Human Trafficking and Border Securitization

Preventing Human Smugglers from Abusing  
Canada's Immigration System Act



# Abusing Canada's Immigration System Act

“We use the criminal justice model to address what is really a human tragedy as long as we don't distinguish between the victims and the smugglers, because technically everybody is in violation of the law”

- Law Enforcement Representative



# Deporting the Problem

“I never received – in more than a decade that I was with the CBSA – I never received any formal training on what constituted human trafficking...I know I myself have been responsible for removing dozens upon dozens of people who were victims of human trafficking...”

- Former CBSA Employee





# Criminalizing Trafficked Persons

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“...they would rather endure it”

“...the pay is more important to her because by that she will be able to send money home”

“...she had to leave the country”



# Human Trafficking: Calgary Trends

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## Calgary

- Slightly less than half (44.4%) of all respondents had come into contact with at least one person victimized by human trafficking



# Why Cross-Sector Collaboration?

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“We could be missing a lot of the picture and a lot of them are afraid of government. So the social agencies are probably getting a bigger picture than the enforcement agencies”

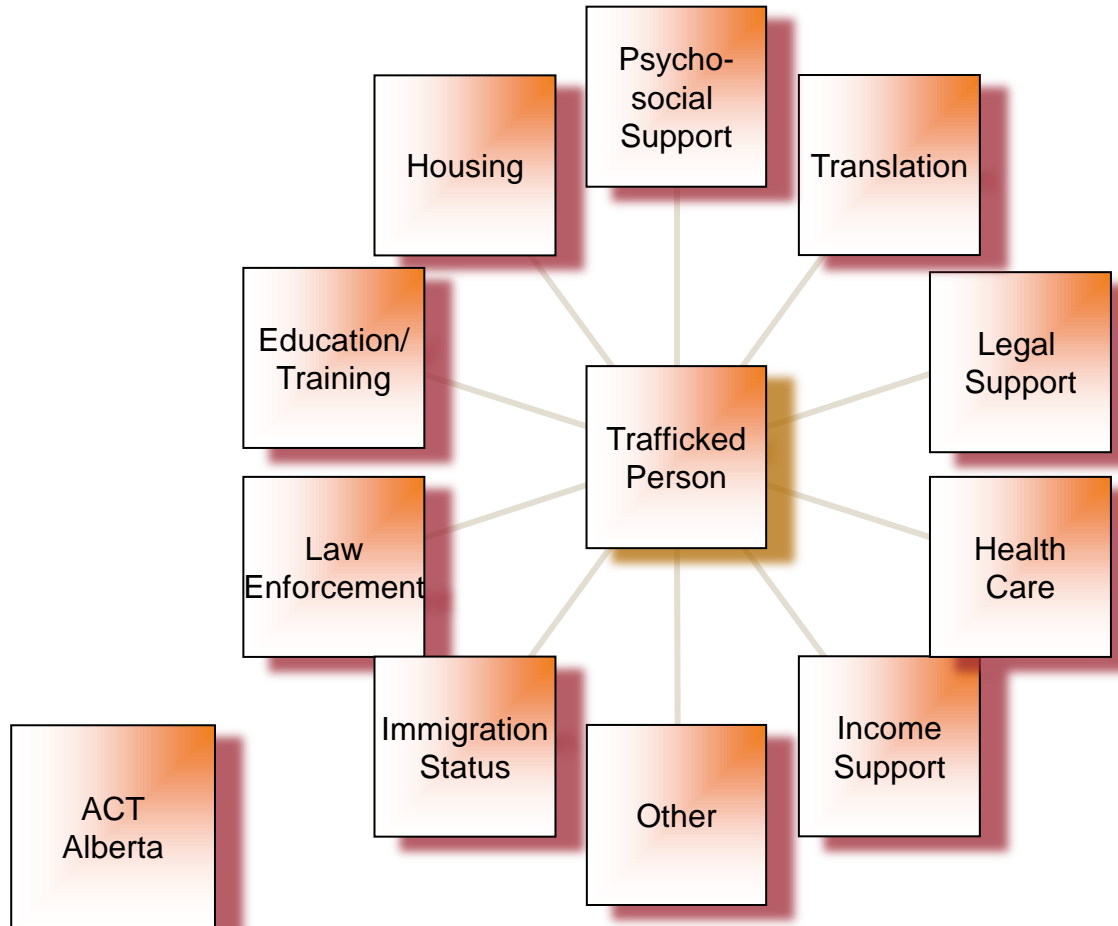
-Federal Government Official

“...the investigative group should not be doing the support piece”

- Law Enforcement Representative

# Towards Cross-Sector Collaboration

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