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Several Developed Countries Fail to Protect Human Trafficking Victims

- Release of the 2010 Anti-trafficking Policy Index -

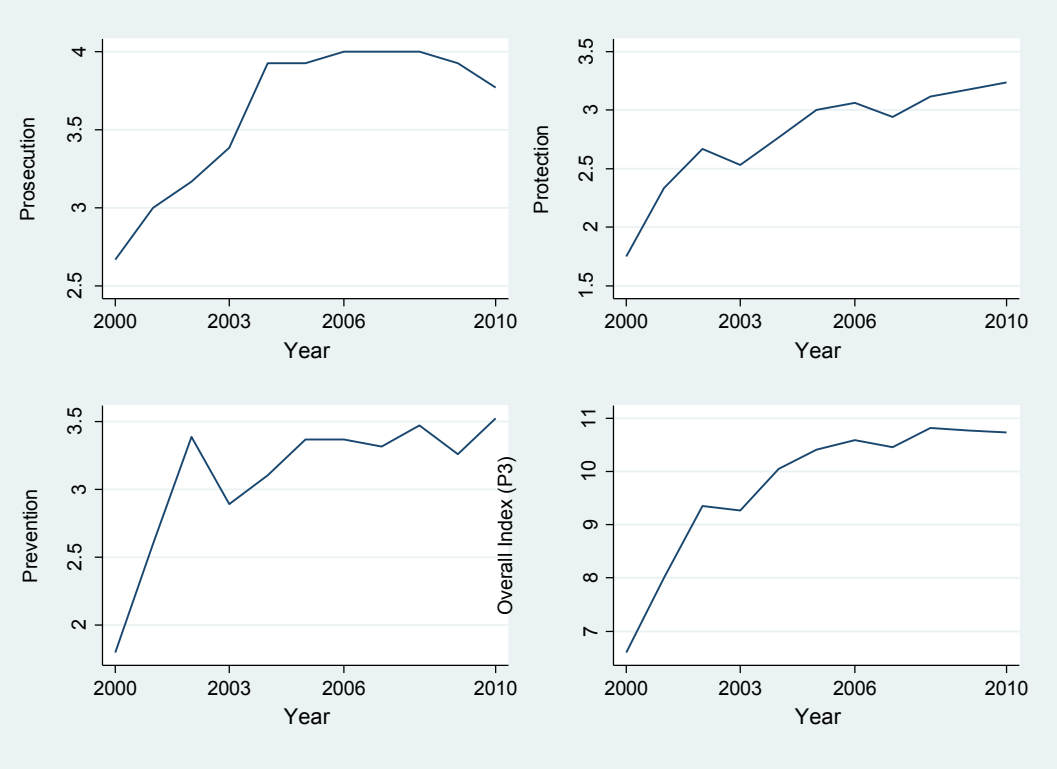
The team of the Anti-trafficking Policy Index newly released the country ranking for the year of 2010. The Index, developed by Dr. Seo-Young Cho (University of Goettingen), Prof. Axel Dreher (University of Heidelberg), and Prof. Eric Neumayer (London School of Economics), evaluates policy performance of countries in fighting human trafficking in the three prime policy areas (3Ps): prevention of the crime of human trafficking; protection of human trafficking victims; and prosecution of human traffickers. Each of the 3P indices ranks countries on a scale from 1 (worst) to 5 (best) based on information provided by the Annual Report on Trafficking in Persons (United States Department of State). The overall Anti-trafficking Policy Index aggregates scores of the three areas: from 3 (worst) to 15 (best).

