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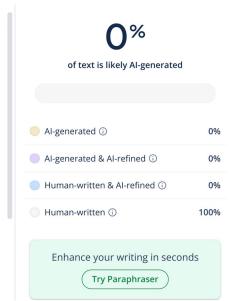
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The so called "hustle" culture glorifies "burning the midnight oil," but lack of sleep doesn't boost productivity it destroys it. Research from Harvard says that sleep deprivation costs the U.S. economy \$63 billion per annum in lost performance. Why? Because sleep loss weakens focus, memory, and creativity. Solving problems while exhausted is like driving a car with no fuel. By sacrificing sleep, we sabotage the very goals we aim to achieve. Moreover, chronic sleep deprivation disrupts hormones, weakens immunity, and increases stress. It can lead to weight gain, frequent illnesses, and mental health disorders like anxiety and depression. Young professionals who sacrificed sleep to meet deadlines. Over time, have developed health issues.

So what can we do to reclaim our rest and well-being? Point one prioritize sleep hygiene. Set a consistent bedtime routine, limit screen exposure before bed, and create a calming environment. Recognize the importance of balance; true success comes from sustainable habits, not endless hustle. Advocate for workplace policies promoting rest, like Google's nap pods, which prove investing in employee well-being boosts performance. Small changes can lead to big results—both personally and professionally. Remember, every minute of sleep is an investment in your future self. Ladies and gentlemen, sleep is not a luxury—it's a need. It's the foundation of physical health, mental clarity, and emotional resilience. By addressing sleep deprivation, we can reclaim productivity, enhance well-being, and lead better lives. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "The future depends on what you do today." Let's value sleep as a cornerstone of success. Thank you, and I sincerely hope that this talk of mine has enlightened you so that u take the matter of sleep very seriously!