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# Child Labor-Moral Choice

- **Is child labor necessary in developing country??**
- **Child Labor uses in Developing countries... Moral Dilemma in Western Society?**



# The United States Superimposing Labor Laws in Developing Countries.

- **Would eliminating the use of child workers help or hinder developing countries economic growth?**
- Children that work on the streets are drawn to the economic benefits, not because they are being exploited. But because it is a better option than other income options.



A 12-yr old boy sells finger puppets on the steps of Cusco cathedral while still carrying his school material in a back pack. (Bromley, Mackie)

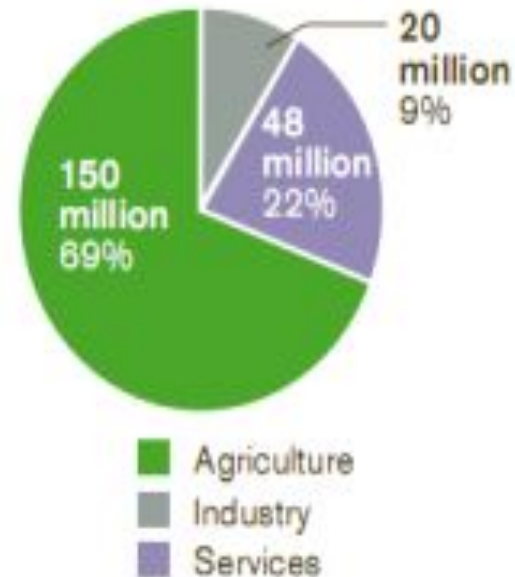
# The Risk and Benefits of Child Labor

- **Street Workers**
  - **Risks:** “motor vehicle injuries, drug addiction, fatigue, malnutrition, sexual abuse and death.”
  - **Benefits:** “Children develop a repertoire of survival strategies as a response to the marginalization and subordination. Also, creativity, freedom, financial benefits, and experience a hybrid between work and play.

# The Risks and Benefits of Child Labor

- **Rural/agricultural, Factory and service sector work**
  - **Risks: fracture and amputations of fingers, toes or entire limbs, head injuries and other disabling mishaps are frequent as in maltreatment and long-term damage to a child's nervous system.**
  - **Benefits: Positive outcomes from work done such as pride in their contribution to their families' economic security.**
  - **"According to the Human Rights Watch (2002), the majority of working children in the world are engaged in agriculture."**

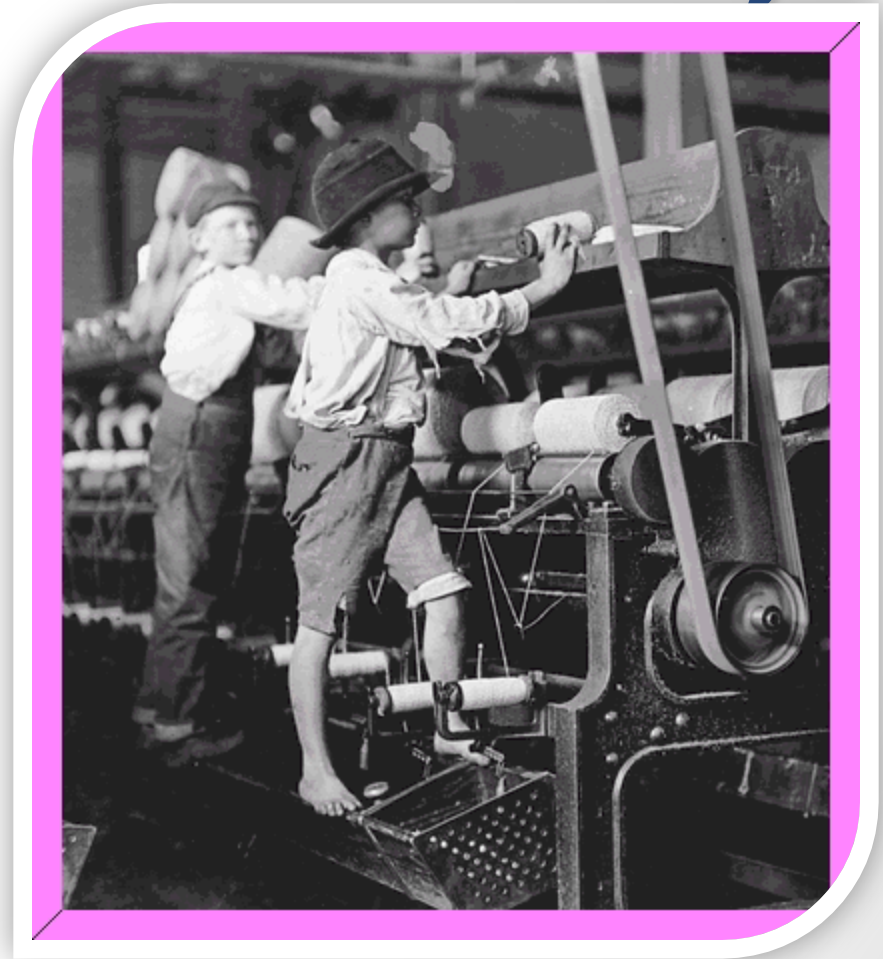
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# The United States History

- In 1900, 18% of laborers were under the age 16 (Trattner)
- Children were employed in cotton mills, farms, and factories, because of their small size and versatility.
- The use of Children in factories helped the United States economic growth and directed it to the Industrial Revolution.



# Conclusion, Do the Risks Outweigh the Benefits?


- Children in developing countries have the opportunity to attend morning classes, and still reap the benefits of working in the afternoon.
- If developed countries continue to superimpose child labor laws, child/families will seek other forms of income, which leads them into illegal forms of income.
- The ability for a child to successfully and legal earn income is detrimental to their health and success.





# Thank You!

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