

FAST FOOD

My problem solution is about fast food. Fast food is a problem because it causes heart problems, diabetes, and clogged hearts and causes people to be out of shape. It puts people in a comfortable environment full of food. When people have problems they usually turn to food. This reason is because people get depressed. Some people don't have anyone else to talk too so they turn over to food, but when there's no food places open at night. Where do they turn to fast food restaurants because it makes them feel a little happier inside. Sometimes people forget how much they are and they keep eating. Once they get started they usually get over weight, in this case they have problems with their body and mine because they are not in shape are healthy.so they get depressed easier also get tired easier then people that are healthy are in shape. So my solution to this problem is that they should make a group for people that are depressed are having troubles in life. They should do this so there will be more active people in the world. The people will feel happier to wake up because they know that they have someone to talk to about their problems. So they don't always have to turn to food when they have problems in their life.

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PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY - LEVEL 1

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Homelessness

The lack of affordable housing is one of the leading causes of homelessness in Canada. This essay will focus on the results of this.

Firstly, because so many people are without a home the streets are being filled with people looking for food and a safe place to stay, causing a demand for homeless shelters to rise. Secondly, there is a lack of employment opportunities, which means that more people are without jobs and cannot afford rent becoming homeless, thus, a lack of affordable housing.

While homeless shelters are doing their best to accommodate the homeless population, the government could do a little more to help out. For example they could build simple homes that had an affordable rent for those struggling with money. Also they could help provide job opportunities for those who are unemployed to help them get back on their feet.

If the government would consider these possibilities the results would be that the unemployment rate would go down, and more people would be able to afford houses and be off the streets. It is time the government stepped up for all of its citizens.

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PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY - LEVEL 2

Global Warming Essay

Our world is a planet with many different climates. It can either be tropical or a desert of snow, it can be a warm summer filled land or a desert of sand. Yet we give it blow after blow of green house gasses burnt from fossil fuels, which are making our winters into summers. Global Warming will be the end of this world, Earth. We must take certain steps to prolong its inevitable demise.

Global Warming is caused by fossil fuels. Fossil fuels are made by compressed bones and flesh, probably from the animals and people during the time of the great flood. Burning these fossil fuels puts off gasses known as "Green house gasses". These Gasses are known as green house gasses because they change the environment in the same way that one would do with a greenhouse. The gasses magnify the sun's rays making it a hotter and eventually more humid environment.

In the 19th century the average temperature raised 0.8 degrees Celsius. 0.8 degrees Celsius doesn't seem like a great jump but by the end of the 21st century it is estimated that the average temperature will have raised 6.4 degrees Celsius. In just two centuries the average temperature climate will have over quadrupled what it was before.

If Global warming doesn't make the earth too hot to support organic life it will be because of lack of fossil fuels to burn, instead causing green house gasses which magnify the sun's rays. It has been rumored through the media that the world will be depleted of its gas resources within fifteen years. This may not be the case but gas is the most common fossil fuel that is used by man, there is no doubt that it is running low.

To prolong the life of this world we have methods available which could help a great deal. There are other sources of power besides burning fossil fuels. There are wind turbines for windy places such as Saskatchewan, the spinning arms on the turbine collect kinetic energy that can be stored in batteries. These batteries could be placed in cars or used to power a home or many. There are also solar panels that take advantage of the sun's radiation made by the sun's rays. They can store this energy and a small field of these could power a portion of a city.

This is the only planet was given to us by God and we must respect his creation. This world could very well outlive human kind but we must do our part and keep it healthy. If we help our dear planet it could one day be restored to its former glory. If certain steps are not taken Global Warming will be the end of this world, Earth.

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PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY - LEVEL 2

Gangs are a major problem in many societies around the world. It may seem that is impossible to combat this problem, but we can make small stepping stones to a better future.

The major problems associated with gangs are violence and drug use and distribution. All the violence caused by these gangs cause many of deaths for the members of these gangs and innocent civilians. Gang related violence causes millions of dollars in damages to houses and businesses all over the world. The drug use and distribution of gangs can result in even more violence to sell their own product. The drugs may even be a gateway for adolescents to join into gangs and continue the violence, vandalism and destruction gangs cause. When the police are used to intervene can cause more casualties.

The problem however can be thwarted. Teens and youth are the most susceptible to joining the false security of gangs. They are the ones using drugs and smoking cigarettes. I say we could have some parental intervention to try and set these individuals back onto a healthier lifestyle. We could have police coming to high schools and tell them how drugs and gang life affect their future, family and friends. How they can be left behind by their loved ones when they grow up. Reality checks to tell them how if they join gangs or do drugs they can be unemployed, without money, without friends or even family. Even though the threat of gangs might never be gone we can stop their effectiveness over time.

