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Determining the Hurt or Health in Newport

The following are a list of questions I feel would be appropriate to ask in attempt to accurately measure the hurt or health of Newport:

For health;

- 1.) Do you feel like there is enough police force within Newport?
- 2.) Do you know where you are able to get fresh and healthy produce?
- 3.) Does your community offer safe places for people suffering from mental illness or from such things like domestic abuse, rape, ect? If you do not know, are you aware of how you are able to find out?
- 4.) Are you employed?
- 5.) Do you have access to essential needs for healthy living? (Food, water, shelter, etc.)

For hurt;

- 1.) Do you feel like your community is doing its best to fix the problems within it?
- 2.) Do you feel unsafe in Newport? (Is there a lot of crime around the area?)
- 3.) Do you see potential for progress in Newport in areas such as educational development, reduced crime rate, updated infrastructure, job opportunities, etc? If you do not know, would these be things you would be interested in learning about?

4.) Are you informed of opportunities to help better the community?

5.) Are you aware of how Newport stands economically against other areas?

My justification for asking these questions is that they, when put together, give both a broad and specific range of answers that could provide a leeway into seeing where Newport stands. They can be applied to both the majority and to minorities, so that not just one group of people is interviewed, which may sway the outcome. The questions can easily determine the problems within Newport while also determining the level of health/hurt in the community, while also giving a more personal approach towards the people themselves rather than focusing on the community. People can still feel unsatisfied with something regardless of outside appearances.) This, then, offers two approaches to the hurt of health of Newport: how the community is doing, and how the people within the community feel towards it.

While these questions can help determine the help or hurt of Newport, it is important to note that there should be guidelines for who can participate in the survey. Stating that, I feel it would be appropriate to ask people who have been living in the environment for at least two years, as that seems like a sufficient amount of time to really know the community at that point.