According to the new ranking of the Anti-trafficking Index, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United States, Slovenia, Spain, and Belgium are the best performers in 2010 (receiving score 15 in total – i.e., score 5 for each of the three policy areas), while North Korea and Somalia are ranked worst (score 1 for each of the three policy areas). The Netherlands, Sweden, the United States, and Belgium stay in the best performers' group as they were in 2009. Slovenia and Spain improved their efforts this year compared to last year (overall score 14 and 13 in 2009, respectively). Slovenia demonstrates the best efforts in all three policy indices by improving its prosecution performance: from score 4 in 2009 to 5 in 2010. Spain reaches the best overall score in 2010 by improving its efforts in protection and prevention: both from score 4 in 2009 to 5 in 2010. Overall, anti-trafficking efforts worldwide slightly improved in 2010: from score 9.84 in 2009 to 9.94 in 2010. Specifically, the protection and prevention policy indices show improvements while prosecution efforts slightly declined, mainly because several countries – Egypt, Rwanda, Iran, etc – failed to enforce their existing anti-trafficking law (table 1 and figure).

Table 1. 3P Anti-trafficking Policy (2009 and 2010)

	Prosecution (1-5)	Protection (1-5)	Prevention(1-5)	Overall 3P (3-15)
Year 2010 (183 countries)	3.67	2.82	3.43	9.94
Year 2009 (177 countries)	3.75	2.79	3.27	9.84

Figure 1. 3P Anti-trafficking Policy (2000-2010)



Among the best performing countries (score 15 in total) in 2009, Germany and Australia declined in their anti-trafficking efforts in 2010. Australia marks an overall score of 14 and Germany 13. This change can be explained by decreases in protection policy performance in both countries. The Anti-trafficking Index assesses the protection efforts of Germany with score 3 in 2010, a two-point decrease compared to 2009. The protection efforts in Australia declined in the same period by one point to score 4.

Particularly, Germany fails to ensure no punishment principle for trafficking victims because it does not always distinguish victims of human trafficking from other illegal migrants. According to NGOs assisting victims in Germany, victims could be penalized or deported before they are

identified as victims of human trafficking (see the US 2011 report). This practice is, in fact, against the German law and the United Nations Anti-trafficking Protocol.

There are several other developed countries which failed in demonstrating full commitments towards protection policy. The protection efforts of Norway decreased by two points (from score 5 in 2009 to 3 in 2010), similar to the German case, while the country improved its prevention efforts from score 4 to 5 during the same period. The United Kingdom and Denmark also received score 3 for protection due to their negligence in ensuring victims' legal status, while demonstrating full commitments towards prosecution and prevention policy.

Other countries among high performing groups (overall score 13 or higher) whose efforts declined from 2009 to 2010 are Croatia, South Korea and Nigeria. While Croatia and South Korea worsened by one point to score 13 in 2010, Nigeria by two points in total (one in prosecution and one in prevention). On the other hand, Guatemala increased its anti-trafficking efforts in 2010 (overall score 14, three point-increase from 2009) – particularly in protection (from score 3 in 2009 to 4 in 2010) and prevention (from score 4 in 2009 to 5 in 2010) – despite a one-point decrease in its prosecution efforts.

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3P Anti-trafficking Index 2010 Ranking
(Cho, Dreher, and Neumayer 2011)

Ranking	Code	Country	Prosecution	Protection	Prevention	Overall_3P
1	NLD	Netherlands, the	5	5	5	15
1	SWE	Sweden	5	5	5	15
1	USA	United States of America	5	5	5	15
1	SVN	Slovenia	5	5	5	15
1	ESP	Spain	5	5	5	15
1	BEL	Belgium	5	5	5	15
7	GTM	Guatemala	5	4	5	14
7	CAN	Canada	5	4	5	14
7	AUT	Austria	5	4	5	14
7	ITA	Italy	5	5	4	14
7	AUS	Australia	5	4	5	14
7	MDA	Moldova	5	4	5	14
7	FRA	France	5	4	5	14
14	BRA	Brazil	4	4	5	13
14	HRV	Croatia	4	4	5	13
14	DEU	Germany	5	3	5	13
14	PHL	Phillipines	5	3	5	13
14	IRL	Ireland	4	4	5	13
14	CHL	Chile	5	4	4	13
14	URY	Uruguay	5	4	4	13
14	KSV	Kosovo	5	3	5	13
14	NOR	Norway	5	3	5	13
14	GBR	United Kingdom	5	3	5	13
14	POL	Poland	5	3	5	13
14	KAZ	Kazakhstan	5	4	4	13
14	PER	Peru	5	4	4	13
14	KOR	Korea, Republik of	5	3	5	13
14	ARM	Armenia	5	4	4	13
14	COL	Colombia	5	4	4	13
14	SVK	Slovak Republic	5	4	4	13
14	GEO	Georgia	4	4	5	13
14	ALB	Albania	5	4	4	13
14	TWN	Taiwan	4	5	4	13
14	DNK	Denmark	5	3	5	13
14	BGR	Bulgaria	5	3	5	13
14	GAB	Gabon	4	4	5	13
14	MNE	Montenegro	5	4	4	13
14	GRC	Greece	5	3	5	13
14	CZE	Czech Republic	5	4	4	13
14	MKD	Macedonia	5	3	5	13
14	ETH	Ethiopia	5	3	5	13
14	PRT	Portugal	5	4	4	13

