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I. Overview of the phenomenon of homelessness in America

It is necessary to understand what homelessness is before starting to study this problem. That is why this is the first step of the research.

A. The number of homeless people

One of the first criteria which make homelessness a problem in America is the number of homeless people. It is evident that if ten people were homeless in the whole country, it would not be a problem. However, researches show that the numbers are great, and this is the first reason which makes homelessness a great problem.

B. General picture of a homeless family

A homeless family differs from an ordinary American family. It has a number of peculiarities which characterize it as homeless. These characteristics should be described for a better understanding of the problem.

C. Children among homeless people

One of the worst things which can happen in any society is children's sufferings. Being homeless definitely poses a huge problem for children. This very fact makes the problem of homelessness more serious than one can imagine.

II. Causes of homelessness

Causes of homelessness have been studied by numerous researchers. Despite diverse points of view, two main groups of causes can be determined. These causes are social and economic.

A. Social causes

The majority of researchers agree that the main causes of homelessness are of social nature. The researchers refer the following causes to this group: one-parent families, teen pregnancy, substance addiction, kicking out of the house, difficult family, and others.

B. Economic causes

As for the economic causes, the researchers confirm that every change in the domestic market, even the smallest one, leads to great changes in people's quality of life. One more economic problem which is associated with homelessness and is observed mainly in rural regions is poverty.

III. Related problems

Such a global problem as homelessness cannot be ignored, as it causes various related problems.

A. Social problems

It is evident that some social factors cause social problems. One of the most important social problems is that ordinary people do not accept homeless ones and, as a result, refuse to help them. Among other social problems which are

caused by homelessness are deviant behavior, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, and increase in unemployment rates.

B. Educational problems

As a rule, homeless children show worse performance at school due to understandable reasons. One of the most widespread causes can be indifference of parents who do not take care of their children. Badly developed communication skills, as well as poor memory, also affect children's performance. One more cause can be retardation of children as a result of lack of attention and normal upbringing.

C. Health problems

This group of problems includes both physical and psychological illnesses. Life conditions, daily routine, and social problems can cause numerous diseases, starting from flu to deep depressions.

IV. Possible solutions to the homelessness in America

It is evident that such a great problem as homelessness cannot be left without being solved. Some of the solutions are represented in the research work.

A. Social solutions

These solutions to the problem of homelessness are in the form of people's actions. People can invest in building houses for the homeless, arrange meetings with homeless people, and ask social services to pay more attention to the problems of the homeless. Finally, the government can contribute to solving this problem.

B. Prevention of homelessness

Whatever problem humanity faces, the easiest way to solve it is to prevent it. That is why the provision of programs which are aimed at preventing children, young people, and adults from homelessness will be the best solution.

Research question:

1. How can the phenomenon of homelessness in America be estimated on the basis of causes of its appearance, common problems, and possible solutions?