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Can Success be Home-Made?

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It is not easy to wake up, turn on the TV and hear that more than a hundred police officers were murdered last month. It is not easy to take the newspaper after leaving home and finding out that you are earning less because you have a valueless currency. It is hard to imagine that after working all day you should go and spend an average of three hours waiting in a lane outside a supermarket, waiting to get main necessity products. But what is really hard to believe is how the way that Venezuelans used to picture success has been changed by a complementary action between government and society.

The last few years have been hard for Venezuelan people. They have been facing the consequences of a corrupt administration, a rising inflation that it is estimated to reach 200% as *The Economist* established in “Muddled, yet united” (2015) and the complete abandon of an autocratic government. The last few years have changed Venezuelan people, not only in the way they behave, but also in the way they think. Speaking in a more specific way, they have changed Venezuelans approach to success. While ten years ago the way to become successful was working for the changes you wanted to see in your country, now for the majority of the Venezuelan population the way to achieve success is no longer trying to change your surroundings, but to find the ideal conditions somewhere else.

It is due to the new approach to success and also the unstable and volatile situation that Venezuela is facing that society is encouraging and praising the teens and young adults that are about to leave the country to start a new life abroad. It is not a lie that lately Venezuela is facing one of the most dramatic rates of emigration as it is shown by Anitza Freitez, Ph.D. of Demography, (2011) “In 2005-2010, the number of Venezuelan residents abroad climbed from 378,000 to 521,000.”

However the stunning emigration numbers do have an explanation; as it was mentioned before, a correlative work between government and society affected the approach of success for Venezuelans. Since the government started with a strike of expropriations, the possibilities of developing in Venezuela where starting to fall more and more, as it can be seen in Gerardo

Cárdenas (2011) “between 2009 and 2010 there were 422 seizures of companies, almost the same amount of expropriations than in the first eight months of 2011” the seizures of these companies made the working environment really hostile, filled with fear, and uncertainty. This started to build up the idea in Venezuela residents that staying was a risky action where their success was endangered, concern that started modifying the traditional approach to success Venezuelans used to have.

Focusing in the society, it is common to hear how everything is going to get worse, how as a young adult you should find your own way out of that madness. This is causing an overturning effect where a significant part of the population, as it is the young people, is underestimating the potential of their country making up their minds that leaving is the only way out, and blurring the idea of developing a country. We have the example of the youth thoughts in the statement of Noel Poler (2013) “Today's Venezuela is a nightmare in many levels. You have great memories of a place no longer exists, of a very different society, and it pains you to see what it has become. From an easygoing, informal, relax place, where you could work around any issue, to a place with a crumbling infrastructure, self-imposed 6pm curfew, in the edge of civil war.” It is usual in Venezuelan people to only highlight the negative aspects, instead of thinking how they can be changed.

Nowadays Venezuela is embracing itself for a shortage of young and capable workforce is preparing to live a lack of people with the capacity to make the changes that are needed. Citizens that had left Venezuela due to the actions of an autocratic Government and the society both have worked individually for a same goal. The outcome of that work was planting in the youth population the desire to search for something better outside instead of making better the place where they are from. Because being successful in Venezuela is actually a goal that has been underestimate for a majority of people. In this tough times Venezuelan people should keep in their minds that the only ones with the capacity and the power to make a significant and positive change are themselves. They are the responsible of aiming that success and targeting it to a better Venezuela constructed by all citizens together. In the words of Mark Black “Success means leaving the world a little bit better because I was here.”

My Culture Shock in the US

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Second Place

As a foreign student, I came to the US, having studied on American campus and lived with an American family since August 2015. During the two months, I observed my surroundings, did a cultural survey, and had conversations with American students. I experienced lots of culture shock in terms of the differences between daily Taiwanese life and daily American life such as greeting, shopping, traffic rules, and schools.

When I came to the US, the first instance of culture shock that I experienced was the different ways people engage in conversations. In the beginning of a conversation, Americans are used to smiling and asking "how are you?" This greeting is not only for acquaintances but also for strangers, which can include pedestrians, clerks, waiters, and staff. After greeting, they start discussing what they would like to share with each other. At the end of a conversation, in addition to saying "see you" or "bye," they would also say "have a good day." Compared to the US, the Taiwanese say "hi" or "hello" to acquaintances without asking "how are you" and then start chatting. We always say "see you" or "bye-bye" to end a conversation without saying "have a good day." I think the great difference is we feel embarrassed when looking in to a stranger's eyes. Therefore, we would not typically smile and greet to strangers. When I came here in August, it took a little time to get myself accustomed to it. Trying to smile all of the time while greeting or passing by strangers was very tiring since I was not used to it.

The second aspect of culture shock is the way that Americans shop at grocery stores. When customers in the US check out, they can slide their credit cards or debit cards by themselves instead of cashiers. After checking out, they usually use grocery stores' plastic bags to pack their goods. In my experience, if customers with special needs such as the elderly, expectant mothers, and people carrying their children need to be helped out to their cars with their purchases, employees at grocery stores usually help them on their own initiative. Unlike the US, cashiers at Taiwanese supermarkets have to slide shoppers' credit cards or debit cards. Shoppers in Taiwan often bring their own bags because we have to pay NT\$1 for each supermarkets' plastic bag. It is an eco-friendly policy for decreasing the amount of plastic bags. Regarding the shoppers' requirements, Taiwanese people differ from Americans. We usually do not ask them to help us out with our goods.

The third example of culture shock is the traffic rules which are the priority of pedestrians, ambulances, and fire trucks. First, in the US, when people walk in the parking lots, on campus, and on crosswalks, American drivers always let them go through first, and pedestrians can take their time to cross roads. On the contrary, in Taiwan, drivers do not value pedestrian crossing as much as drivers

in the US do. We only abide by traffic lights. As a result, when we would like to cross roads wherever there was no traffic lights such as in parking lots and on campus, we check carefully to see whether cars are coming. If a car is coming, we need to cross quickly otherwise drivers may wonder why we walk so slowly and sound their horns. Therefore, when I just came here, I tried to get accustomed to it because I could not help letting cars drive through first. So far, I still cross roads as fast as I can because I think it would bother the drivers if I took my time to do it. Second, the priority of ambulances and fire trucks in the US surprises me. When they drive with their sirens on, every driver in front of them must park their cars along the curb until the ambulances or fire trucks drive past them. I even see some cars parking on sidewalks or traffic islands. I very much admire this lawful obligation. On the other hand, Taiwanese drivers would not stop but drive to other lanes to let emergency vehicles pass as soon as possible. I think the reasons are the roads in Taiwan are narrower, have less lanes while having more cars and pedestrians. If cars in Taiwan stopped beside curbs, on sidewalks, or on traffic islands, it would create significant traffic disorder.

The last instance of culture shock is the differences in uniforms and cleaning methods between schools in Taiwan and some schools in the US. First of all, Taiwanese students must wear uniforms every weekday. Male students wear shirts and pants whereas female students wear shirts and skirts. We also have tracksuits for sports. Schools think wearing uniforms can make students spend less time on dressing up every day and have more time to concentrate on learning. Also, it is easier for teachers to recognize who students are when strangers enter the schools. In contrast, some American students can wear whatever they want in schools. I think that having the freedom to choose what students wear allows them to display their own personalities. Second, Taiwanese students have to clean their own classrooms and public areas every weekday. Teachers and schools check if we clean well every day and choose a first, second, and third prize every week. They think cleaning is a part of learning. However, American schools employ janitors to clean, and students do not need to do it. Experiencing culture shock is an interesting way to think what differences exist between Taiwanese daily life and American daily life. The different ways of conversation, shopping methods, traffic rules, and school rules make me adjust to a new society. Experiencing different cultures also makes me ponder why Taiwan has different norms and rules from the US. When I return to Taiwan, I think I may have to readjust to Taiwanese culture again.

My Experience in Gainesville

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RW40

I still remember my first day in Gainesville. I came here on the 29th of August in 2015 at night. I noticed from the first moment when I was on the plane looking to the city that it will be a small quiet city. That night was dark and the sky was full of stars. I felt that I suddenly became here. How every thing went very fast and finally I am here. I was emotionally affected because it was my first time I had to leave my family for along time. But I have a dream to follow and if you have a dream you will sacrifice some pleasures in your life. And definitely you will face new experiences and challenges in your way to achieve your dream.

Gainesville is a small city located in the north of Florida. The weather in Gainesville is too hot and humid. It rains a lot in this city. Carrying an umbrella is important as much as carrying your wallet. There are many lakes around this city. These lakes are home for the gators and the city known as a city for them. Even the logo of the city football team is gators. However, the gators are not the only animals here. There are other animals such as bats, squirrels, snakes, spiders, birds, and insects.

Most of the people in Gainesville are nice and helpful. They are mannerly and always smiling. I have been in situations where I have needed help. For example, I got lost many times in the campus, so I had to ask some people for help, and they always did. Another example is using Uber. The drivers are so lovely. Most of them are respectful and did not take advantage of me. In addition, the bus drivers are kind and friendly. They help people with disabilities to get into the bus. Finally, most of the receptionist and sellers are cooperative and help people as if it was their duty.

