



## Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 03.10.2023

### Article link : [Link](#) (Our Media Is Fueling Vigilantism Against Homeless People)

1. According to the author, a general environment of sensationalist media coverage of the unhoused is contributing to:

- A. A broader climate of dehumanization and “othering” of the most vulnerable in the society
- B. Incitement of vigilantism against the homeless, by associating the unhoused with criminality
- C. A wink and a nod endorsement of extrajudicial action or violence against the homeless
- D. All the above

#### Explanation : D

All given points are mentioned in the article.

2. The author says that dehumanizing the unhoused "isn't just inevitable, it's necessary" in our societies as:

- A. We currently live in a plentiful welfare state and everyone who is currently unhoused is so because of a moral failing
- B. Given the stark inequalities in society, the bottom rung of wage labor is disciplined and kept in line by raising the specter of homelessness and destitution
- C. Cruelty is baked into our puritan culture and the widespread contempt for the poor, especially the black poor, is pervasive in our media culture
- D. There are increasing number of aggressive behaviour by the homeless possibly due to more potent drugs and a spike in Visible Poverty

#### Explanation: B

Refer to the lines, 'In a society with such stark inequality, and so many scrambling to keep their heads above water, dehumanizing those at the very bottom of our social ladder—who couldn't

“make it”—isn’t just inevitable, it’s necessary. The specter of homelessness and destitution is how the bottom rung of wage labor is disciplined and kept in line.’

3. The subject of outrage of the people, according to the author, should be:

- A. Our capitalist system that leads to excessive competition for limited resources
- B. The social welfare state that is simply too enabling
- C. The failure of social systems to provide housing and health care for the vulnerable
- D. All the above

**Explanation: C**

Refer to the last paragraph. Option B is incorrect. The article does not talk about capitalism leading to excessive competition or limited resources; so, option A is incorrect.