

Black Shock, Psychic Assault by Human Trafficking and Anti-State Violence

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Definition

Psychic Assault by Human Trafficking and Anti-State Violence is the profound psychological, emotional, moral, and physiological injury experienced by individuals, families, first responders, investigators, healthcare professionals, and communities who witness, investigate, respond to, or become aware of severe acts of human trafficking, exploitation, or violence. The assault is psychic and spiritual, yet it may be experienced by the individual as though they themselves have been physically attacked.

This form of psychic assault can overwhelm the human mind and nervous system, producing extreme emotional distress, moral injury, grief, fear, helplessness, intrusive thoughts, hypervigilance, and lasting changes in a person's sense of safety, trust, and worldview.

Black Shock

Black Shock (*Union of Saints*) is the acute psychological and physiological response that may occur following exposure to severe human suffering, particularly the exploitation, trafficking, abuse, or victimization of human beings. It describes a state of overwhelming psychological darkness, horror, grief, and moral distress that is experienced so intensely it may feel indistinguishable from a physical assault upon the body.

Individuals experiencing Black Shock may describe sensations including:

- Feeling as though they have been physically struck or attacked.
- Chest tightness or heaviness.
- Nausea or dizziness.
- Trembling or shaking.
- A racing heart or heightened alertness.
- Intrusive thoughts or disturbing mental images.
- Emotional numbness or profound sorrow.
- Exhaustion following exposure.
- A lasting disruption to their sense of safety, trust, or emotional stability.

Black Shock describes the subjective experience of overwhelming psychological trauma that may accompany exposure to severe human suffering.

Black Shock is understood as the principal manifestation of **Psychic Assault by Human Trafficking and Anti-State Violence**, recognizing that repeated exposure to such acts may

produce cumulative psychological harm, moral injury, and enduring effects on the human mind, body, and spirit.