Low Income Housing and Its Harsh Defects

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Introduction
Housing throughout the world deserves to be clean, safe, and in a healthy environment, while providing opportunity and promoting wellness. These attributes are things we have discussed with our peers in our lectures. However the current section of housing within predominantly lower income areas aren’t receiving these basic needs that an environment requires to properly function. Our group decided to look into the various branches within a community and dissect the flaws in order to find the solutions for the struggling conditions within the Bronx.

Low Income Students in the Bronx
A person’s socioeconomic status often results from factors such as their social environment. These environments can include their academic institutions and homes. Studies have shown that students writing pieces throughout their educational careers reflect on aspects such as race/ethnicity, neighborhood characteristics, and students’ grade level affecting socioeconomic status. The socioeconomic status of students was affected by the change in parental education and family structure, which are major factors of societal change in the US. In this scenario, literature was used as a measurement of the individuals’ socioeconomic status. Conclusions inferred that the achievements of students were generally higher with persons of greater social classes.

Homelessness in NYC increasing

Why Are People Homeless?
- There is a growing shortage of affordable rental housing and a simultaneous increase in poverty.
- Homelessness and poverty are inextricably linked. If you are poor, you’re essentially only an illness, accident, or paycheck away from living on the streets.
- Reasons why homelessness persists include stagnant or falling incomes and less secure jobs which offer fewer benefits.
- A lack of affordable housing and the limited scale of housing assistance programs have contributed to the current housing crisis and to homelessness.

Gentrification
Gentrification is the process in which wealthy investors, mainly whites, move into urban territories to bring “change” into these areas. In reality, they are trying to force out the poor and low-income persons.

Conclusions
Your social environment has a noticeable affect on how an individual chooses to go about their success. If an individual is brought up in an environment where others are failing socially and economically, the chances of them continuing in similar patterns are high. For example, once you build networks with others of higher social status it is likely you will be linked to more persons of the same socioeconomic status, which in turn leads to a higher chance of success.

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