After I came to Gainesville, my life totally changed. I was not used to having all of these responsibilities. In my country, my dad was paying the bills. However, now I have to pay them by myself. In addition, I have to shop grocery and cook, but in my country my mother was cooking, and my dad and the grocery driver, bringing the groceries home. Unlike in Saudi Arabia, here I have to take the responsibility to catch the bus at the right time and go to my classes and do not miss them.

Beside these changes in my life, living in Gainesville has affected me in many ways. First of all, as a person I became more independent and responsible. Now I can handle many things at the same time without being stressed. Second, as a student in the ELI I have met new people. Meeting new people from different countries has opened my mind and given me new dimension of the life. Finally, as a part of a family I have been grateful for having a family after being separated from them. I appreciate every moment I have spent with them.

I have been in this wonderful city for few months. My life and my personality have been changing. I have experienced many

challenges. To be candid it is great to be in a place like Gainesville and meet new people. I believe that having experience as this is a good opportunity to improve you from the all aspects.

Paris, je t'aime

Claudia Lanni
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Have you ever been in a magical place where you feel that all of your problems go away? Well, I have been. It is my favorite place; better known as the city of love, located many kilometers away from where I come from. To me, it's the best place in the whole world. There you can feel free like a bird, thanks to the view and the people. I know you will want to go. I'll tell you why it is the most beautiful place I've ever been.

Get on the plane. Wait ten hours patiently. Get off the plane. Finally, you are in the North of France, you are in Paris, and now I can tell you my incredible story. Two years ago, I made the same journey. My first impression was wonderful, when I saw the view. I walked in the street admiring the French architecture made by Hussmann after the First World War. Paris inspired me, in the night under the light; it was impacting to see the Eiffel Tower in the middle of the Champs Elysées. My eyes were full of stars, it was so beautiful. My dream was coming true. It was like if France already knew how to manipulate me, with thousands of the lights shining around me, the infinite buildings and houses, the painters drawing my caricature in the edge of the street, all of this. Are you in the Champs Elysées too? Do you want to go to the Louvre Museum? You have to. When I went there with my family, I thought it would be boring, but then I arrived and I understood why it is so famous: because all the pictures and sculptures were incredible. In addition, I learned a lot about France's history. Did you know that Louis XLI the last king of France used to live in the Louvre?

Nowadays, I still think about the freedom I felt being in Paris, it was better than anywhere in the world. You can walk in the streets and no matter the hour, you will feel safe. People in France are not the friendliest in the continent. However, several times the ambiance of the place makes them feel kinder. They taught me about their culture, encouraging me to learn about famous painters, like Claude Monnet and Eugène Delacroix, among others. In Paris, you can taste different kind of food and all of them will seem better than the one you had before; you will feel the glory. French bread is very famous and I can tell you why. When I went to one "Boulangerie", the smell of the hot "baguettes" surprised me. I asked for one croissant even if I was hoping to eat all the breads in the store. I ate it, and I felt the fantastic taste of the crunchy texture of the croissant I had in my hands. In that moment, French food grabbed me.

Finally, there are some reasons that makes me want to return to that magical place. As a city located in the fifth economic potential, it offers you a lot of opportunities. Also, it's the design's capital and a lovely place. If I go back to Paris I would like to take many pictures to remember the happiness I'll feel there. I'll enjoy every moment I'll spend there, because I'll be living in my best dream again. You'll be in my pictures too, because in that moment you're living in the same magical moments that Paris gives to you now like it gave me two years ago. We'll be eating a croissant, one baguette, or maybe one "pain au chocolat" to eat something different I never tried before. Perhaps, I will close a lock in the famous Bridge of Love with my future fiancé because I will be maybe in my honeymoon. After this, I'll be tasting a hundred "macarons", admiring the Parisians driving and walking, moving everywhere on the streets from the biggest Tower of Paris. Whatever it is, I will be happy because Paris makes me happy.

To conclude, you need to have a lot of patience to visit Paris, but I think that this amazing place worth visiting. I hope that this convinced you that Paris is the best place in the world. Not only because of the shining streets and the kind people, the food and the story catches you and finally, the place make you want to return there. If someone gives you the opportunity to live in the place of your dreams, would you accept and give away all your life to live there?

The Theory of Relativity

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RW52

My Father didn't cry. He was strangely calm from the beginning to the end. My mother, rather low, called my brother and me and said, "Your father became an orphan. You should be even nicer to your father than before from now on." It was the end of November, 2013 and something in the air said that winter was coming, when my grandmother followed grandfather who passed away when I was 5.

She had been laid up with palsy for 7 years. In retrospect, I do not think I did like the situation, because every day it had been my father's task, even though he has 4 more siblings, to take care of my grandmother such as bringing her to hospital from sanatorium, paying all the medical bills and insurance. I understood in my brain because she is my father's mother, but I could not get over it in my mind because I am his daughter and I could not understand why the only person who had heavy burdens was him. He had been doing everything silently without a complaint, except sometimes he would come back home, miserably drunk. I still love my grandmother and really miss her from time to time, I was just mad with her at that time.

Time flew and we lived each of our lives forgetting her for a long time. The moment seemed tranquil. After a year, we visited

her grave. When father was staring into an empty space, I asked him when he missed mom the most. He answered "Every day," and he continued, "On that morning when your grandmother died, I said to the doctor I could not take care of her anymore because it was too tough. I should have waited one more day, just one. I caused my mother to die." Only then he sobbed inconsolably.

Father cried. I was so startled and would never get rid of the memory. I could not think that existence of parents for me exists for my parents. Somehow I felt that they were born somewhere else and supernaturally not from my grandparents. Wrong. He was someone's little boy and there was a time he used to dream a lot. However, the dream vanished at some point and he became a father. It is not that he did not experience sadness, he just endured it because he is a father himself.

Life is relative. It seems to be fair, but it is a bit sad. There is no way to understand my father's life of being a son. So, maybe it is even sadder. Winter is coming. I wish them health and happiness even though I am on the opposite side of the earth.

A Gym at Apartment And the UF's Gym

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RW 40

Sports keep a person health and more actively. In addition it gives anyone the opportunity to build a good body, so looking good too. Walking and working out are the basic to being an athlete. A gym is the best place to working out, also to meet others that have same interesting. Here in Gainesville, the University of Florida has its gym, also in every complex apartment there is a gym too. UF's gym is similar to any other an apartment gym in purpose, but they differ in the size, superior equipments, and much of people.

Unlike an apartment gym, the UF's gym is bigger. The UF's gym has two floors with good organizing, however an apartment gym has only small place. In fact, an apartment gym made to hold some of its residents, in contrast the UF's gym made for a significant amount of students. I like UF's gym because of a huge area inside, where I can find place for running, working out, and last but not least play volleyball or basketball.

Compared to an apartment gym, the UF's gym has many machines with different purposes. There are some similarities of each other, but the UF's gym has more advanced ones. Different kinds of machines gives people more opportunity to get several benefits. Also working out with same machines every day is not like when you have a lot of options.

The UF's gym is different from an apartment gym in holding a lot of people at the same time. The number of people increases at the UF's gym every day, unlike any an apartment gym. In fact, I feel like with motivation while I working out among many people, however working out at an apartment gym is sort of boring.

In summary, UF's gym is different and better than any others, according to some advantages, such as holding hundreds of people during a day, having different machines with good quality. As far as I am concerned I believe that UF's gym is the best gym in Gainesville. Because of I already took a look of others. Some people don't like to go to the UF's gym because of the price is high. I think it's worth it as a one semester I have to pay about hundred dollars in order to being a member is good.

Pictures of Malaysia

Malak Alghannam
RW21

Eight years ago, I went to Malaysia with my family. I was very happy because traveling was one of my favorite hobbies. When I travel, I spend a lot of time taking pictures. In Malaysia, I took some beautiful pictures in different places. When I was back to my country, I was excited to print my pictures out. I opened my handbag to take the camera but couldn't find it. I looked everywhere in my suitcase, and it was not to be found. After that, I remember that I had left it in a taxi in Malaysia. I was shocked, but I couldn't do anything about it. This was the only time I lost something important to me, and I wish that is the last one.

Humans Cannot See Ghosts

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One day I was sitting with my mother eating chocolate and drinking Arabic coffee. As we were talking we heard a frightening voice from the kitchen hallway outside the house. It was almost 3:00 am, me and my mom got scared but then after a few minutes we forgot all about it. The voice then returned again more loudly and more clearly, and the door that leads to the kitchen hallway from the living room felt like if there was someone standing behind it and knocking. I panicked and asked my mom to see who's behind the door. Suddenly, the door opened and we saw someone holding the door handle and peeking with a scary look. I ran to the door, slammed it, and then locked it. We ran to tell my father that there is someone trying to rob us. My father said that we will see the house security cameras and see if there is someone outside. We opened the video tape that the security camera took; it showed us that nobody entered the house since 12:00 am. I insisted to re-watch the video because I was so sure that there was someone outside. The video from the kitchen hallway showed that the door opened but there was no one outside. I was scared of the situation where I saw someone and afterward it appeared that there

was no one. After a few days, I realized that it was all my imagination and my mom's imagination. This does not mean that I don't believe in ghosts, I'm just sure that we will never be able to see them in our own eyes, because there is a scientific proof that the human eyes cannot see ghosts.

