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### The Deleterious Consequences of Pakistani Patriarchy: Sex Trafficking

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## Foundational Background

Individuals **cannot consent to trafficking**. Meaning, although they may have willingly joined and agreed, it was under false pretenses, or the power dynamic has shifted, placing them in vulnerable positions.

### Archaic Gender Roles:

Sex trafficking relies on the foundational perception of women as objectified and dehumanized sex objects. Therefore, countries that prioritize women in domestic roles are more likely to source trafficking.

### Palermo Protocol:

"Trafficking in persons" shall mean the **recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons**, by means of the **threat or use of force or other forms of coercion**, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the **abuse of power** or of a position of vulnerability ... **for the purpose of exploitation.**

## Mail Order Brides Want to Meet You

### What is the mail order bride industry?

The mail order bride industry is a clandestine online browser that offers services from women. Although initially it can be consensual, legal failures and gender roles aggravate these services, thus subjecting women to danger.

This online industry popularized in the aftermath of the feminist movement, in which men sought out foreign women that would serve as meek and obedient domestic partners.

### Unequal Power Dynamics:

Although women consensually join, failing legal protections often place the authority in the husbands or the agencies. The husbands typically seek them out due to misogynistic values, and the agencies can serve as covers for violent and sexually exploitative prostitution rings. Consequently, women are more likely to face domestic and sexual abuse.

### How do gender roles facilitate sex trafficking?

### Data and Methodology

Article 11 of the Pakistani Constitution: "All forms of forced labour and traffic in human beings are prohibited"

The mail order bride sites advertise women as objectified commodities, claiming they are "exotic" and "domestic"

### Statistics and Findings

the cases involving women and children trafficked numbered **20,000**, with women and girls constituting a major chunk of the trafficked - **80 percent** of the trafficked victims with more than 60 percent of those coming from Asia

### Why this matters:

Archaic and traditional gender roles fundamentally relegate women to dehumanized sex tools and domestic partners for men. Thus, the mail order bride industry is not free from the patriarchy, but rather enforces it through its propagation of gender ideals. Although women may consensually join, governmental failure to regulate this clandestine industry harms them. Left unprotected, mail order brides are subject to the ravages of patriarchy.

### Goals:

- increase protections for women in the mail order bride industry
- root out misogynistic and patriarchal gender roles embedded into conservative cultures and the mail order bride industry

### Shopper's guide to mail order brides catalogue

"devotion to family"

"perfect for men who dream to find bride for marriage abroad"

There comes a time in any man's life, when the desire to stop being a boy and turn into a man manifests.

### What we guarantee

