

Week 7 Discussion: Global and Environmental Health

Locate a lay press article from a national newspaper, for example, from The New York Times, The Washington Post, or other national publication. The article should be no more than three (3) years old. Locate an article on one of the following topics:

- **A. Sex trafficking**
- **B. Environmental global health issue:** For example, but not limited to: Safe water, sanitation, disasters, or oral health.

2. Read over your chosen article and respond to the following:

- Provide a summary of your article. Include the name of the newspaper and author, as well as date of publication.
- Include data that supports the significance of the topic. For example, related deaths, health care costs, demographic information.
- During NR503, we have discussed the determinants of health, at-risk groups, social justice theory, outcomes, inter-professional collaboration, advocacy, and other concepts related to epidemiology and population health. How do the concepts addressed in NR503 relate to your article's topic? Provide definitions and examples in your writing.
- Integrate information from the World Health Organization and the SDG's.

Answer

The National Human Trafficking Hotline is a federally funded hotline for individuals to call to report sex trafficking. The article from the Washington Post (2023) highlights a new bill from the House of Representatives that would force the national hotline to provide law enforcement with information from phone calls regardless of the wishes of the victim. This concerns advocates and former victims alike because they feel it will make it harder to gain trust from victims to make them feel safe to use the hotline. Supporters of the new bill, National Human Trafficking Hotline Enhancement Act, argue the goal of is to help victims by allowing law enforcement to do their job in a timelier manner. The current practice is reporting to law enforcement takes place automatically if a minor is involved or imminent danger is identified, or when the victim okays the escalation to law enforcement.

The hotline is available 24/7. Polaris, a non-profit organization, has been running the hotline since 2007 and receives \$3.5 million per year from the federal government. The phone number is shared all over the country in bus stops, airports, and ports of entry. The hotline receives more than 50,000 calls, texts,