My Life

Afaf Dagdagi
RW10

My name is Afaf. I lived in Saudi Arabia. Now in Gainesville. I came to America to learn English. I now study in Gainesville. I have 3 classes. My life in Saudi Arabia was very different from Gainesville life. Now in Gainesville, I wake up at 5:00 in the morning. Before in Saudi Arabia, I woke up at 7:00 in the morning. Before in my country it was a big city, but now Gainesville is a small city. I don't have many people in Gainesville, but before I had in my country many people. The weather in my country was hot and warm. The weather now in Gainesville is very beautiful and nice because it is raining in the spring. I love my country, but now I like life in Gainesville because it is a small city, and so beautiful and relaxing.

Personal Statement

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It has always been my dream to work in an area where there is still much to be discovered, and this is what attracted me to Genetics. What is more, my experiences have illuminated just how potentially rewarding and simultaneously taxing a career in Genetics can be. In this respect, I see such a career path as a challenge I would thrive on. My choice was confirmed after attending a high school summer course in Genetics, which gave me a taste of what studying this subject could be like.

After graduating from high school, I moved to London to study English. I studied at the Royal Holloway University for the foundation year, after which I went to East London University where I studied in the Biomedical Technology program for three semesters.

After studying overseas, I returned to Saudi Arabia and completed my Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry at King Saud University in Riyadh. Upon receiving my degree, I participated in a nine month training program at King Faisal Specialist Hospital. In the first three months, I worked in a gene therapy lab. I learned how to isolate the DNA from blood and tissues, as well as PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) techniques. I also gained a

considerable amount of experience in cell culture techniques, sequencing, and mutation screening in a Neurogenetics Lab. Both labs inspired me and showed me how the field of genetics is such an important aspect of preventative medicine. When a family suffers from a genetic disease, as a technician we can prevent them from having a fetus that carries the genetic disease. Another exciting experience gained from these labs was witnessing treatments on mice that actually were able to cure cancer.

During my training, my mom suffered and passed away from colon metastatic cancer. The pain of losing her strengthened my resolve pursue my master's degree and have my thesis in cancer research. Recently, my dream has evolved from studying genetics to studying the genetics of cancer, and hopefully in the future I will contribute, however I can, to finding more effective treatments.

My thesis focused on the relationship between polymorphisms in selected DNA repair genes and susceptibility to breast cancer in Saudi females. I studied three genes in DNA repair mechanism. And determined the relationship between six SNPs (single nucleotide polymorphism) within a hundred breast cancer Saudi patients and I compared the results with a hundred Saudi control participants. I found that three out of six SNPs have a significant relationship to breast cancer. I used two types of Genotyping and I conducted a statistical analysis of the data, and now I am aiming to publish my first paper in cooperation with my supervisor. Currently, using data from my thesis, I am working on my second paper as well.

In 2015, I was accepted for a scholarship from the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Higher Education and came to the United States. I have been studying at the University of Florida English Language Institute for seven months, and I now aspire to study at the University of Florida to get a doctorate in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

I would be honored to have the opportunity to work, in a lab where colorectal and breast carcinogenesis is being studied. Targeting DNA repair and replication pathways for therapy of colorectal cancer interests me very much. In addition, I want to focus on genetic cancer and therapy because it is the only way to end the suffering caused by this disease. Having come this far in my academic career, I am eager to begin my doctoral studies at UF. I am confident that having the opportunity to study Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at UF will have a significant impact on my career and help me to achieve my goals.

Surprise Scholarship

Ghanimah Alrasheedi
RW21

The biggest surprise I've ever had was a beautiful one. It made me cry and it was a scholarship from my government. That was a

very big gift to me. I have a degree in science and I had excellent grades. Because of that, my government gave me a scholarship. I came as a surprise and I will never forget it. I am very lucky to have that scholarship.

My First Day in Gainesville

Ameera Alzahrani
RW10

On my first day I went with my husband to the hotel for taking a rest and sleep. My husband and I ate pizza because we were very hungry. I felt scared and worried in my first day. My husband and I felt very tired. I called my mother when I felt scared, and I felt good after called my mother. Also my husband called his mother, and he felt good after called his mother. We slept after that. My first day was very hard.

Three Letters are My Life

Azzam Alfurhud
RW46

Three letters are my life that three letters are MOM. I say mom until now like a child because I need my mom close to me all my life. I love my mom because she is my life. She is the first person gave me the necessary things in the life like food, drink, feeling, take care about me. She was my life in the beginning, and she will be my life forever. I never forget who take my hand to do what I need or want in my life. For example, I do not forget my favorite teacher in my elementary school because he is the first person help me to be educated person. Until now I continue with him and he has part of my interests in my life. On the other hand, I still continue with my first teacher in US, and we have one hour every week to talk about our life. We are like close friend. It is my character, that don't forget, who teach me or help me. In my case I have to don't forget my mom because she is the first person who help me to make my life. My mom gave me a lot of lessons about my life. If you ask me you can live without your mom, I will say "if a fish can life out water I can live without mom."

My Family

Zaki Almusaleem
RW 21

I have a big family, and we live together in a big house. I have four brothers and four sisters. My father works at a petroleum

company; my mother is a housewife. Every Friday, we meet together for lunch. My mother cooks delicious food for us. After we finish eating, we sit together and share stories happened to each one of us. Sometimes we just spend time together watching TV. I love my family very much.

Should English Be a Global Language?

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RW52

English is the most widely spoken language in the world. In fact, it is present almost everywhere. Most of the materials, research and cutting-edge principles are essentially in this language. From this fact has appeared the saying “English as a global language.” Even though subject to skepticism, English should not be a global language.

Making English the global language will endanger the remaining languages. In fact, introducing a global language means discrimination since more and more people will favor a language from others. This, in turn, will accelerate the vanishing of many others languages. Taylor (2012) states that “50% of the world's languages are set to die out by 2100.” This statistics could be worsen by making English a global language.

Furthermore, languages are an important parts of society. In fact, they reflect people's cultures, history and identity. In the Muslim religion for example, Arabic plays a key role. Replacing Arabic with another language might result in deep changes that might in turn deteriorate the essence of the religion and the devoted partisans' view and feelings on the religion. Mandela (2000) declares that “if you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.” There's, for instance, a sentimental character in the language that might be lost with the homogenization of cultures

Finally, regarding its history, English might be seen as a threat always expecting dominance since colonialism, war, slavery, and conquests had an important role within its establishment.

Some may claim that English should be a global language since it will make it more comfortable to share knowledge and many misunderstandings that often occurred within countries under the pretext of their languages. However, adopting English as the global language will lead to the homogenization of cultures, which in turn might decrease the creativity. In fact, the diversity of languages means the diversity of cultures, diversity of ways of thinking. Consequently, new ideas might become less common since people will be wanting to conform.

To sum up, English should not be a global language since it will accelerate the process of vanishing of languages, consequently the losing of people's identity and also a decrease of creativity since everyone will be wanting to conform. This in turn may be

problematic since people's creativity is needed at this present time to deal with appearing issues.

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The First Day in Gainesville

Nha Althobaiti
RW10

I was very happy first day in Gainesville. In the morning 8:00 I ate breakfast in Holiday hotel. At 9:30am it was very nice because I went swimming and sauna in hotel. In the afternoon I went mall, and ate lunch in an Indian restaurant. At 4:00pm I went the cinema. In the evening I went café and ate snack and walk outside hotel. Finally in the night I went airport because I see my husband's brother and back hotel. I liked the first day in Gainesville and didn't forget.

Media Influence

Yaye Hamidou Badjo
RW45

Media plays an important role in our daily life. It is necessary to know what is happening around us and in the word. Some people have a huge appetite for news even if the news may not be important for them. However, reporters have always faced pressure to find good news stories. News organizations want people to watch or read their stories on the television, in the newspaper, or online. Does the media influence our behavior, beliefs, and our view of things?

First, media can have an impact on our beliefs, according to the specific role of media in the society. As people know, the media is the second group of people who have the ability to be on site to ask questions, after the official representative of local forces. Also, the profession of journalism requires important rules of law that reporters must follow. Therefore, it is important to avoid unethical reporting. For these reasons it is imperative that people trust them.

For example, before taking a trip to the United States, I thought that American's had a lot of time to hang out or travel. The reality is something else. People have to work to pay their bills. Also, according to media Americans don't have homeless people.

If I had not been in United States, I would have never thought that.

Last but not least, changing our view of things is a consequence of media. The news is becoming a product just like bread, cars, or computers. New products are advertised through media every day. Nowadays, movies shown on television have a lot of advertisements before and during the movie. By seeing the same things again and again, people will probably be tempted to buy these products.

To sum up, as media interacts with people, it can influence them in a positive or negative way. A poor influence affects people's behavior, the way they think about things, and changes their daily lives. Therefore, people should think carefully about what they see and read. We have a brain to think. In the 21st century, with technology everything is possible. People can make videos if they want. The more positive influences present, the better this planet will become for all living on it.

The Causes of Criminal Behavior

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Since its creation, society has always been subject to abnormal behaviors from its citizens. Among these abnormalities, there is crime. In fact, the roots of the criminality behavior are subject to debate since his appearance. For some, the motives of a crime are environmental or social while for others, crime has a biological and genetic origin. Both points will be examined as causes of criminal behavior.

