# Gentrification

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# What is Gentrification?

The process of repairing and rebuilding homes and stores in a deteriorating area that often results in the displacement of residents who have already lived in the area. (Usually low class residents)

# Positive Effects

- Lower crime rate
- More job opportunities
- Reduction of unused homes

# Negative Effects

- Displacement of businesses and residents
- Culture being taken away
- Increase in rent
- Lack of cultural diversity

# Gentrification doesn't only occur in the US

- Cape Town, Africa
- Argentina
- Israel
- Mexico

These areas used to be filled with suburban houses, and full of culture. But now that high rise buildings and businesses are being built, residents are becoming angry. Not only are these buildings taking away their homes, but their culture, also.

# Opinion #1

"Gentrification is inevitable and people need to make it equitable for the residents that already live there instead of kicking them out. People are coming from other places and coming into these neighborhoods, to complain that it isn't safe, or raise rent, and find excuses to kick out these current residents. A lot of times it's racist and a form of discrimination, especially in New York where most of these neighborhoods are full of Black and Latino people."

# OPINION #2

" It has its pros and cons. Neighborhoods are cleaner, but people are being forced out of their homes because of rent being too high, which is unfair."

"The world has a balance. There are always going to be lower class neighborhoods, middle class neighborhoods, and upper class neighborhoods. It's up to you to find out where you want to be."

# OPINION #3

"I feel that although it's helping the make the area in our community better, it's a disadvantage because it pushes out the very people who have helped build the community. It also takes away culture from these neighborhoods."

# Similarities

- Everybody felt like it was unfair to residents who are currently living there
- Raising rent is a bad idea
- They do agree that it make communities appear more cleaner and appealing

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This topic relates to my sustainable development goal because the goal is to improve neighborhoods and provide more resources such as more public spaces or more transportation. They want to make sure that residents are comfortable where they live.

# CONCLUSION

Gentrification brings in money and good investments into poor neighborhoods, but it doesn't help the old residents, it only helps the people building these new places, and the new residents moving in. The idea of gentrification is bad because prices goes up and with prices going up, people are either losing their homes or businesses or both, increasing the rate of homelessness, which is also a big problem. But, these business people are more focused on money than helping our residents

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