

White Slavery & Raids of French Empire

Today Americans Targeted - For Reference, California

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“Raids for slaves against the French Empire and its territories by the Ottoman Empire and its affiliated Barbary corsairs were frequent, particularly between the 16th and 18th centuries, targeting coastal towns and shipping in the Mediterranean. Despite a formal Franco-Ottoman alliance, these raids continued as the Barbary states (Algeria, Tunis, Tripoli) operated with significant autonomy from the Ottoman center, with many captives sold into the Ottoman Empire or used for labor.”

Key Aspects of Ottoman / Barbary Slavery Raids on France

- **Targeted Regions:**

The southern coast of France, particularly Provence and Languedoc, was devastated by **razzias** (raids) in the 1550s.

- **Scale and Impact:**

Throughout the 16th–18th centuries, hundreds of thousands of Europeans—including many French citizens—were captured, sold, or used as galley slaves in North Africa and the Ottoman Empire.

- **1543 Toulon Raid:**

In a rare event where French territory was used by allies, Ottoman sailors under Hayreddin Barbarossa wintered in Toulon, setting up a slave market and capturing local inhabitants for the slave trade, despite the city being officially “loaned” to them by King Francis I.

- **Ongoing Raids:**

In 1558, Reggio was sacked by Dragut and slaves were taken to Ottoman Tripoli. Corsair activity continued into the 17th century, with raids occurring even in Northern France near Calais in 1620.

- **Ransom and Liberation:**

Many French captives were eventually freed, with the systematic enslavement leading to French military intervention in the 19th century, culminating in the conquest of Algiers in 1830.

These raids were a persistent threat to French maritime commerce and coastal inhabitants, with victims often working on Ottoman galleys or sold at markets in Constantinople.”

Further Reference

“California leads the nation in total reported human trafficking cases, with 1,128 cases identified in 2023. For comparison, Texas followed with 900 cases and Florida with 680.”

Recent, large-scale law enforcement operations in California have resulted in hundreds of arrests related to human trafficking in early 2026. These operations targeted both traffickers and buyers, with a significant focus on rescuing minor victims.

Key 2026 California Human Trafficking Arrests

- **Operation Reclaim and Rebuild (Jan 25–31, 2026):**

A statewide crackdown, spearheaded by the Los Angeles Regional Human Trafficking Task Force, led to over 600 arrests and the rescue of 170 victims, including children as young as 13.

- **Results:**

71 suspected traffickers and 328 sex buyers (johns) were arrested, with a large concentration of activity in Los Angeles County.

- **Action:**

The operation included 80+ federal, state, and local agencies targeting residential brothels and street prostitution corridors.

- **Operation Safe Return (March 2026):**

Federal agents and local law enforcement in Southern California rescued 37 missing teens and arrested 7 individuals, one of whom was directly connected to child sex trafficking.

- **Operation Stand on Demand (Jan 2026):**

The California DOJ, in partnership with local task forces, made 120 arrests targeting those soliciting sex.

- **Sacramento Area Operation (March 2026):**

A recent sting, “Operation Buyers Remorse,” in the Sacramento area led to over 100 arrests, according to local police.

Key Trends and Information

- **Epicenter:**

Los Angeles County is identified as one of the major hubs for human sex trafficking in the United States.

- **Rescues:**

Since 2021, DOJ-led teams have assisted 1,062 survivors and made over 1,000 arrests.

- **Federalized Charges:**

Prosecutors are increasingly aiming for felony charges against sex buyers, rather than misdemeanors, to curb demand.

- **Targeted Industries:**

Human trafficking in California is prevalent in the commercial sex industry, hospitality, domestic work, and agriculture.

If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave, you can call the **National Human Trafficking Hotline** at **1-888-373-7888** to access help and services.

Thank you Homeland Security, DOJ, ICE & Partners ♥







2021 OPERATION RECLAIM & REBUILD

RIVERSIDE COUNTY ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE



1 TASK FORCE | 6 AGENCIES

4 DAYS | 7 OPERATIONS

64 ARRESTS



OPERATION 2020 RECLAIM & REBUILD



1 TASK FORCE 10 AGENCIES
4 DAYS 5 OPERATIONS
72 ARRESTS