One of the main motives of criminal behavior is social and environmental, more precisely the socialization and education. The socialization refers to the way children are taught to behave, their upbringing. In fact, since a bad socialization or a bad upbringing prevent a child from being provided with the knowledge of the good and the bad; consequently it will not prevent him from acting wrongly. According to Heritage scholars, a state-by-state analysis indicates that a 10 percent increase in the percentage of children living in single-parent homes leads typically to a 17 percent increase in juvenile crime. In addition, education also plays its role. In fact, education provides knowledge, expertise of the society. Thanks to education, people know how they can manage problem, reach their goals, the patience for the steps required. What is less likely to be obvious for a non-educated person? This in turn, will result to a strong disposition to crime. Finally, committing a crime may also be the result of the frustration caused by the gap between the different social levels of a society. In fact, noticing the weak possibility of getting what the others possess, people act criminally to improve a personal social condition. As Mandela (1995) notes "When a man is denied the right to live the life he believes in, he has no choice but to become an outlaw."

On the other hand, delinquency can also have a biological origin. Contrary to the classical thought, this theory suggests that some people would have certain innate predispositions to commit a crime. In fact, the brain scans structure of criminals and those who don't violate the law revealed significant differences. Since the brain is the organ where come from all the orders, it is also the departure of every single behavior that someone could assimilate. A long-term study on twins' chromosomes by Bouchard and Lykken (1990) revealed not only intelligence inheritance but also physic features and basic personal which lead to the conclusion that personal predispositions can be inherited

To sum up, the origin of the criminal behavior remains subject to debate. It seems to be the result of both environmental, social and biological influence. Not taking into account both aspects could prevent finding an outcome

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Criminal Behavior

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It was a peaceful night in a utopian neighborhood until the people woke up because they heard screaming. One house was broken in and somebody shot the parent. This night remains in my mind. Crimes are one of many problems, which are suffered by our world, and Prisons are filled by various age groups of criminals. Criminal behavior has several causes.

Violence is the most significant reason that leads to the criminal behavior. If a child was raised in a dictatorial family, which is using violence instead of the dialogue or discussion, it is quite clear to see the reflection of this in child's behavior. For example, if the parents use corporal punishment extremely, they teach their child that violence is an ideal way to get what he want. This phenomenon has been observed in many studies. For example, a statistic shows that children are at a fifty percent greater risk of engaging in criminal acts, if they were neglected or abused" (Environmental Influences, para.2). So, parents are playing an important role to create a violent personality.

The second serious cause is poverty. There are many parts of our world which are suffering from poverty and malnutrition. Many studies have proven that there is a strong relationship between crimes and poverty. That means that crimes are more common in the poor countries. People there commit crimes to

survive. So, their lives are like a jungle life where the strong eat the weak.

Finally, drugs are the main reason for criminal behavior. They have negative impact on health, specifically on mental functions. Addiction makes a person behave without thinking and lack of ability to distinguish between what is right or wrong. As a result of drugs' cost, people try to do the impossible things to get the drugs even it that cost their life or their family. This is confirmed by the U.S. Department of Justice (1994) which says that "According to BJS national surveys, the most comprehensive information available, an estimated 17% of 1991 State prison inmates and 13% of convicted jail inmates in 1989 reported committing their offenses to get money to buy drugs" ("Drugs & Crime Data," p.3).

To sum up, criminal behavior is still on the top of headlines. Violence, poverty, and drugs are the responsible reasons for that. We should work to decrease this trouble and try to treat the causes.

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The First Day in Gainesville

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This is a day I can say different day in my life. I came to Gainesville and I don't speak English any single word. On the second day in the morning I went to ELL. I take exam because know any level. After that I went to my apartment. In the afternoon I went walk on the street to town because know this town. At night I went with my brother's friend because take idea on Gainesville. After that I went to restaurant to eat dinner. After that I went to my apartment to sleep. This is a difficult day in my life.

Divorces in Arabian Communities

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RW40

All happy life begins with marriage. The basic issue in marriage is love. Some husbands believe that the love comes if he gets beautiful wife. Do you think that love and beauty will remain

unchanged with life progress? There are several factors and effect of divorces popularity in Arabian communities.

The marriage life needs specific deals, that totally different from the single life. Husband now is responsible for his home and wife; therefore the husband deal's plays a role in stability of his marriage life. Most causes of divorce are related to husband as a result of marrying too young, aged between 19-22 years. Those husbands may not be aware that the marriage life is different from single life. The marriage life is not only satiating desires, which were loss it before marriage for example; romance and cohabitation. A wife needs a husband who shows respect and appreciates her. Some of husbands continue on his life as a single after married. For example, he continues on staying out until late time in night or maybe to morning with friends, while his wife is sitting alone in the home. That shows lack of respect and appreciation for the wife.

The husbands are not the only person who is responsible for divorces, but also the wives have misconceptions around the marriage. The husband also needs a wife, who shows respect to him and his family. Because some wives have inability to deal with home and children, that contributes in rise of the divorce percent in Arabian communities.

Incompatibility is another cause of divorce, which may contribute to conflicts between the husband and wife in home. The home should be a quiet and nice place to compatible and rest. A lot of conflicts in this place contribute to making the home a difficult to live place. Due to that, a husband tries to stay away as long time as he can to skip these conflicts. That is why the incompatibility contributed to separate between the husbands and their wives.

Always the children are the first affected from the divorce. Since the family disintegrated the children can't live away one of their parents. In Arabian cultures, the children's father is who the responsible for his children expenses even they live with their mom or away on him. But the children will miss their father's care, kindness, and love.

In conclusion, the divorce became popular in Arabian communities due to factors associated with husband and factors associated with wife additional to incompatibility between the couple. The children are going to be affected from the divorce in the future. I believe that establish mandatory courses concern about marriage and couple right to a groom and bride that will contribute to decrease the divorce percent in the communities and increase awareness about marriage life.

My Surprise Birthday Party

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The age of eighteen is very important to many people because it's the time for them to become an adult. It was the same for me; I was excited to look forward to my eighteenth birthday. I began to

imagine this day when I was still seventeen years old. I talked to my mom about having a birthday party, but she said no! I asked her, "Why did you say no?" She didn't answer me and I was so sad and cried all day. When my birthday came, I didn't really pay attention to it. It was just routine like every other days. At night, I was in my room and I heard some noise, but I didn't care about it. After that, my mom asked me to come out of my room to meet her friends. I still didn't suspect anything. When I readied myself and went into the living room, it was all dark there. A few seconds later, the light went on and I saw a big party there. I was so surprised because all my friends came! I was very happy. I hugged my mom and thanked her for all she did for my birthday. It was an amazing day and my dream of having a big eighteenth birthday came true!

Changes in America

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RW10

There are changes after I came to America. I don't go outside all time. Sometimes I go outside, but in Saudi Arabia I always go outside with my friends. In Saudi Arabia, I don't care about school, but now in America I care about school. I lived with my family, but now I live just with my sisters. In my country I can eat anything, but here I can't eat some meat. Now I live in a small apartment, but in my country I lived almost in big house. This is change in my life after I came to America.

My Beautiful Weekend

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During my fantastic weekend, I traveled to a beautiful place outside of Gainesville. This place was located in Orange City, Florida. My friends and I arrived there in the morning. We drove past the Blue Spring state park sign and talked about what we will do at the park. We decided to do three main tasks. We made a camp, cooked food, and went swimming.

The first task we did was to build a camp. My friend Ali was responsible for unloading the car. He brought out all of the materials that we needed to make the camp. I set up the tent near the spring on the shore. My friend Faraj collected sticks and made a fire for us. He used a lighter to create the fire and we sat around the fire to talk. A group of people came over to us and asked to join us. I told them that "it is our pleasure for you to join us."

The second task was cooking. Faraj volunteered to cook the food for us. I brought him the ingredients to make hamburgers. Faraj began cooking while we were all playing volleyball. He

finished cooking after thirty minutes. We were very hungry and we ate all of the food that he cooked. It was very delicious. After we ate, we went to the tent and took a nap.

The third task was to swim in the spring. After we woke up, Ali told us "why don't we go swimming?" I told him "why not? Let's go guys!" We jumped into the water. It was deep and cold. Faraj cannot swim, so he stood on the beach and took pictures of us. The water was fantastic. It was very clean and blue. While I was swimming, I looked at the sky and noticed how beautiful it was. After one hour of swimming, we went to the tent to change our clothes.

At the end of the trip, we loaded the car with our stuff. We got ready to leave the spring. It was a great day because we spent time together doing fun activities. We made a camp, cooked food, and went swimming. I think that we will go to the spring again next week.

The Great United States of America

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I learned from life that as more people travel to learn and to have extra experience the stronger they become in this tough life. There are many examples that changed the life because that such as: Ahmad Zewail, Albert Einstein, and many other persons. Even though I was thinking for many years of having my adventure by traveling from my country several years to learn more, I did not think that this will be The United States of America that I ended in.

There are many characteristics let The United States of America to be one of the best places in the world to live or study in. First, it has high quality of education system and that let many students from all the world come to study here. Second, it has very good health care system and the best hospitals in the world in many fields. Also, this country is liberty, democracy, and the law is respected by people. Next, most of the people are polite, kind, and friendly.

There are many reasons why the United States of America is a great country such as: science, immigrants, and freedom. First, due to the interest of science, United States has been the greatest country in inventions in many fields especially in military and this let her to be very strong country. Also, as a consequence of accepting large number of immigrants, it took the benefits of this variety of people in work, science, and other issues. Next, as a result of the atmosphere of freedom and democracy, many people could create more in their work or study without any limits because they are not afraid.

