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Abstract

This research shows how metropolitan cities throughout the United States are continuously impacting the lives of ethnic minorities.

In the United States, Latina/o individuals have been born into socioeconomic vortexes. In other words, they have grown up in areas where secure jobs have disappeared and a variety of other factors force them to live in damaged communities that do not foster economic and social progression.

By analyzing several works of literature written by Latina/o authors who lived in barrios that faced these challenges, as well as research addressing crime and the lack of law enforcement in marginalized neighborhoods, we have come to several conclusions. Primarily, there have been purposeful decisions to abandon Latino urban spaces by removing public services and neglecting educational needs.

In addition, individuals as well as corporations that offer secure and legitimate jobs have disappeared and a variety of other factors force them to live in damaged communities that do not foster economic and social progression.

The family begins to mirror the destruction of the environment and when they began to see the community as profitability dictates. But from the standpoint of people who live there, such places may be the focus of particular loyalties.

Conclusion

The community became urbanized when its members began to mirror the destruction of the environment and when they began to see themselves as wage workers.

Future Investigation: A possible solution to the socioeconomic vortexes is to interrupt the repetitive cycle of violence and poverty by removing families from these deteriorating neighborhoods and relocating them to non-urbanized communities that foster prosperity.

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