14	SEN	Senegal	4	5	4	13
44	CHE	Switzerland	4	5	3	12
44	ATG	Antigua and Barbuda	4	4	4	12
44	ISR	Israel	5	3	4	12
44	LVA	Latvia	4	4	4	12
44	ARG	Argentina	5	4	3	12
44	MEX	Mexico	4	4	4	12
44	ZMB	Zambia	4	3	5	12
44	LUX	Luxembourg	5	4	3	12
44	BGD	Bangladesh	5	3	4	12
44	NGA	Nigeria	4	4	4	12
44	DOM	Dominican Republic	4	4	4	12
44	GHA	Ghana	4	3	5	12
44	MUS	Mauritius	5	3	4	12
44	ROM	Romania	5	2	5	12
44	BIH	Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	4	3	12
44	ISL	Iceland	4	4	4	12
44	SLV	El Salvador	5	4	3	12
44	UZB	Uzbekistan	5	3	4	12
44	CHN	China	5	3	4	12
44	HND	Honduras	5	3	4	12
44	FIN	Finland	4	3	5	12
44	JAM	Jamaica	4	4	4	12
44	PRY	Paraguay	4	4	4	12
44	SRB	Serbia	5	3	4	12
44	VNM	Vietnam	4	4	4	12
44	ARE	United Arab Emirates	5	3	4	12
44	BFA	Burkina Faso	4	4	4	12
71	NPL	Nepal	5	2	4	11
71	BEN	Benin	3	4	4	11
71	HUN	Hungary	5	3	3	11
71	TUR	Turkey	5	2	4	11
71	AZE	Azerbaijan	5	3	3	11
71	TJK	Tajikistan	4	3	4	11
71	CYP	Cyprus	4	3	4	11
71	BLZ	Belize	4	3	4	11
71	PAN	Panama	4	3	4	11
71	LAO	Laos	5	3	3	11
71	MWI	Malawi	4	4	3	11
71	THA	Thailand	4	3	4	11
71	NIC	Nicaragua	4	3	4	11
71	UKR	Ukraine	5	3	3	11
71	ECU	Ecuador	4	4	3	11
71	BOL	Bolivia	4	3	4	11
71	KEN	Kenya	4	3	4	11
71	IDN	Indonesia	5	2	4	11
71	BLR	Belarus	5	3	3	11
90	LKA	Sri Lanka	4	2	4	10