There are several differences and similarities between living in my country and The United States of America. Both Kuwait and The United States are wealthy countries. Also, Kuwaiti people are very kind and generous the same as the people of The United

States of America. The democracy in The United States is advanced and developed. On the other hand, the democracy in Kuwait is retrograded. While The United States has a high level of transparency, Kuwait has less level of transparency.

Although I disagree with many policies of the government of The United States of America in the world, it still one of the greatest countries to live or to study in. Many people in the world would like to stay at The United States of America to live the American dream.

The Best Restaurant

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Everyone wants to know what is a good restaurant. There are many restaurants everywhere these days. When you want to take your family to a good restaurant you have to choose the best restaurant. An example of a great restaurant is one similar to one I have seen in Saudi Arabia. The restaurant contains a lot of things that are wonderful like the design, service, and food.

The easiest way to attract people to a restaurant is for the restaurant's design to be new and unique. First of all, this specific restaurant in Saudi Arabia has amazing gates at the entrance. It is not made of wood like other gates. Instead it is a gate made of gold and has the molded faces of gold cheetahs. Next, the design of the tables is modern. These tables are large and contain a cheetah in the middle of each table in the restaurant. The cheetah looks like a real animal, not fake. It is very wonderful. Third, the restrooms have low lighting with classical music that is not loud. It would be nice if every restaurant makes their design amazing.

Great restaurants should have wonderful service for customers to enjoy with their experience. This restaurant I chose is an example of good service. First, the staff comes to you with nice smile. They always smile at the customers. Moreover, the waiter will be with you and they stand near your tables. He gives you everything you need and they explain every kind of food they have.

The most important thing restaurant must have is good food. Delicious food is what customers need. In this case of the restaurant in Saudi Arabia, the seafood they serve is the best in the world because it comes fresh every day. Next, the food is very tasty and they have grilled fish too. It comes to the table directly after the chef finishes cooking it. It is very fresh with an unbelievable smell. Last but not least, this restaurant has all sea food and everything in the sea you want to eat it you will find it in that restaurant.

To sum up, everyone looks for the best restaurant to take family to eat dinner. I found it and I wish everyone try this restaurant if you like sea food you have to take your family there. They will be excited when they visit the restaurant. It is the best restaurant in all ways such as: design, service, and food.

Florida

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Beautiful beach, blue sky, big amusement park, and oranges: all of these images are pictures in my mind of Florida. When I came to Florida, I was so happy because Florida was just as I had imagined. However, some kind of things surprised me. There are several reasons why I was surprised.

The first surprise in Florida is interesting weather. The weather is really good. Especially, fall and spring are always sunny and warm. Although, summer is hot and humid, the shower goes down for a minute every day. Because of the shower, the temperature get down and the plants are refreshed. When I was in Korea, it was rain all day or two or three days in summer season. For this reason, I couldn't do any outside activities, and I had to take an umbrella everyday. In Florida, many people don't care about the rain, since it rains every day and for only a minute. If you wait for a moment, the rain stops quickly.

Beautiful scenery is another surprise in Florida. There are many beaches in Florida, and the beaches are very beautiful. The sand is white and water is clear. Also the sky is always blue and clear. Because of the clear sky, I can see the bright stars and beautiful moon in the night. In addition, wherever I go, I can see green trees and grass. The green scenery always makes me happy.

The last surprise in Florida is the oranges. Before I came to Florida, I used to buy Florida oranges in Korea. I really like oranges, so I expected cheap and delicious oranges. For instance, I didn't buy oranges in Korea before I came here for one month. When I came here, I went to the market. I was disappointed because I couldn't find fresh oranges. Also, the orange's price was more expensive than Korea.

Although oranges are expensive, Florida is fantastic place. When I am depressed, the bright sunshine and cool breeze refresh me, and the blue sky agrees with me. Beautiful beaches and trees make me happy. How can I not love Florida.

Causes and Effects of Global Population Growth

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RW 32

Over the past 150 years, there has been a huge increase in the global population. According to the U. S. Census Bureau, the world population has increased to about 7 billion, and there are several reasons why. The first reason is advances in medicine and healthcare. 150 years ago, there were very few vaccinations, so

many people had and spread contagious diseases. For example, smallpox killed millions of people around the world. Diseases could spread very easily because treatments had not been developed yet. Today, people can be cured of several diseases, and can live healthier lives. The second reason the population is growing is fewer infant deaths and people are living longer. Medical technology in the past was limited, so it was not easy to diagnose illnesses. Before the ultrasound was invented, it was very hard to know about a fetus's problems or diseases. Therefore, fetuses and newborn babies died very often. Thanks to the improvements in medicine, their survival rates have increased. A third reason for population growth is improved farming methods that produce more and better food. Quality food gives us our health, and increases immunity. In the past, food was lacking, so poor people died from hunger and diseases. In conclusion, these are some of the main reasons why our global population has continued to increase over the last century and a half. Humanity's commitment to health will continue, and people will live longer.

Body Language Differences Between Venezuela and USA Culture

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“Your face says more than your words” is a good expression used in my country Venezuela. It makes a reference about the body language. Body language is a way to communicate without words; a way to communicate by physical behaviors. This language can be interpreted with different meanings because physical behavior doesn't have an exact meaning for each action. Venezuelan's and American's body language are different in many ways.

The first physical behavior that's different is the handshake. Venezuelans use the handshake as a common and not very formal greeting between friends. It's the principal greeting in men, and between women and men when they are meeting for the first time, but it's not too formal as Americans consider it. Americans use the handshake for a very formal greeting such as interviews. Americans just meet at informal situations with a simple “hi” or when there are a man and woman sometimes a hug.

Another difference is the gestures. Venezuelans and Americans use so many gestures to communicate. But there are some gestures that can be understood different because gestures meaning can change by cultures. Venezuelans use their mouth to point at what they want to have or what they want you to give them. It's common, and if they do it between Venezuelans, they will all understand what they are referring to, but if Venezuelans do that way to “point at” with the mouth in the USA, Americans definitely will not understand. Maybe they will consider that you

want to kiss them or whatever they can, because it's not an action that Americans are used to doing.

In addition there are some differences related with the touching between humans in both cultures. Touching will refer the way that Venezuelans commonly greet each other. Venezuela always wave at each other with a cheek kiss between man and woman and women, nobody will considered it weird anyway. Americans are Ok with that action but it's not common as Venezuelans use it, some people consider it disrespectful. Americans commonly just say “hi” between them.

In conclusion, after taking everything into consideration, Venezuelans and Americans have some differences between their body language. Handshake, gestures, and touches are some physical behaviors where they have differences between the interpretations or simply they don't do them. Since I'm in a different country, sharing and meeting with different cultures, I now know and see how the body language is different between countries and cultures.

Adjusting to Life in a New Country

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There are 232 million people around the world living in countries other than their home country. These people move to study, work, avoid violence, or to pursue a higher quality of life. When they reach their new countries, their adventure has just begun, as they have to adjust to life in their new locales. These adjustments include learning several new things, such as culture, language, and personal independence.

When people move to a new country, the first thing they notice is the culture due to the fact that culture is the biggest adjustment facing an international traveler. The culture changes from one country to another; for example, in Japan, they greet each other by bowing. In Saudi Arabia, for example, women are not allowed to drive. Additionally, many countries drive on the right side of the road, while others drive on the left. In China, people eat out more often they cook, and meals are eaten “family style.” In some countries, children do not walk unaccompanied by adults due to safety reasons. Unfortunately, some people face difficulties when they move to different cultures. When people cannot adapt to the new culture, they may return to their country if that is an option; however, other people enjoy knowing and learning a new culture.

At the same time that people learn a new culture, they learn a new language. When people move to a new country, they usually find many things are different, and the language is one of them. Usually, the people try to learn the language to make their lives easier, and to communicate with the people. Many important aspects of everyday life require knowledge of a country's

predominant language, including opening a bank account, speaking with medical personal, communicating with police officers, and renting or purchasing real estate. Additionally, unfamiliarity with the local language can lead to isolation and, consequently, homesickness and depression. In fact, people who learn a new language can be improve their lives and employment prospects. Most high level careers, including law, journalism, finance, politics, hospitality and medicine require mastery of the local language.

Finally, when people move to a new country, they have to be more responsible and independent because they are far away from their original country and family. They have to find a place to live. For example, they have to look for a residence on the internet and compare prices and rates. Furthermore, they have to find a job and earn their own money. Finding a job is the hardest part because the jobseeker has to apply and prove that he or she has enough experience. Also, when people face problems in their new country, they have to find solutions for these issues by themselves, without their support network.

For the reasons listed and many more, culture, language, and becoming independent are clearly among the biggest adjustments facing people as they move to a new country. Jobseeking, househunting, and daily routine present special challenges to the newly arrived. In order to adapt to life in a new country, one should prepare to make the transition easier. Furthermore, moving to a new country can be a very enriching experience.

My Life in America

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My life is a lot different in America. Before, I had a job and a family. Now I am a student in US. Before, I went to the mosque every day. Now I don't have a mosque. Before, I ate dinner weekly with my mother and father. Now I eat all time with my son and wife. Before, I have many friends. Now I don't have friends. Before, I went to the gym every day. Now I don't have a gym. Before, I liked the food. Now I don't like the food. Life in America is a big change for me.

