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Speakers Lab 123

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Audience Adaptation

 **Thesis: Today I will tell you about the sad truth of sexual trafficking in Indiana, how it is a racial and age issue, and how we can educate students in our IPS school systems to prevent this.**

 I chose this topic for my speech because it was something that really jumped out at me. I’d heard that sexual trafficking existed in the United States of America, but when I looked into it more the truth of the matter broke my heart. Because of the profound impact it made on me, I decided I wanted to do my speech on this topic to learn more about it and find a way to stop it. I also found it was a racial issue because of the percentile of African American victims in the sexual trafficking industry, so this topic tied in perfectly with our theme as well.

 I was aware that my audience may have friends who experienced sexual trafficking or assault or had had that happen to them, so I made sure to warn my class before my speech. Additionally, I also made a point to not give any grotesque details regarding sexual trafficking, or any graphic photos. I tried to make my topic as professional as possible, using evidence that seemed very credible, and materials from government organizations or organizations bent on stopping sexual trafficking, while still touching on the emotions of my audience.

 I also picked an action that would resonate well with my audience, for it is relatively easy to read and sign an online petition, and it’s something my classmates are likely to do. Plus, many of my audience members lived/live in Indianapolis, and many of them attended IPS schools, so they have a connection toward my proposed solution for preventing sexual trafficking of children.

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