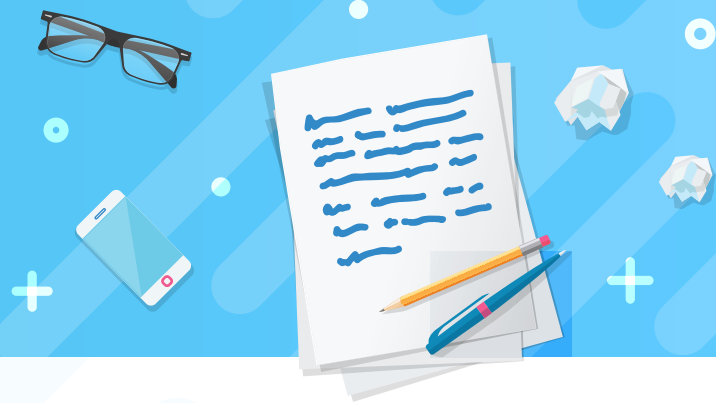


A Formal Exploratory Essay



Introduction

Does the government offer enough jobs to its citizens? I have read two articles, which have made me ask the previous question. The loss of a job has become rampant in this generation. Poor government policies have made people critically think their significance economic position because paying off some bills has become intricate. The federal government has tried to reduce their spending, but the outcome results in a loss of jobs. Many people who depend on others such as their husbands and parents because they cannot afford to find jobs that will warrant them a prosperous future. The political turmoil continues to exert pressure on the citizens hence reducing their living standards. Many families are not confident about their future hence making it difficult rely on government policies. The government has failed to tackle the issues of unemployment especially because of the recession. Some people have been left to work sixty to seventy hours each week for more than eight years. As a result, the detrimental effect because of lack of sleep would affect the employees. The government policy only allows each to work more because life continues to bear hardships.

Open Letter to that Fifty-Three Percent Guy by Max Udargo tries to criticize a marine's idea for an American dream. The author was

interesting when he asked few questions to the marine to validate his claims. He asks the marine whether he will work two jobs all his life and sixty-seventy hours a week. Udargo tries to question the marine's ability to work when he is at the age of fifty because he will not have the energy. The author is concerned about the long hours of work without taking a vacation to relax with the family. He tries to make the reader understand the plight of the American dream where spending time with the family is a difficult task. The author is worried whether the time left after the work long hours by the ex-marine will enough and fair to the kids. I chose the article because the author shows the disparity in the work conditions between now and a century ago. People fought to revolutionize the allocation of time that made the victims to the industrialist. They struggled until the slogan of eight hours of work, eight hours of leisure and eight hours of sleep was implemented. Many people died for the cause despite the brutal retaliation from the police. They had enough and wanted to be treated as humans because their efforts channeled wealth to few known members of the society such as the Rockefellers. The articles become more attractive when people join force to work together and share prosperity to make the eight-hour workday become a norm. When a family lives a real life with a single wage earner working 40 hours in a week, then one can agree that the American dream had been realized. The workers shared in prosperity helped form, take their children to games, play golf on the weekends and take their spouses to movies. The author has a bigger vision than the marine dreams and wants healthcare for everyone. I believe that with the current economy, healthcare insurance should be given to the less fortunate individuals because it is their constitutional right. It will reduce the number of people dying because hospitals have become

places for businesses. Those with bigger insurance cover are treated faster than individuals who do not have. For many, the American vision has become a fallacy in the eyes of the many.

Ohio's War on Middle Class by Mac McClelland tries to show how public servants are axed, and hang with jobless living abandoned homes. In addition, he visits the warehouses of unbearable sorrow and reflect on whether the generation is flat-out screwed. The author tries to use a couple to show how life changes when the government intervenes. Erin, who is a public school teacher and her husband a public information specialist, attempt to live a normal life despite the government's change in economic policy. There are state employees hence something

bad is bound to happen. Every single cent that is spent counts. Anthony, Erin's husband, is not sure of the permanent employment. Their college dreams have not been realized despite their hard work and commitment in college. Erin holds the governor responsible for the doubts that she has. The governor has slashed the estimated expenditure of \$ 58.8 billion by \$ 3.1 billion. He has managed to cut the funding of city and services. As a result, 51, 000 state jobs are now at stake since the local unions will panic about the public staff that has less control over their future. The governor is facing protest because dismantling unions and destroying of public transportation projects, and unemployment benefits. Although Jocelyn and Eric are going to the protest, little can be done to help them. I suppose that the federal government must not slash jobs and increase the number of unemployed people.

Conclusion

The federal and state government has to develop better policies that will consider the will of the US citizens. Moreover, with the increase of unemployment, the people should elect people who will aid them. The question gives us the opportunity to investigate on whether the policies formed will improve the welfare of the citizens.