Would an excellent researcher mean an excellent educator?

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RW7

In the higher education in the states, professors are required to serve in the following three areas: research, teaching, and service. However, many professors are more dedicated to their research.

This trend is more intensified in the research-intensive universities, so-called "a well-known top-ranked universities." This leads new incoming graduate students to consider excellent researchers to be probably outstanding mentors/educators; however, would it be always true? Unfortunately, my past experiences were not supportive of it. If so, what would be qualities of a good mentor leading graduate students to make the best of themselves? I, hereby, suggest that a clear alignment in research interests between a mentor and a student is the most essential virtue of a good mentor/educator in the higher education.

First, I am going to share my past experiences to explain how important a research interest fitness between a mentor and a student is extremely important for both of them. In 2013, after my first year of PhD coursework at the University of Florida (UF), my first mentor abruptly left the university. I was devastated since there were no faculty whose research interests were similar to mine. My second mentor had expertise in alternative medicine and oncological nursing; thus, she made a lot of effort to take care of me, but I felt that I was unable to grow as a scholar in my research specialization. I also had to work as a Teaching Assistant in health assessment, which is not closely linked to my research area. By extension, I asked for help from two health economists but received no response even though I had asked for their comments on my paper and had sent reminders to them several times. I often felt anxious because I did not know whether or not I was moving in the right direction while developing my doctoral research proposal.

In 2014, I had been assigned to have another mentor; however, ultimately things did not work out because 1) she does not have expertise in economics (theory) and optimization (data analysis); thus, she could not guide all aspects of my scholarly work or defend my dissertation proposal from committee members' critiques, 2) there were role conflicts regarding the level of commitment, i.e., my minor representative, an economist, was unable to advise me as much as a mentor even though I needed rigorous academic advising in this area, and 3) my committee did not include an expert in optimization; thus, I needed another expert's help. However, it was not until the qualifying exam that the need for optimization analysis was pointed out, a problem that might have been detected earlier had my mentor not changed so many times. All of the uncertainty and change caused me severe distress.

All of these experiences explain how difficult graduate students pursue their PhD under the situation in which research fitness between faculty members and students is not well-matched. This imbalance makes students feel helpless and exhausted psychologically, eventually leading their unhappiness. Unhappy emotion is one of the significant factors to impede creativity and productivity. In addition, the imbalance causes more serious academic issues, ethical conflicts. Since mentors cannot advise students' dissertation or research, students are just getting to face ethical conflicts caused by another imbalance of political power

between faculty members and students. That is to say, students are struggling in balancing between ethical integrity as a scholar and easy/smooth graduation while satisfying their mentors' research outcomes.

I hope that my students would surpass me in research. I hope that my students would create their own unique academic specialization of nursing science. Ultimately, I hope that my students would make a difference in the healthcare delivery system, leading to a better, healthier life. I will listen carefully to their requests, even "trivial" ones, and provide help to them as much as I can, while allowing them the maximum level of liberty so that they can move forward to be only one beyond No. 1. Also, I will not covet their talents, never. Above all, I will let them feel treated respectfully. "Being different is what makes all the difference (Bill Taylor, 2010)."

The First Day

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RW10

I came to Gainesville on August 28. I arrived in Miami at 5:00am for the problems in the airport in Venezuela. My flight to Gainesville was good when I arrived in Gainesville. I was sick of stomach on my first day in Gainesville. It was to the worst. In the afternoon I go to CVS and buy medication. At night I feel better. 7:00pm I sleep. My one day in Gainesville was just okay.

Memories of the Damascene Restaurants

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Restaurants are one of the many places that people go to during the holidays and weekends. Restaurants also allow people to take a break from cooking and celebrate life with family. In order to enjoy this time spent with family, you must think about what a restaurant offers. Near my hometown in Syria, there are a group of Damascene decorated restaurants that exemplify all the qualities of a wonderful restaurant. These restaurants in Damascus, Syria are the perfect example of a good place to take family to eat dinner. This kind of restaurant has the characteristics of a great dinner location because of the following three traits: good quality food, beautiful design and an amazing atmosphere.

The quality of the food in those Damascene restaurants was always superior to the food served at other restaurants. The food tasted like homemade food prepared by your own mother. It was cooked with passion. It was very tasty because it used fresh meat, fruits and vegetables. The chefs had great cooking experience and

creativity in mixing Arabic and Western dishes. These chefs used to make old-fashioned traditional dishes like kibbeh (meat croquettes) and yabrak (grape leaves stuffed with meat and rice). Western foods such as pizza, burgers and shawarma (meat wraps) were also on the menu. The variety of delicious dishes satisfied everyone's tastes.

The design of the Damascene restaurants was its most charming trait. It combined nature and oriental architecture. Those restaurants were originally huge, old houses located in the oldest part of Damascus. The restaurants had big, open courtyards with a small water fountain at the center. Walls were covered with amazing mosaic and complicated patterns. Around the dinner tables were various kinds of small trees and flowers. There were also plants climbing up the walls trying to embrace the rays of sunlight.

Lastly, the atmosphere in those restaurants gave everything a touch of peace. It perfected the dinner experience. There was an ongoing symphony composed of low voices chatting and the trickling water from the fountains. There were birds tweeting and people laughing. In the background played the lovely songs of Fairouz, a legendary Lebanese singer. Those restaurants invited people to feel joy, relaxation and peace. As has been noted, these Damascus-styled restaurants have the traits of a good place for family to enjoy dinner. The reason is because of the restaurant's good quality food, beautiful design and amazing atmosphere. Having delicious food in such a well-designed restaurants with a peaceful atmosphere was always my favorite food experience. One day I will go back there, where my memories live.

Kuwait and The U.S

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RW40

There are a lot of fine relationships and a common history between these beautiful countries. And also they made a lot of much assistance to each other's. There are many difference and similarities between Kuwait and the US.

First of all, there are many similarities between Kuwait and the US. Both have beautiful and nice humans living inside these countries. They ever time smile and like to help other people. And they always feel excellent mood.

Another similarity is they both have beautiful beaches and islands. You can go with your family or friends in weekend or in vacation. And there many of marine activities like surfing, free diving, and fishing. And also you can take cruise.

Although there are similarities, there are many important differences between Kuwait and US. In Kuwait people they don't pay any money or taxes for government. But in US people they must to pay taxes for government.

Also both countries have a big different weather and nature. In US they have four season and they have a lot of forests, rivers, and mountains. In Kuwait we just have two season summer and winter. End we just have desert and plateaus.

In conclusion, two countries have a lot of beautiful feature and few flaws. In my opinion both these countries are close to my heart. And I have numerous and a lot of beautiful memories.

An Embarrassing Experience

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RW 21

I had an embarrassing experience two months ago. One day, I left my apartment and hopped on a bus to my classes. When I was on that bus, I saw a beautiful girl. She was so beautiful that I couldn't take my eyes off her. When it's time for me to get off the bus, I pushed the stop request button and walked towards the stairs. I wasn't paying attention because of that girl. I didn't watch my steps and fell really hard from the stairs to the street. People on the bus and on the street stared at me. Some couldn't believe this was happening, and some others seemed to enjoy this funny moment of a person falling down from the bus. It was so embarrassing that I don't think I will ever forget about it.

Unfortunate Casualties

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War is a conflict between groups of people, and it is currently destroying thousands of families around the world. War is often related to political problems or territorial dispute. If past and current wars are analyzed, it is clear that it is impossible to have war without civilian casualties. First of all, if the war is about politics, it's usually a fight between the President's army and rebels or citizens. For instance, some people may not want this president and his political regime anymore. Therefore, the country's population will fight this political regime to get what they want or need. As a result of this conflict, there will definitely be civilian casualties. On the other hand, war can also be about territorial dispute. Territorial disputes are probably one which makes most of the casualties. The territorial country kills all of families that are in one city to conquer the city. Finally, they kill a lot of families which leads to more civilian casualties. In light of the above example, it is impossible to have war without civilian casualties at all. Also all of the wars going on around the world prove that it is impossible. Thus, they are many civilian casualties every day in the world such as Syria, Afghanistan, Kenya, Congo, DRC, Paris, and etc.

Modes of Communication

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Communication is a crucial aspect of life. People interact with each other all over the world. In the past, the only mode of communication was speaking in person. Now, with the revolution of technology, people use different kinds of applications such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, etc. to communicate with each other. A comparison between communication in person and communicating with technology reveals some similarities and differences with respect to emotions, responses, and transmitting ideas and thoughts.

Communicating in person and communicating by using technology have some similarities and differences when it comes to emotions. By communicating in person, people can express their feelings and emotions. Similarly, feelings and emotions can be expressed when people use technology to communicate. However, even though feelings and emotions can be expressed verbally via technology, non-verbal emotions cannot be expressed. In some situations people need to be hugged or to hold the hands of another person. Therefore, communicating in person is the only way to express such feelings and emotions.

As for responses, the two ways of communication have some similarities and differences. The function of the two ways of interacting is to make people respond to each other. When we compare the time of response in each way, both of them show a quick response. However, there might be a delay in response when people use technology because of many reasons such as the loss of connection to the Internet or the loss of power. Moreover, the response of communicating in person is clearer than that of technology. Some responses via technology might be unclear or misunderstood because of spelling mistakes or wrong choice of words when people text each other.

