

Question 16 - Groups in context

A. One factor that affects the access to services for the Socioeconomically disadvantaged is money. When they don't have any money they are unable to afford needs and wants. If they do not have private transportation and no money to catch a bus or taxi then the only option is to walk or if they have a bike. If they don't have money they are unable to afford transportation to meet their needs and access services.

Another factor that affects access to services for the socioeconomically disadvantaged is location. If they are far from shops, hospitals etc. and they don't have money for transportation they are usually subject to walk, depending on their location. Being far from services can cause a lot of problems because they are unable to satisfy their needs and access services.

B. Security and safety needs are met by housing for the aged are mainly those in nursing homes which have security devices around the homes and ~~area~~ operate 24/7. Aged people who live by themselves usually install security devices around their house, sometimes have dogs to warn off danger.

Disabled people who live by themselves usually adjust housing features to satisfy their needs eg ramps whilst they too may also have security devices installed around the house.

Both these groups are very similar in their security and safety needs around the home. They both require security devices and equipment if living alone because they are both vulnerable and yet they adjust their living conditions to satisfy their needs eg ramps, toilet rails, shower seats.

C. Government policy such as legislation and community structures such as welfare centers have influenced societal attitudes towards Gay and Lesbian and ~~Youth~~ groups within the Community.

Up until recent years Gay and Lesbians were seen to be wrong and against god - some people still view it that way, but increasingly society is becoming more accepting and tolerant of this group. Legislation such as the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 has influenced people not to judge others by their race, ~~and~~ colour or sexual preference whilst community structures such as Gay and Lesbian Centers help people in understanding each other and gives help to those involved. These government policies and community structures have influenced societal attitudes towards Gay and Lesbians immensely.

In recent years youth groups have been targeted for involvement in criminal activity. Increasingly society today is viewing the youth as being disruptive criminals. Youth today is being targeted for being in a group together and causing trouble. Government policy or legislation such as the Crimes Act and others has



been banning youths from being in a group and is targeting youths who walk around in a group, "hang out" in public places like shopping malls and are dressed in ~~an~~ a similar way which looks suspicious of a criminal. Community structures such as youth centers ~~allow youths to~~ gives youths a place to go where they will not get into trouble. As you can see government policies influence societal attitudes of youths being disruptive criminals while community structures perceive as youths being normal teenagers with nothing to do.