



Harold D'Souza is a survivor of labor trafficking and debt bondage in the United States of America. Originally from India, Harold D'Souza is well educated and experienced in sales management. He has a Bachelors in Business and a Masters of Commerce from The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. Harold stepped down from a senior management position in order to pursue the American Dream which he believed was within his reach. Harold came to the U. S. following the advice and encouragement of a man who would become his trafficker. For over 18 months Harold was exploited at the hands of the human trafficker, losing his freedom and struggling to keep his family safe.

Today, Harold is a Survivor-Advocate and Public Speaker. His experience has given him a new purpose and meaning in life.

Harold is the co-founder of Eyes Open International, a non-profit focused on developing prevention efforts through survivor informed research. Today, Eyes Open International is an inspiration all over the world and Harold also sits on the Board of Directors for Justice at Last as well as remaining active in local anti-trafficking organizations and efforts.

United States President Barack Obama appointed Harold to the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking in 2015, and he has continued his service under President Trump through July 2020. He is also an expert consultant to the Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.



Harold strives to be the voice of courage, hope, and freedom for trafficking victims. He has been invited to speak throughout the United States as well as in India, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. He has spoken at Harvard University, and addressed the United Nation on the importance of recognizing and protecting vulnerable populations susceptible to trafficking. In 2017 he was awarded both the Liberator Award and the iCan award for his activism and work with other survivors. He has recently published a book titled *Human Trafficking: A Frog in a Well* and is currently working on the release of a biopic film.

Harold believes in fixing the problem rather than the blame, and believes nothing is impossible if he stays focused on his mission.

His favorite quotes include "I am a poor starter, but a strong finisher" and "Don't worry, be happy".

