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- **Human Trafficking is Modern Day Slavery**
- The exploitation of human beings for profit takes many forms, including sexual exploitation, forced labour, child trafficking and domestic servitude.

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- Slavery today is a global business and a source of huge profits for traffickers and crime syndicates.
- The UK began to wake up to the horrors of modern slavery in February 2004 when 23 Chinese cockle pickers drowned in Morecombe Bay.

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- Victims are trafficked from every corner of the world - in the last year alone, victims from 54 different countries have been identified - and are found in ordinary cities and towns across the UK.
- The International Labour Organization estimates that 20.9 million people are victims of forced labour globally, of which 1.5 million are to be found in the developed economies and European Union only.

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- They can be found in, among other places, the world's restaurants, fisheries, brothels, farms and homes.
- Indeed, there are more people in slavery today than in the entire 350 year history of the transatlantic slave trade.