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GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR INCREASES!



Many people move to Mexico City searching for work to feed and support their families. A lot has changed in the past couple of decades, big corporations are hard to compete with when it comes to farming because they can purchase big machinery, land, processing plants, and more. It is almost impossible for small farmers to make a living because large corporations can produce things cheaper.

They grow things in bulk and can afford all the machinery that can automate manual tasks. This has led to families in Mexico fleeing to Mexico City in search of work. The amount of jobs in Mexico City can't keep up with the growing population. This leads to the poor living in slums with little to nothing to their names, and the rich getting richer. There are many beautiful parts to Mexico City, but many parts and problems can be easily overlooked.

Almost 1/3 of the population in Mexico City are poor. 17% are poor, 10% are working poor, 30% have comfortable living conditions (though still tight on money), and the rest have a stable income. But less than 1% of the population have the majority of the money. Meaning that if you were to split all the money equally, everyone would have a comfortable place to live and not have to worry if they can pay the bills, buy food, or send their children to school.

Most children don't go to school because they're working a job to get extra money to support their family. Most people don't get an education past 8th grade. This leads to a majority of the population working low level jobs due to a lack of education. The problem with that is there aren't enough jobs that don't require at least a high school education, leading to even less money for the poor. This is something that happens in a loop where people can't get a good education and therefore are very limited to the jobs they can work. Most people are working 5 jobs and still don't make enough to feed their family. 30% of people have to work 16-18 hours every day and come back with little to nothing. On top of that, 87% of the people who work 16-18 hours every day live in slums with only 10% having running water.