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INTRODUCTION

• Human security: safety from chronic threats to the individual such as hunger, disease, repression, and any other hurtful disruptions to the pattern of daily life in homes, jobs, or communities (Paris 2001).
• Over 25% of people in Bloomington-Normal say they do not make enough to pay monthly expenses (United Way 2014).
• Widespread income inequality cloaks the issue of poverty in Bloomington-Normal.
• ~14.8% of residents in Bloomington-Normal were living in poverty in 2012 (United Way 2014).

METHODOLOGY

• This project will consist of a photo essay with roughly 10-15 photographs.
• Photographs were taken in low income neighborhoods to display the affect of economic insecurity on the community.
• Photos are unedited (besides being resized) to give an accurate depiction of the current situation.
• Pictures taken using a Samsung Galaxy S7 camera.

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• Literature Review
  • The Local level is extremely important to human security because it interacts with the individual the most often (Kapuy 2004).
  • Civic engagement benefits the individual and the community in a plethora of ways (Pancer 2015).
  • Art can be a form of civic engagement.
  • Photo essays are a useful form of art to help identify issues or problems in the community or society (Leavy 2017).

RESULTS

• Poverty does affect the look of a community.
• In low income areas, there is a lack of collective efficacy in keeping the community maintained.
• Services and infrastructure in low income communities are often poor and failing.
• Mood of these photos portrays the dark and dismal state of low income communities.
• Texture shows a roughness or grittiness associated with economic insecurity.
• This project is ongoing and results discussed are not necessarily final results.
• This project provides a visual of human insecurity discussed by the literature.