

Do you agree to some of these ideas?



- a. I'm *totally on board* with gentrification **revitalizing urban areas** in Guatemala, bringing better infrastructure and boosting the local economy.
- b. I *generally agree* that gentrification can turn overlooked areas into vibrant, **up-and-coming neighborhoods** that attract investment and tourists.
- c. I'm *not quite buying it*—gentrification often **displaces residents**, especially low-income families, due to rising rents.
- d. I *flat-out disagree*—gentrification usually causes **cultural division**, as wealthier newcomers don't always integrate with the existing community.
- e. I'm *not quite buying it* that gentrification helps—people are often pushed to the city outskirts, worsening **urban sprawl**.
- f. **Working-Class Communities:** I'm *generally on the same page* but gentrification often disrupts **working-class communities**, raising costs and changing the area's character.
- g. I *flat-out disagree*—gentrification tends to erase the unique culture of neighborhoods and their **community essence**, replacing it with businesses for wealthier residents.

Vocabulary:

- 1. Revitalize urban areas
- 2. Up-and-coming neighborhoods
- 3. Displacing residents
- 4. Cultural division
- 5. Urban sprawl
- 6. Working-class communities
- 7. Community essence

- A. Areas that are gaining popularity and attracting new development and people
- B. The expansion of a city into previously undeveloped areas, often leading to scattered and inefficient growth
- C. The movement of long-time residents out of a neighborhood due to rising costs
- D. The unique identity, traditions, and values that define a neighborhood
- E. Improving parts of a city by renewing infrastructure, businesses, and housing
- F. Communities made up of people who earn modest incomes, often in manual or service jobs
- G. Social divisions that arise when different cultural or economic groups do not mix well in the same area

Look at some opinions about gentrification and choose the correct word or phrase.

- a. By increasing rents and losing loyal tenants, we risk losing the **motivation/essence** of a community.
- b. **Displacing/Protecting** existing residents to welcome wealthy investors will only create a bunch of ghost towns.
- c. Urban renewal isn't all bad because it **ignores/revitalizes** urban areas.
- d. Urban **sprawl/creation** is one of the most worrying aspects of gentrification.
- e. Higher consumer prices are necessary to generate income for investment in **uneconomical/up- and-coming** neighbourhoods.
- f. Established **working-class communities/urban professionals** are the biggest target of gentrification.
- g. Another problem of gentrification is that it leads to a cultural **divide/diversity**.