Transmitting a message is one of the expected objectives of communication. The two ways of communication have some similarities and differences with this respect. Using either way, people can transmit the messages they want to. However, sometimes the importance of the message cannot be transmitted via technology especially via text messages. Some people need to see the person who transmit the message and watch the facial expression and hear the tone and the voice of the speaker to consider the importance of the message. Thus, communicating in person make people transmit their messages and express how much they are important.

In conclusion, emotions, responses, and transmitting the messages reveal that communicating in person and communicating with technology have some differences and have some things in common. People use both ways to interact with each other. However, they prefer to communicate using one way more than

the other according to their needs. Communication is one of the important things in life because people express and respond to whatever they want through interaction with each other.

Differences between Gainesville and My Hometown

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RW40

I have been living in Gainesville for 4 months, and I lived in Pyeong-Teak, which is my hometown for 6 years. Because I lived in Pyeong-Teak for long time, I know well about Pyeong-Teak, and I have been getting to know about Gainesville since I moved here. Gainesville is not big city, and Pyeong-Teak is also not big city too. However, there are several differences between Gainesville and Pyeong-Teak. My roommate is also from Pyeong-Teak, so we frequently talked about Gainesville and our hometown. My roommate and I found that transportation, enjoyable places, and crowded buildings are the differences.

American people regard Gainesville as a good city for college and university students, and that is why I chose to study here. As an evidence, Gainesville has good transportation system for students. Students can take the bus by free with their student ID, and there are student discount services at stores and markets. However, Pyeong-Teak is different. Pyeong-Teak also has universities, but there is nothing for students. Students must pay for taking bus in Pyeong-Teak, and there is no bus pass like another cities in the United States.

The most interesting difference is crowded buildings. In Gainesville, people have to take a car or bus to get somewhere, such as a coffee shop, a restaurant, or clothing stores, and it takes 20 to 30 minutes to get there with a car. Unlike Gainesville, if we are in Pyeong-Teak, we can get everywhere by walking because buildings are crowded in the middle of the city. For example, I can go to a coffee shop or a movie theater in 5 minutes with walking even if I am in a restaurant. Generally, each building has three floors or more, so many kinds of stores can locate closely.

The last difference is enjoyable places. When I moved to Gainesville, I was very surprised because Gainesville has a lot of places that we can go and enjoy like the Blue Spring, the Fanning Spring, and the Devil's Den. As soon as my friend and I got our apartment, we visited the places and enjoyed swimming, fishing, and landscapes of the places. It was very enjoyable and exciting. In contrast, Pyeong-Teak has nothing to enjoy like that. Pyeong-Teak just has entertaining stores, such as good bars, restaurants, and karaokes, but these are enough to play with friends. In order to enjoy special activities, my friends go other cities because it takes 40 to 50 minutes to get there.

As a result, the differences gave me a lot of experiences, and I found merits of Gainesville. Also, I expect that I am going to get more interesting experience and other merits. Actually, I thought Gainesville would be totally different with my hometown before I moved here, and I thought the differences would make me homesick. However, I have really been enjoying living in Gainesville, and it really made me forget my hometown. Because of that, I cannot say which city is better to live and enjoy, but I just want to say each city has individual merits.

An Experience of Falling

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RW 21

I had an embarrassing experience that made me very unhappy. I fell on a flight of stairs because they were wet and slippery. It wasn't a good experience. I felt so embarrassed and painful. Although people helped me and didn't laugh at me, I couldn't help but crying. I didn't like it because I felt so embarrassed. I think this experience was so painful because I was a very shy person when it happened.

My Venezuela

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RW40

Venezuela is a country located on the northern coast of south America. The country comprises a continental mainland and numerous islands in the Caribbean sea. It borders into the east Brazil to the south, and Colombia to the west. The people in Venezuela are very sociable, and very happy. In fact, in 2008, the company of statistic and record Guinness World Records said Venezuelans were the happiest people in the world. Venezuela is an amazing country for many reasons.

One of the reasons is the natural places. The Angel fall is the world's highest uninterrupted waterfall, with a height of 979 metres (3,212 ft) and a plunge of 807 metres (2,648 ft). Another pretty place is an island Margarita, which is an island part of Venezuela in the Caribbean Sea about 40 kilometers north of the mainland. It's a popular holiday destination, comprising 2 peninsulas linked by the sand and mangroves of the Parque Nacional Laguna de la Restinga national park. Most people live or stay, on the eastern peninsula, home to the cities of Pampatar, Porlamar and La Asuncion.

Also in Venezuela have a typical food, arepa, cachapa and pabellon criollo are the most popular food. Arepa is a flatbread made of ground maize dough or cooked flour prominent in the cuisine Venezolana, it is eaten daily in this country and can be

served with various accompaniments such as cheese, avocado, ham, among other things, split and used to make sandwiches. Cachapa is thick, tasty pancakes made from maize (sweetcorn) and served with a slab of white cheese at street stalls all over Venezuela.

The usual way to make them is to grind the maize kernels through a special machine, which gives the cachapa mixture just the right consistency, and then cook them on a flat griddle plate. Pabellon criollo is a traditional Venezuelan dish, the local version of the rice and beans combination found throughout the Caribbean. It is a plate of rice, shredded beef in a stew and stewed black beans that are considered by many to be the Venezuelan national dish.

Finally, Venezuela not only have good places or good food also have wonderful people that make the country a good place for life, in another way is the country with more Miss Universes. That made the country with the most beautiful women in the world.

In conclusion, Venezuela is an amazing country with many good things, is not only the places or the people or the located is amazing for everything the country have that make a very good country and the good place for life and visited.

Event that changed my world view

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It has been four months since I came to the United States. This is the first time that I come abroad. Everything looks marvelous to me just like a baby who tastes sweet candies for the first time. Above all, there was an event that made me think about myself and my home country.

One day, I took a bus to go to the class. As usual, I was listening to music. About ten minutes later, the bus stopped and the bus driver got off the bus. I was curious because it was even not the end of the route. It seemed like I'm the only one who was in a panic. Everyone was relaxed and just kept doing their own tasks. Soon the bus driver came with the woman who was in a wheel chair. Then I understood what was going on. When they came in, one man changed his seats. Then the driver folded the seats and connected the wheel chair with chains on the bus. I was very impressed about the fact that there is a device for disabled people in the transportation. It took few minutes to do that, but no one pressed the driver to do it faster.

By this event, I thought about Korean society. Even though welfare for the disabled has been improved, it is still insufficient, especially in using public facilities. I've rarely seen buses that the disabled can use easily. Actually, I have a friend who has a difficulty with her legs and she told me that taking a bus is one of the hardest things. I felt so sorry for her and whenever I take the bus, I think about her. After this event, I decided that I'll be the one who

always consider others and someday I want to do something for people who have difficulties.

An Embarrassing Experience

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RW 21

One day, I had a very bad experience. I traveled to a country town and was invited to lunch with a traditional family. When we started eating, someone said something very funny and it made me choke. I coughed all the food in my mouth out. The people around me were very shocked, but they kept smiling so that they didn't further embarrass me. I felt so bad and tried very hard to clean up the mess I made on the table, but the harder I tried, the messier it became. I was very ashamed because that was the very first time I met these people! This situation was very embarrassing to me and I wanted to get out from there as fast as possible. I probably won't forget this experience my whole life.

Police Brutality

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RW45

Police brutality is a big problem nowadays in United States. I believe that this issue is related to race. In the case of Freddie Gray, the police arrested him just because he is Black and running away from them. After that he died in police custody. Why did the police arrest him without any evidence? Running away is not a real reason to arrest someone and let them die like that. If I were in Gray's shoes, I would run from the police because I know they don't like me due to my Black skin. Another example of racism is when Tamir Rice was shot on November of 2014 by police in Cleveland, Ohio. He was 12 years old, Black, and playing with a toy gun. There are too many police incidents like these that are related to race. That's why I think this problem is

A Surprise

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RW 21

Six years ago when I graduated from high school, my father surprised me with a special gift. I bought a car for me. That day, I was sitting in the living room watching TV when my father came to me and told me that he wanted to show me something. I didn't expect that he had bought a car for me. I was very happy and

thankful to me father. That was the car I wanted. This was a beautiful surprise, and would not forget that moment.

My Grandfather's Shadow

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RW46

I don't believe in paranormal stories, but I heard stories or I know people that they had some experiences with ghost or something paranormal. I remember 20 years ago my sister had a ghost story. We lived in an old house in Bogota- Colombia and she needs to go to the bathroom I remember that it was very early, almost 3 am when she went to the bathroom, she heard somebody walking close to the bathroom or dragging the feet and when she heard that she opened the bathroom door and she saw a white shadow with bright eyes. This was something scary for her because when she saw this shadow his face looked similar to my grandfather's face. After she saw that, she ran to my parent's room, she was so scared because it was a bad experience. I remember that my father woke up and he went to the bathroom but he didn't see anyone. The scary story is that 3 days after her bad experience my grandfather past away. I think that some stories can affect us in some ways. For example, this story affected my sister because my grandfather past away. She was very nervous and she needed to take some medicines to sleep well for 1 month. Actually, she forgot that but it was a bad experience in that time.

