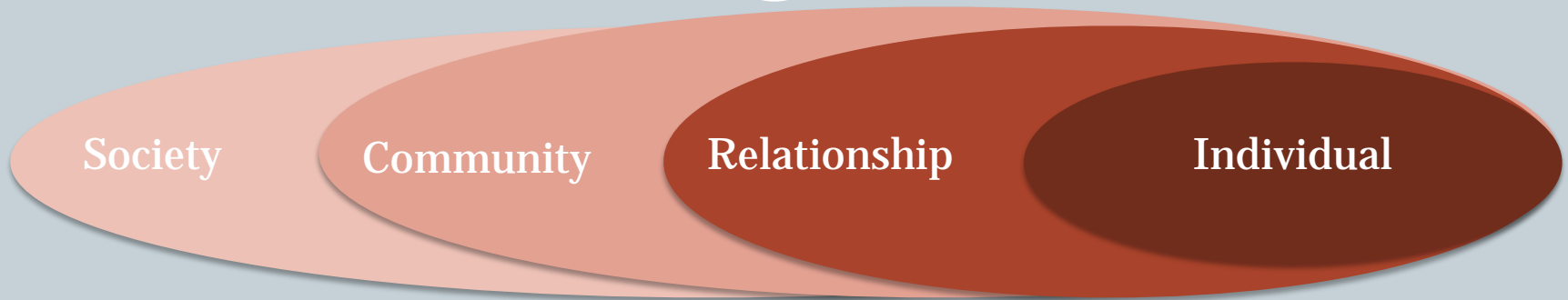


Risk Factors for Human Trafficking (Demand Side - johns & traffickers)

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- Hyper-sexualization of women and girls
- Social disparities
- Weak or unenforced laws and policies related to trafficking perpetration
- Weak laws and policies related to gender equality, incl prostitution laws*
- Norms supportive of male sexual entitlement, violence against women and children
- Community disorganization/weak community ties
- Limited economic opportunities
- Systems that facilitate the sale of victims, particularly online
- Lack of criminal justice system training and coordination
- Family and peers who support or don't speak out against the exploitation of women and children
- Gang involvement??
- Hx of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse
- Hx of witnessing violence in the home
- Adherence to rigid gender roles
- Acceptance of norms supporting sexual exploitation of women and children
- Overestimation of problem behavior in peers/others
- Lack of trafficking awareness (existence, harms)
- Lack of empathy??
- Substance abuse

*people providing sex arrested more often than johns/traffickers

Protective Factors for Human Trafficking (Demand Side)



- Respect for diversity and emphasis on equality
- High status of women
- High level of gender equity
- Policies that support children and families
- Societal norms and laws that discourage the exploitation of women and children
- Bonding with caring adults
- School/ community connectedness
- Available resources and opportunities
- Healthy community norms and expectations
- Programs that support children and families (ie, nurse-family partnerships, in-home interventions, etc)
- Family connectedness and/or attachment
- Positive peer relationships
- Family and peer norms that discourage the exploitation of women and children
- Viewing problem behavior disapprovingly
- A sense of self-efficacy
- Good emotional health
- Problem solving and conflict resolution skills
- ****note: all of these are for SV, as I could not find literature that explicitly bears this out for HT**

*I wasn't able to find research on protective factors for demand, so made inferences based on risk factors (i.e. these are NOT necessarily research-based)