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**Assignment #10**

**10 Major Problems in the World:**

1. **Refugees** - In 2013 around 10.4 million people were forced to flee from their nation to another location. A person's racial background, political opinion, religious views and many other reasons forces them to seek livelihood in other nations making it a huge issue faced by the world today.
2. **Political & Social Instability** - Many countries are experiencing significant problems of trust and mutual obligations between states and citizens. This has resulted in state collapse, internal violence, regional instability and military conflicts.
3. **Climate Change** - Climate change may be one of the greatest threats facing the planet. These increasing temperatures in various regions, are increasing extremities in weather patterns.
4. **Population Growth** - Global human population growth amounts to approximately 75 million annually making population growth one of the most severe problems in the world. With growing population, the world has to suffer from other bigger issues like unemployment, poverty and shortage of natural resources.

5. **Unemployment** - Unemployment is one of the biggest issues facing us today, and we can't rely on growth alone to fix it. Unemployment locks people in poverty. It makes us less able to generate economic growth in future, as people lose skills and become unemployable.
6. **Poverty** - Poverty is the state for the majority of the world's people and nations. Approximately 1.29 billion people in the world are living in absolute poverty.
7. **Water Crisis** - Lack of pure drinking water represents the biggest threat facing the world today. There are lots of people who are forced to drink infected water in order to relieve their hunger.
8. **War & Terrorism** - War is very common in the world today. Wars have been the cause of ruining human civilizations. Wars have make damages to the world that we are still recovering from today. Terrorism leave people in fear and terror.
9. **Gender Equality** - Equality between men and women in all aspects of life, from access to health and education to political power and earning potential, is fundamental to whether and how societies thrive.
10. **Drug Abuse** - A large number of youths are prone to drug abuse. Peer pressure, family issues or an urge to experience a thrill are few of the reasons for the increase of this bad habit.

### **Five Social Equity Topics**

1. **Increasing building Efficiency** - Programs will require regulations to foster green buildings. This will create greener communities, improving environmental quality and reducing the impacts of development on the natural environment.

2. Zero Waste to Landfills - This will increase recycling and composting, while phasing out styrofoam and plastic bags. The council banned the use of styrofoam containers starting a year from now. The cities goal is to keep 75% of waste out of landfills by 2030.
3. Create affordable housing units - This will accommodate the population growth projected to 9 million residents. It will help residents with living in an affordable community.
4. Transportation - Transportation will be more accessible. Allowing the average person to commute to work or school via mass transit within 45 minutes. This will also target emissions cuts caused by cars.
5. Bike Share Program - Expanding the cities bike share program allows people to access them at over 600 stations and counting in the boroughs. It has increased the Public Transit System, while keeping it economically friendly.