90	LSO	Lesotho	2	3	5	10
90	PAK	Pakistan	4	3	3	10
90	CRI	Costa Rica	4	3	3	10
90	NZL	New Zealand	2	4	4	10
90	NER	Niger	4	3	3	10
90	OMN	Oman	5	2	3	10
90	KHM	Cambodia	4	3	3	10
90	VEN	Venezuela	4	3	3	10
90	KGZ	Kyrgyz Republic	4	3	3	10
90	SWZ	Swaziland	4	2	4	10
90	RUS	Russia	5	2	3	10
90	ZAF	South Africa	4	2	4	10
90	MAC	Macau	4	3	3	10
90	LTU	Lithuania	4	3	3	10
105	MLT	Malta	4	2	3	9
105	UGA	Uganda	4	3	2	9
105	HKG	Hong Kong	3	3	3	9
105	MMR	Burma/Myanmmar	4	2	3	9
105	JPN	Japan	4	2	3	9
105	MOZ	Mozambique	4	2	3	9
105	GUY	Guyana	4	2	3	9
105	MLI	Mali	2	3	4	9
105	IND	India	4	2	3	9
105	SLE	Sierra Leone	4	2	3	9
105	EST	Estonia	3	3	3	9
105	TZA	Tanzania	4	2	3	9
105	SUR	Suriname	4	2	3	9
105	ABW	Aruba	4	3	2	9
105	FJI	Fiji	4	2	3	9
105	TGO	Togo	3	3	3	9
105	SGP	Singapore	4	3	2	9
105	RWA	Rwanda	2	3	4	9
105	NAM	Namibia	2	3	4	9
105	MYS	Malaysia	4	1	4	9
125	LCA	St. Lucia	2	3	3	8
125	SAU	Saudi Arabia	4	1	3	8
125	DJI	Djibouti	2	3	3	8
125	MAR	Morocco	4	1	3	8
125	COG	Congo, Republic of the	2	3	3	8
125	JOR	Jordan	4	1	3	8
125	TMP	Timor-Leste	2	2	4	8
125	EGY	Egypt	2	2	4	8
125	LBR	Liberia	2	3	3	8
125	TON	Tonga	4	3	1	8
125	MRT	Mauritania	4	1	3	8
125	CAF	Central African Republic	2	3	3	8
137	BWA	Botswana	2	2	3	7
137	VCT	St. Vincent and the	2	2	3	7

		Grenadines				
137	CMR	Cameroon	2	2	3	7
137	GMB	Gambia, the	2	2	3	7
137	AGO	Angola	2	2	3	7
137	GIN	Guinea	2	2	3	7
137	BDI	Burundi	2	2	3	7
137	PLW	Palau	2	2	3	7
137	QAT	Qatar	2	2	3	7
137	TTO	Trinidad & Tobago	2	2	3	7
137	GNB	Guinea-Bissau	2	3	2	7
137	GNQ	Equatorial Guinea	4	1	2	7
137	YEM	Yemen	3	1	3	7
137	BHR	Bahrain	4	2	1	7
151	BHS	The Bahamas	2	2	2	6
151	KWT	Kuwait	2	2	2	6
151	MDG	Madagascar	2	2	2	6
151	SYC	Seychelles	1	2	3	6
151	BRB	Barbados	2	2	2	6
151	SYR	Syria	2	2	2	6
151	COM	Comoros	2	2	2	6
151	TCD	Chad	2	2	2	6
151	ZAR	Congo, Democratic Republic of the	2	2	2	6
151	PNG	Papua New Guinea	2	1	3	6
151	AFG	Afghanistan	2	2	2	6
151	CIV	Cote d´Ivoire	2	2	2	6
151	ZWE	Zimbabwe	2	2	2	6
164	TUN	Tunisia	2	1	2	5
164	BRN	Brunei	2	1	2	5
164	HTI	Haiti	1	2	2	5
164	SDN	Sudan	2	1	2	5
164	KIR	Kiribati	2	1	2	5
164	LBY	Libya	1	2	2	5
164	MDV	Maldives	2	1	2	5
164	CUB	Cuba	2	2	1	5
164	IRQ	Iraq	2	1	2	5
164	TKM	Turkmenistan	2	1	2	5
164	LBN	Lebanon	2	1	2	5
175	SLB	Solomon Islands	1	1	2	4
175	IRN	Iran	2	1	1	4
175	ERI	Eritrea	2	1	1	4
175	DZA	Algeria	2	1	1	4
179	SOM	Somalia	1	1	1	3
179	PRK	North Korea	1	1	1	3
.	MNG	Mongolia		2	4	
.	ANT	Netherlands,Antilles				
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