

## Peer Review

# Review of: "Understanding Bonded Labor: A Traditional System of Slavery in India"

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The text offers a clear and comprehensive examination of the issue of bonded labor, effectively addressing both its historical roots and current manifestations. The logical structure, beginning with an introduction and progressing through detailed explanations and examples, enhances readability and comprehension.

The inclusion of multiple references significantly bolsters the credibility and depth of the discussion. The historical context and contemporary examples are meticulously researched, providing a thorough understanding of the topic.

Moreover, the text adeptly conveys the severe impact of bonded labor on individuals and families. Descriptions of physical violence, mental suffering, and degrading treatment are both powerful and evocative, eliciting a strong emotional response from the reader.

The connection of bonded labor to the 16th Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) is particularly noteworthy, as it situates the problem within a broader global framework and underscores its relevance and urgency.

The text commendably highlights the lack of international attention as a key factor in the persistence of bonded labor and advocates for the dissemination of information to combat this issue. This proactive stance is commendable and has the potential to inspire readers to take action.

The detailed descriptions of specific forms of bonded labor in different Indian states, along with relevant statistics related to debts and loans, provide concrete evidence to support the arguments presented.

Here follow some suggestions for improvement-

The narrative would benefit from smoother transitions between paragraphs and sections. This can be achieved by incorporating linking sentences or phrases to maintain the flow of the text.

Some sections could be more concise to avoid repetition and maintain reader engagement. For instance, related points could be combined, or redundant information could be eliminated.

Ensure that all references are correctly cited in a consistent format. Providing a bibliography at the end of the article would be beneficial for readers who wish to explore the sources further.

Overall, the text is a well-researched and compelling examination of bonded labor. It effectively highlights its historical roots, current manifestations, and the need for increased international attention to address this pressing issue.

## **Declarations**

**Potential competing interests:** No potential competing interests to declare.