

MLA Format For College Application Essay

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Slavery Today: Involuntary Domestic Servitude

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Samirah was trained to be a servant and brought from Indonesia to Long Island, New York in 2002. She thought she would be working for the Sabhnani family for decent wages—

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ould be able to send home to her family. Instead, she was “paid” \$100 a month
rs a day, seven days a week, but she never received any money. For a
nightmarish six years, she was exposed to the worst abuses Varsha Sabhnani could inflict,
including being starved, cut, and forced to eat her own vomit. Fortunately, she escaped, and she
told authorities not only about the abuses but also about her fellow victim, Enung, the Sabhnani’s
other domestic slave. The Sabhnanis, Hindu Sindhi immigrants from India, owned a perfumery
that they ran out of their home. They have been incarcerated for their abuses of Samirah and
Enung (Konigsberg). This horrifying case represents but one of thousands of similar human
rights abuses known as involuntary servitude—a very real form of slavery, for slavery applies to
any situation in which a person is not in control of his or her life. While slavery is outlawed
today in every country, it is still prevalent and c
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While slaves in America’s early history were generally limited to those from Africa, according to the U.S. Department of State’s *Trafficking in Humans 2010* report, the overwhelming majority of the 12.3 million migrant domestic workers forced into labor today are

women and girls from a variety of second- and third-world countries. They start out hoping to migrate from unstable situations in developing countries to find a better life. They believe that life can be better. According to the U.S. Department of Labor's *Domestic Servitude* report, domestic workers typically work without contracts or legal protection. These factors become worse when combined with the hardships these enslaved workers face, which include social isolation, a lack of privacy, no autonomy, and no pay. Hidden away in informal work settings, it is difficult for regulating bodies to make inspections. Because of these circumstances, it's not always possible to know what is going on or how to protect these workers from abuse.

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These modern day slaves endure abuse from their "employer-owners," who may take away their passports, withhold wages, prevent any contact with friends or family, and threaten deportation or even subject the slaves to physical and sexual abuse if they do not perform their domestic service. Other migrants who wish to find better economic opportunities are sometimes offered free travel to another country but through illegal methods. Then, because they came to a country illegally, these women often risk becoming forced labor victims. While the U.S. government has set up safeguards to try and protect these women so that all payment mechanisms are transparent and administered fairly, the system does not always work if the women came through illegal channels. They may be blackmailed when they try to report the abuse to law enforcement agencies. For these reasons, there is a vital need for the governments to be aware of involuntary domestic servitude and protect the powerless.

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