

Guided Reflective Journal: Reflection 7: Poverty and wealth

- What is poverty?

Poverty is a condition in which person became unable to meet their primary needs of life. Poverty is a complex social issue characterized by lack of financial resources and associated with inadequate access to necessities like food, shelter, clothes, education and healthcare. poverty can have detrimental effects on individuals, families as well as on communities including limited social and economic opportunities.

- What are some of the causes why people are poor? List, from the more likely to the less likely, 5 causes that explain why people are poor.

There are many which can consider as main reasons for poverty.

1. Income inequality: - It refers to unequal distribution of income among the individuals which leads to unequal access to necessary resources.
2. Unemployment: - lack of job opportunities is one of major reason of poverty in the contemporary time which keep individuals or families in poverty.
3. Low level of education and skills: - limited access to secondary education and training can lead to low earning potential.
4. Economic factors: - Economic downturns, recession and inflation makes people out of job, consequently, leads to financial hardship.
5. Family structure: - Single parent households and large families may struggle with poverty due to limited resources.

- What are some of the causes why people are rich? List, from the more likely to the less likely, 5 causes that explain why people are rich.

1. Education and skills: - Income is directly related to the education, quality education and valuable skills helps people to get higher paying jobs and successful entrepreneurship.
2. Hard working and dedication: -Industrious and dedicated people who are committed to their career and work hard, can become a part of rich community.
3. Inheritance: - people with big amount of money will pass on fortunes to their children which became major factor in their financial success.
4. Investment: - wise investments in early part of life in different assets like real estate, money saving policies can generate substantial income in the long run.
5. Market conditions: - Economic factors like favourable market conditions or industries in high demand can increase individual's income and wealth.