



The new slave trade?

1. Listening comprehension

Make sure you know the meaning and the pronunciation of the following words and phrases.

- policy: political measure; attitude taken toward a certain issue
- clandestine: secret
- enforced labor: work that sb. is forced to do
- exploitation: Ausbeutung
- country of transit: a country that sb. passes through without settling there
- destination: place to which sb. is going
- estimate: a rough calculation
- hover: stay close to
- staggering: surprising
- prospect: hope for the future
- civil strife: civil unrest (Bürgerkrieg)
- diaspora: community (here: of migrants) within a larger community
- facilitate sth.: make sth. easier
- trafficking: buying and selling sth. illegally

Then **listen** to the interview (see separate audio-file) with Jean-Philipp Chauzy from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Geneva and **answer these questions**:

Info

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an intergovernmental organization. Its objective is to ensure the humane management of migration. It was established in 1951 and counts 127 states as members.

a) Which definition of the term 'migrant' is given?

Migrant: a person who works abroad for some time, a person who moves from one country to another in search of better work, or a person who is smuggled abroad and exploited

b) What are 'push factors' and 'pull factors'? Give examples of both.

Push factors: the (bad) situation in the country of origin that 'pushes' people out of the country, e.g. lack of jobs, civil war, political problems

Pull factors: the (good) situation in the country of destination that 'pulls' migrants to it, e.g. better employment opportunities or an already-formed new community in the country of destination (diaspora)

c) According to Mr. Chauzy, what is the worst form migration can take?

Worst form of migration: organized criminal networks that smuggle people across borders illegally to exploit them. This is not only criminal, but can even be physically dangerous (e.g. prostitution) and makes it impossible for the illegal immigrants to integrate into the host society.

2. Evaluation

Discuss whether or not 'slave trade' is an appropriate term for networks that smuggle illegal immigrants. State your opinion in at least 5 sentences.

- individual answers -