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Subject: Please Read This

A reality reset for me. About the facts of life of being a millennial. My niece (a law student in Boston and a millennial, as are my two daughters) emailed this to me last night. I could not read it in one sitting. Too depressing. Many factors contribute to the bleak economic future being faced by many, even most, millennials. One of the big ones is the absence of affordable housing. That is the piece at the end of this article but the whole thing is well worth reading and contemplating.

In typical millennial style there are many attractive graphics and interactive features that make it more fun. If that's the word.

<https://highline.huffingtonpost.com/articles/en/poor-millennials/>

What can we, as a community, as a city, as clusters of neighborhoods and families, do? What can we do?

How do we plan for this? What can be planned? What can be accommodated? Provided? Changed? Thrown out? Replaced?

Just asking.

Respectfully,

Julie Ritter

PS Have any of you read the articles about the fact that the trendy, high tech cities on both coasts (Boston to San Francisco) are losing residents? People are moving out and coming to smaller cities in the mid-west (Grand Rapids, Indianapolis) because they are more affordable. In numbers now large enough to be confidently measured and shared. Ann Arbor may currently be more affordable than San Francisco. How long will that last? Can we plan to make sure it always stays more affordable than San Francisco?

There is growing interest among millennials in Karl Marx and Communism in the last 10 years. Here is a link to one of many articles about this trend: <https://www.fastcompany.com/40505017/young-people-are-really-over-capitalism> The relationship of this trend to the Huffington Post article could not be more apparent.

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