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The Feminist Led Activist Movement to Empower group held a discussion Wednesday about the realities of sex trafficking both in the United States and abroad.

The discussion was led by Christina Stewart, a senior university studies major and FLAME executive board member, who said that the topic is one that she is very passionate about.

“I’m not an expert by any means,” she said. “But I am very interested in it.”

“Sex trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion,” Stewart explained. “It is usually done with individuals who are 18 years or younger.”

Sex trafficking is encompassed in the broader term, “human trafficking,” which includes labor trafficking, when individuals are trapped or coerced into slavery in order to work for little or no pay, though some categorize sex trafficking as a form of labor trafficking, according to Stewart.

Within the United States, 100,000-300,000 American children are trafficked each year.

There is not a specific type of person who may be an especial victim of sex trafficking, according to Stewart.

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