

taken up in sporadic, sensationalist reports without ever delving into a deeper analysis of the root causes and factors of the problems, nor do they explore strategies for change and/or possible solutions. The media needs to consider women's perspectives and include the women's voices far more often in their reporting on violence issues and on the problem of trafficking in women. In covering these issues more accurately, the media could instead play an active role in sensitizing the public and raising awareness about trafficking in women and girls and the need to protect and ensure their basic human rights.

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¹The ASTRA SOS info hotline offers support and help for women who have been victims of trafficking, their families/friends, and also informs all interested individuals about the risks and prevention.

²Slobodan Milosevic lost the Presidential elections held on the 25th of September 2000, but refused to pass over the control of the state. On the 6th of October, the citizens of Serbia and the opposition parties organized a street demonstration. On that same day, Milosevic resigned.

³The "Yugoslav Team for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings" was the first official state institution dedicated to combating trafficking. It is made up of state institutions (such as the Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Social Welfare), international organizations (OSCE Mission in FRY, International Organization of Migration) and local NGOs dealing with trafficking (ASTRA, Counseling Against Family Violence, Victimology Society of Serbia). The aim was to collaborate on prevention programs, education, victim assistance and change of legislation. In 2002 it was transformed into the Republican Team of Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, working only at the Serbian republican level. Its biggest and most important achievement was in the field of legislation. In April 2003, the Republican Parliament adopted a new article in the legislation which classifies trafficking in human being as a criminal offence.

⁴The term "Shiptar" is used as an ethnic slur against Albanians in Serbia.

⁵In December 2000, the United Nations adopted the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime. With respect to children, it specifically states that "The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of a child for the purpose of exploitation shall be considered 'trafficking in persons'" and that a

"child" is "any person under eighteen years of age." The entire document is available online at: www.uncjin.org/Documents/documents.html

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I remember when everyone was heterosexual

I remember when everyone was
heterosexual
except maybe the bank manager's son and
the florist
when things like My Lai
made a peculiar Viet Nam kind of sense
because an enemy is an enemy is an enemy
but when I remember the cover of Time
magazine
and complicate it with all grown-up sorts of
understanding
William Calley's mistaken sex appeal lay
completely in his misshapen power not his
massacre
and when I remember the anxious walk
the horn-rimmed glasses on a nervous face
the laughter goes flat and I wince
we were vicious predatory little bitches
to taunt that poor queer and call him Oberon
king of the fairies
we knew our Shakespeare

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