Studying In Gainesville City

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RW 40

You can't test the sweetness of life if you don't test the bitterness of it. Studying takes effort, and studying comes with loneliness. As a matter of fact, when I decided to come to United States I didn't know the loneliness. I didn't know what homesick is. However, when I have this experience, I have another vision. I have really seriousness about my dream. There are a number of crucial reasons to come to Gainesville.

The first factor to travel to Gainesville is studying and depending on yourself. Studying another language in not easy at all, especially, when you want to make friendship with people, and they don't understand you. In the beginning you start to suffer, but you have to learn to solve your problem and study very hard to reach your goal and know the other language fast. You need to be not shy to make mistake. You don't learn if you don't learn from your mistake. Furthermore, studying abroad teaches you to depend on yourself. When you used to live with your family, you become

dependent on them in house chores. However, the studying abroad teaches you to do this by yourself.

Another reason to travel abroad is to recognize other cultures. There are a lot of differences between my country and Gainesville city, so the exploring will be interesting. People have differences in traditional dishes, in their habits, in their clothing, and in their thinking. Although some time I have shocked from our differences, I like this matter. It makes my mind look at the life in another way. Besides exploring people differences, exploring cities around Gainesville are fantastic. There are many parks and a lot of entertainment places. Consequently, learning English is interesting.

All in all, studying and depending on yourself and the organization of another culture are reasons to come in Gainesville. In addition, the best education you will ever get is travelling. Nothing teaches you more than exploring the world and accumulating experience.

Healthy Food and Fast Food

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RW 40

Every day 25% of people eat at fast food restaurants in U. S. A. (North Ohio Heart, 2015). They are working for long time, so they don't have time for cooking, but this is very bad for their health. There are two types of food, healthy food and fast food. There are several similarities and differences between healthy food and fast food. Always they are delicious and also both have many varieties. On the other hand, there are differences between them: price differences, damages, and difference in the interest.

Both fast food and healthy food are delicious. For example, you can imagine a hamburger or salad of fruits are delicious, and they are kind of food. However, some people prefer this reason. Fast food and healthy food have many varieties this is another reason why they are similar.

The fast food is cheaper than healthy food. You can save more money if you eat fast food. The healthy food is not convenient for poor people, they don't have enough money to buy or eat healthy food. So some people eat it because it is cheap.

The most important difference between fast food and healthy food is interest and damages. The fast food is unhealthy, that mean when you eat it you will expose yourself to disease. For example, the fast food reason of obesity and also high blood pressure. But healthy food has many nutritional benefits. For example, vitamin, protein and calories suitable, while the fast food missing all of these benefits.

In conclusion, fast food and healthy food each have own special characteristics. There are many people love fast food and many people love the healthy food. I prefer healthy food to avoid my self the disease, and also my family is prefer that. My opinion

you must eat healthy food. When you save your health that is very important than when you save your money.

An Embarrassing Experience

Ahmed Aldobiaki
RW 21

One day when I was twelve years old, I invited my friends to my house because my parents were not at home. We played for about an hour, not very long actually, but in that hour we made a huge mess in the house. Everything was out of their right places. When we were still playing, my parents came home. Then, my father became very angry and screamed at me in front of my friends. My mother ordered all the other kids in the house to leave. This was the most embarrassing thing that ever happened to me.

The Differences and the Similarities of My Hometown and Gainesville

Qing Bi
RW40

Two things which looked disparate on the surface, will have amazing similarities if you read them carefully, such as my hometown and Gainesville. They are very different, but they have some surprising similarities. My hometown ShenZhen is in the GuangDong province of China. It is a very big, modern and busy city. ShenZhen is located in the south of China, like Gainesville is located in the south of the United States. Although they are on the opposite sides of the earth, their altitudes are similar. The weather in ShenZhen is as warm as in Gainesville. The average temperature of ShenZhen (26⁰C) is the same as Gainesville (80⁰F). There are no distinct four seasons changes in both of the cities. For above reason, the vegetable and fruit which grow in Gainesville are similar to ShenZhen. That 's why I got used to live in Gainesville. However, ShenZhen and Gainesville have some obvious differences.

The population between ShenZhen and Gainesville is very different. Unlike Gainesville which is no more than 200 thousand people , ShenZhen is really a big city with 10.26 million people, and the number increases 10% every year. In addition, most temporary residents in Gainesville are student, but most of temporary residents in ShenZhen are workers.

ShenZhen is known for its business, high- technology, manufacture. In contrast, Gainesville is known for its education. ShenZhen is near HongKong, and it's one of the best cities for trade in China. It is good at making electric product, like cell phones, TVs, computers, etc. Many brands, for example, Apple,

HP, and Intel are made in ShenZhen. On the other hand, University of Florida in Gainesville is on the top 50 universities of American. It has a total 16 colleges including Medicine, Dentistry, Language, Education, Business Administration, and Law.

The city of ShenZhen looks very different from the city of Gainesville. ShenZhen is full of tall buildings. The highest building is more than 100 floors. It's crowded, busy, and stressful. There are metro, high speed rail, train, boat, and bus for transportation, but traffic is also busy. On the other hand, Gainesville is quiet city without tall buildings. It's wide, natural, regular, and relaxing. Transportation is good enough for all the people who live here.

In conclusion, Gainesville and ShenZhen have big differences, but they have some remarkable similarities in another way. Even though there are so many difference ShenZhen and Gainesville, I really love to live here. Because I like to study in UF, I prefer Gainesville's simple and happy life.

The White Paper

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RW23

Once day in school. My teacher was want from our class story or make up something to her. She gave us two weeks. She was mention us every day about the story. When the big day came I was not ready. I was nervous, but the surprised me we should write the story, and when the time finish we should stand up and read it. Then she did begin give us the test. I was want anyone kill me because I didn't study or was ready. When the time finished everyone stood up and read his story. I was shocked because my paper was nothing. Teacher said, "Ali is your turn." I stood up, and I was proud. I said "The topic is The White Paper." Everyone looked at me and focus. I said "once day, there was a guy he has test, and he wasn't ready. Then when he finished his test the paper was white, but his teacher gave him A." When I finished the story everyone clapped for me, but the problems what about my paper. I gave my paper to my teacher, and she was angry. I tried to explain, but nothing happened. She gave me F. I wished I was like the guy who is in my story.

Melting of the Ice in the Arctic

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RW 55

What could happen if the arctic ice disappears? Global warming is affecting earth in ways we could have only imagined years ago. The arctic has increased its temperature in the past years, and as a consequence the great mass of ice has been melting

rapidly, about 12% per decade. This area is home to thousands of animals and it is a place that impacts the global economy because of the amounts of animal farms in the area and the way it helps human survival. Moreover, the Arctic's ice and snow helps to reflect the sun rays, which, helps to keep earth temperature stable. Most people are not aware of the effects that the melting of the Arctic's ice could bring.

One of the most important effects is that sea levels have increased about 20 centimeters in the past 100 years because of the arctic melting. According to Joy (2004), the increase of fresh water in the ocean will reduce the water circulation and increase the sea levels around the world. Consequently, coastlines in several countries would be affected by human activities, and global temperature would become higher because of the increase of water that would trap the sun's heat instead of reflect it. If all the ice in the arctic and Greenland melts, sea levels will rise up to 20 feet.

Rising the sea levels is not the only effect that this could bring. Last year North America was hit by two terrible weather patterns, a long record winter cold and the ongoing drought in California. Many experts believe weather patterns such as these are changing because of the arctic and they will continue to be longer and more severe than ever. According to Weather Underground (n.d.), changes to the course of the jet stream affect the patterns of the earth and some of the results will be stronger hurricanes and monsoons. As a result, the reduction of ice in the north pole of the earth will delay the winter in the north and winter weather patterns, such as El Nino or La Nina, will become stronger.

The increase of water in the ocean will also affect the lands that the ice surround. A plethora of animals dependent on the arctic ice for survival. The depletion of the ice will affect polar bears because they hunt, move, and build their dens thanks to the ice in the ocean or at coast. According to Joy (2004), the decrease of the sea ice will shrink the habitat for polar bears, seals and others sea birds, pushing some of these species to extinction. Although, animals from land will be less affected, their habitat, migration path and food sources will change causing them a lot of stress. Opening new channels for the introduction of new species in the region, can also bring new diseases putting everyone in the area in danger.

Another effect in the arctic region would be on the lives of the thousands of natives who depend on the habitat, not only for survival but to maintain their culture and social identity. Hunting

animals, like polar bears, seals, caribous, fish and reindeer helps them to conserve their economy and food sources, but with the melting of the ice these customs and necessities will become harder. Young people in this area are being exposed 30% more to UV rays than previous generations, which will end up increasing diseases like immune system disorders, skin cancer and cataracts.

In addition, while most of the effects of the Arctic ice caps melting represent a risk for the world, nevertheless some good things may come from this. The decrease of shipping costs because of the rise of shipping traffic in shipping season, the reduction in the demand of heating fuel during winter, and the opening of new sea routes that will give cheaper options for coal and mineral transportation are some of the positive impacts this may bring.

To conclude, the melting of the arctic ice will bring major environmental changes that not only will represent a risk for the arctic but for the world, it will also bring some opportunities for the economy in the area. The opening of new routes in the North Pole will bring good things for the world economy, but this will be overcome by the increase of the sea levels, the extinction of animals, and the survival of the native people. Strong action needs to be taken to lessen the future path of humans and to adapt to the changes that are already happening and will endure.

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