

## Economy & Family

My uncle once told me, "Everything has a solution, except death." Economy and family issues take part in an individual's life. Economic issues may affect family issues such as child abuse, intrapersonal violence, and teen pregnancy. Economy is affected by small businesses, the trade deficit, and Americans spending more than what they earn.

Family violence has always been present in families. In forms such as Child Abuse, Intimate-Partner Violence, and Teen Pregnancy. "Family violence is not a new phenomenon-it has probably existed since the beginning of time. Only in modern times, however have societies begun to recognize it as violence against family members as a social problem," stated Ola Barnett and Cindy L. Miller-Perlin, *Family Violence across the Lifespan* (2005).

According to the U.S Department of Health and Human Services, between 2002 and 2007, two to three per 100,000 American children have died due to child abuse. Between 1992 and 2000 child sexual abuses have declined 40%. Sharon G. Portwood, executive director of the Institute of Social Capital at Charlotte's University of North Carolina campus said, "Majority of child victims 57% suffer from neglect, 19% are physically abused, 10% are sexually abused, 7% are emotionally abused, 2% are medically neglected." Both men and women are equally likely to be involved in abusing their children. Birth parents are usually responsible for such abuses.

Intra-personal violence, IPV, is also known as domestic violence, marital abuse, or spouse abuse. IPV occurs between individuals in relationships. Low economic status,

cultural attitude, exposure to parental violence, and anger management are factors that are likely to increase IPV. IPV not only destroys families but it terrifies the children and mothers. Women are less likely to call the police on their husband due to concern for the safety of their children, loved ones, and if the wife leaves their husband, they fear that they will become homeless. This is a problem because people are scared to get authorities involved. If authority's security was more securing, than the women in most cases would not be scared or feel threatened of reporting their husband.

Ola Barnett and Cindy L. Miller-Perlin, *Family Violence across the Lifespan* (2005), remarked, "a teenager cannot legally drive an automobile without first receiving appropriate training and passing a test to obtain a license, but the same teenager can become a parent." If a child is being abused, they can grow to live in fear. During adolescence those children begin to form their first "real" intimate ties. They get the idea that they are actually loved. If there is no love at home, they seek love elsewhere. When they find their love, they don't want to let go of it for fear to be empty in their hearts again. They get mixed with the wrong crowd this can lead to teen pregnancy. There are several options when a teen becomes pregnant: abortion, adoption, or raise the baby themselves. It maybe too much responsibility for a teenager to raise their own child; she might seek help either from the government or help from the family. If the parents were more involved in their teenager's life they would be more aware of the teenager's life. If there was more love for that teenager, it would be less likely for them to get caught up in their first "real" intimate tie. If the parents talked more with their teens that would open the teens mind to be more aware and seek advice with their parents when it comes to dating.

## **Business**

Small businesses take a big role in the economy. Most small businesses employ fewer than 100 people. This creates jobs, innovation and contributions to big businesses.

Job creation is born within small businesses. According to the Business Essentials by Ebert Griffin, "40% of small businesses are high in technology categories." It is more likely for a small business to hire an employee faster than a big business. When it comes to an economic crisis, small business lay off workers more rapidly.

Small businesses create innovation faster. The personal computer, stainless steel, razor blade, and photocopier were created by individuals or small business.

Factories create products. Then those products are sold to small businesses. Those small firms are sold to individuals, like me and you.

What happens if small businesses started falling with the economy? Small firms would start to lay off average people. Those average people have less income now and it's likely for them to get government help like food stamps and Medicaid. This causes government debt to increase. If innovation is reduced, then are there no buyers and that leaves the small firms with a surplus. Just like dominoes, if small businesses start to fall, then big businesses have reduced small firms. This creates surplus for big businesses. Small firms have a huge impact on the economy. These issues have currently occurred and the USA has not recovered yet.

The Trade deficit is a situation in which a country's imports exceeds its exports and that creates a negative balance of trade. According to "Business Essentials" by Ebert Griffin, in 2007, "the United States exported \$1,621.8 billion in goods and services imported \$2,333.4 billion in goods and services. Do to this United States imports exceeded exports which makes a trade deficient of \$711.6 billion." If the U.S.A does not improve its exports, the national debt will increase and that affects the economy.

Americans spend more than they earn, consume more than they produce, and go deeper and deeper into debt each year. Americans in the past have gotten that they can't pay it back. It leads into debt, such as buying overpriced real estate or paying more than what its worth. That was an issue that occurred and led to bad economy.

Small businesses, employ average people with families, creates jobs, innovation, and contribution to big businesses. Without small businesses, families have no way of supporting their family. Families with low income usually have more issues such as child abuse, intimate-partner violence, and teenage pregnancy. Everything in life has a solution, except death. These are major issues that are real and can occur to any family. Let's try to solve this problem before it comes to a point where there is no solution.

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