

Poverty Paper Part B

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Interview

The person that I was honored to interview for my paper is named Vlatko Benko. Vlatko Benko is my father and he faced a lot of challenges and events growing up in poverty in a different country. Vlatko Benko has influenced me a lot through his actions and being there every day of my life. I grew up in the same household with him and he influenced me in every way possible. I would say that I could not be who I am today without him in my life. He is a part of who I am. When I asked the questions about poverty to Vlatko Benko, he seemed a little uncomfortable with the situation, but was still able to open up well. He mentioned growing up in poverty all his life until he came to America and made something more of himself. He said he actually appreciates things more because of poverty. He also mentioned that poverty can be a cycle if you are lazy and do not change anything. He said that you have to be determined and willing to sacrifice and work hard to get where you want to be. Overall, he mentioned that his experience was eye opening. He had many challenges, but overcoming them brought great success and feeling of control in his life. He stated that his family was never lazy, but always working. They struggled, but made it through eventually.

I believe that Vlatko Benko adheres to the social perspective of poverty more. This is what added to this struggle, which was the lack of education and the cause and effect of poverty that tends to be a cycle and hard to break. Vlatko Benko's views are very similar to my own views. The way that it is similar is that I do believe that once you conquer this poverty, you tend to appreciate things a lot more. Both Vlatko and I learned a lot of it and understood things more after we encountered poverty. We both do not really have any differences on this aspect of poverty. The political party has a big influence on poverty right now. I believe that we are at a point that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer and they are said to be lazy. At the rate that

we are going the wealthy have the benefit and will just keep succeeding, while the poor will fall under.

I believe that my upbringing, education, and experience has taught me a lot about understanding poverty more deeply and to not be just bias. I do agree that there are deserving and undeserving poor. However, many people talk about poverty being a cycle. I do think that is a big issue that contributes to more and more poverty. However, I feel like it is possible to get out of. I believe you have to be determined and really want something to work hard to get it. My experiences have taught me that not everyone is treated fairly either. There are some in poverty that are just taking advantage of what the government offers, when those services could be given to others that truly do need it. As a future social worker, I want to implement and research ways that I can help my community to becoming better and focusing on people who are sometimes overlooked. I want to focus on not being bias and just understanding that everyone needs something and the reason behind their state may have many other reasons. Studying this topic has really inspired me to do so much more than I imagined. It showed me how different perspectives are in society and how these things may affect and discriminate others. This topic opened my eyes to the bigger picture and to see that there are many causes to poverty. I learned that not everyone is the same, therefore everyone has a different case and reason.