

## Poverty

If we coequal poverty with an illness, it would be the kind of illness worse than cancer. Doctors are doing their best, researching to find the cure, and lessen the deaths due to this illness. But with poverty, the higher-ups are trying their best not to get rid of it. The reason for this is no other than the root of all evil, money. Everyone is having the battle of trying to be rich. It could have been fine if people lift each other but no, instead, whenever someone gets a step higher, they are dragged down. Indeed what is happening is abusing the abused and making the rich richer. In this game they play, the poor are the losers. The economy is advancing as well as poverty. If we compare these two categories and put them in a graph, we could probably see the battle of lines with the two. I would like to believe that the rate of poverty is higher than ever before but there's this side of me that would not. As an opinion, the battle of the traditional and modern way is still on that is why we cannot get rid of poverty. The general history of the country is being brought to the present, like the suffocation that existed can be seen until now. Those times where there are people who are not treated as humans. I think we should all know that it is very much possible that the rate of poverty from the past centuries is not as close to how accurate it is now because of technology. Technology skyrocketed that even events that are not of a big deal are recorded and can be accessed easily by commoners.

There is no such country as safe from poverty, the only difference is that some countries experience it more than the others. No matter how much we adore America, and almost every Filipino has this dream to be able to migrate there, we cannot deny the fact that the poverty rate there is higher than the Philippines. In fact, as of 2020, they ranked 4<sup>th</sup> with the highest poverty rate of all countries having 17.8%. The problem here is that the system is so doomed that instead of helping those people experiencing poverty, they focused on helping the rich and make their wealth as stable as possible. They made so much money, and all the money are kept on Wall Street which made this problem arise. The money they made could have helped the people experiencing poverty to get out of it by making the money roll and keep it increasing for the better of the country but they did not. They are not interested in making the country better but in contrast to making the rich richer. Because of this a lot of people lost so much, their life savings and some

of those life savings were someone's everything. Additionally, banking mistakes and error takes place. When they just simply sell all loans, give it to everyone who wants without considering if the person can pay for it. Poverty is one of the aftermaths of every crisis. As stated in the documentary, the government lies to people when they say they will get their job back after such an event. Truthfully it would not. You need to work even twice as you did before to survive and get things back together. The new days are not coming back but rather upgrading like an application that has add-ons to fix bugs. Millions of people die because of how the system works and it is immoral. The economy is too unequal that almost everything, the benefits, etc., not equally distributed causing an increase in the poverty rate.

To sum up everything, the homeless are homeless not because they wanted to. It is because they are left with no choice. Living in the streets is horrible according to the homeless, you wake up at dawn and it is unsafe. At first, they thought the government would help them as they said, but money is not helping. There is even a place in California, in Orange County where people are treated as criminals for being homeless. They are given tickets for sleeping on the streets. Imagine that kind of life where you are already in need and they ask you for what you do not have. The government seems to be unstoppable and they are in their world of trying to make each other as rich as possible. Hoping that a change would come when everyone is giving a hand to anyone with no hesitations and without expecting in return.