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In her book titled Self-Devouring Growth: A Planetary Parable as Told from Southern Africa, Julie Livingstone strives to provide an acute illustration of the situation in Botswana and how this can interfere with the country's need to move forward. The country is used to illustrate how human beings are failing to win a battle that requires them to survive and ensure that their planet can support them. It is imperative to note that Botswana's economy has been bad, and people need to ensure that they learn from what took place in this country with rich resources. The situation in Botswana is dire, and the way to save the country is not through only economic growth as capitalism has made it seem.

One of the major factors that have led to the situation in Botswana is the lack of better planning. Lack of proper planning by Botswana's government has been the main reason the country has not attained its full potential. People had no jobs and ways of ensuring that they could affect their basic needs (Livingstone, 2019). One needs to note that these are problems that could have been avoided under proper leadership. Therefore, certain things need to be considered when it comes to helping the people in this country get things under control. As mentioned in the thesis, many specialists believe that economic growth is the only way this country can overcome its current struggles and get back to being one of the biggest economies in the region (Livingston, 20190. Livingston's information in her book strives to differ from this method, citing that more needs to be done rather than fueling economic growth only.

Economic growth has been sufficient when it comes to helping countries overcome their issues and get back on track to control the well-being of their people. However, what took place in Botswana requires more than just getting things back in control. For a long time, man has been striving to ensure that he gets the best out of the world. The problem with this struggle has been that the world is also slowly dying as it struggles to support life. Human activities are causing issues such as global warming due to the aggressive economic activities adopted by people (Livingston, 2019). The solution to the problem is ensuring that a system recognizes the relationships between plants, humans, non-human beings, and minerals. Learning of the connection between these factors is crucial towards a solution that will not undermine the world's well-being. Economic growth in South Africa was fueled by the need to get as many mines as possible, as this was seen as the best way to become rich. It did become wealthy at the expense of the earth's well-being (Livingston, 2019). In addition to this, there are still people languishing in poverty in the South, indicating that aggressive economic growth is not the best answer.

Consequently, people need to come up with ways through which they can become or remain wealthy while at the same time taking care of the planet. The earth needs to be healthy if future generations enjoy living on it as many have in the past and present. Proper planning is required to ensure that Botswana gets back on track.

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