

Urbanization and Its Effects on Social Cohesion

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Abstract. This study examines the relationship between urbanization and social cohesion, focusing on how rapidly growing cities impact community ties. It investigates the social dynamics within urban environments, considering factors such as migration, economic disparity, and cultural diversity. Using case studies from various global cities, the research highlights both the challenges and opportunities urbanization presents for maintaining strong social networks and community involvement.

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Introduction

Urbanization is a defining characteristic of the 21st century, with more than half of the global population now residing in urban areas. This shift presents both opportunities and challenges for social cohesion. As cities expand, they bring together diverse populations with varying cultural, economic, and social backgrounds. This article explores the effects of urbanization on social cohesion, particularly how it influences community bonds and social networks. Through a series of case studies from cities around the world, the research investigates how urban growth affects migration patterns, economic disparities, and cultural interactions. The aim is to understand how urban environments can foster or hinder community ties, contributing to the broader discourse on sustainable urban development.

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