

# Pay for Parts: How Incentivized Donations Target and Harm the Poor

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**ABSTRACT:** Organ sale on the black market has become a large source of revenue for crime syndicates. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that these clandestine surgeries account for nearly 10% of the live donor transplants globally, but often occur in abysmal conditions. Though some have proposed a system of legalizing organ trade in order to better control the system and protect donor rights, others have decried the system of only protecting wealthy interests. Consulting the expertise of economists, journalists, and ethicists, this paper examines the complexity of the organ donation market and the at-risk low-income populations who are disproportionately more likely to become donors.