The problem of gangs cause increased drug use, deaths, violence, theft and vandalism. This problem may never be able to be stopped but it can become less of a serious problem.

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PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY - LEVEL 2

Police brutality can be defined as the occurrence of police officers displaying aggressive behaviour towards citizens for no apparent reasons. An example of this would be if an officer used force or inflicted pain onto citizens where it would seem highly unnecessary.

The origins of police brutality is indeterminable as it has been around since police forces came into being. Police brutality takes place for a number of reasons; people becoming cops for the wrong reasons, lack of tolerance for differing ethnic groups, and frustration with outside influences. The effects of police brutality are often severe, the innocent victims can be scarred in extreme cases, feel a sense of discomfort for cops rather than a feeling of security, and in some situations an offence is put over the victim's head. This is a serious issue that will not cease to exist unless action is taken.

Stricter rules and regulations on what a police officer can do could solve the issue. Setting out guidelines on what power police have over civilians, and consequences for unacceptable behaviour towards citizens without a justifiable cause.

Exposure of police brutality is another possible solution. If cops are at little risk of being shown to the public their violent behavior, they are more likely to act as such. Not only is a lack of media coverage enabling to them, it is an outright injustice done to the victims. One example of this were the police brutalities of the Wall Street protests; there was little to none media coverage other than that which you find online..

Another solution for police brutality is better filtering of those who are allowed to become cops. The people in charge of this must find out and separate those who are willing to serve and protect his or her city, and those who want an excuse to carry around a handgun. Although this is difficult to determine, this is the root to this problem.

What this issue all boils down to is the government has to stop protecting their immoral cops and shadowing their mistakes. It's the government and the government only who doesn't allow the media to cover these stories, and therefore it's in the government's hands to clean up their act. Unfortunately, the problem is in control of the solution, so police brutality may never be solved. But better media coverage is what is needed to abolish this insanity.

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PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY - LEVEL 3

PROBLEM/SOLUTION ESSAY

There should be a recreation center where teens can hangout and instead of going on the streets. The problem that we are seeing these days are the teenagers getting into more trouble than they should be. Some ways teens are like this is because they cant hangout anywhere in the town so they find their own way to have fun and that's being bad. The effects that it has on the town is that the teens break into homes and stores for fun and steal. In the future when this is done then we wont have trouble with the teens and if we don't the teens will become criminals or may even be sent to jail.

What I am proposing is that we try to make a recreation area for the teens to hangout. So the adults won't be worried about having there home or a business being vandalized or something stolen. This area would be a place where there would barely be any altercations. There would be games to play, couches so the teens can sit and have snacks and just sit and chat. There are many concerns that adults have with teens hanging outside their house in the streets and then having them break in and stealing.

There was one idea I had but it wouldn't work because it's only for the summer season. The idea was a skate park but there are many reasons why it wouldn't work. When it snows the skateboards would not work, more fights. There are no places there to sit so the teens can just chat if they don't want to skate.

The way the recreation area would be set up is. It would be like any other hall that you would go to. There would be a refreshments bar without the beer. There would be lots of couches, a few tables to sit at if you had a laptop or something. There would be washrooms at the front of the hall and the bar near it. There would be seats at the bar. The outside would have a big sign saying the name of the recreation center and what times its open for. It would be open for all ages from small children to adults.

There will be donation boxes at the businesses that don't want the teens to vandalize their place. There will be other places to donate at if you want to see the teens of the new generation to be safe and not in jail. There are many ways to take the teens off the streets and I thought that I would put an option of what we could do to keep the teens off the streets thanks for reading this and I hope you would want to help the teens.

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PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY - LEVEL 3

+ Approximately four hundred thousand people are born every day and there are only around two hundred thousand deaths each day. This leads to the problem of over population, in less than seventy years our population will exceed twelve billion. The earth will not be able to support that many people for long. Already humanity is feeling strains as the demand for non-renewable resources increases. If the human race does not act rapidly it will be too late.

Over population has been an issue for thousands of years in some parts of the earth. For a sizable population to exist in a small area, they must import goods from the surrounding area. In ancient times Rome was over populated, they drew resources from modern day Europe, Africa and parts of Asia. Despite the Romans best efforts, Rome suffered serious poverty and eventually collapsed. The human population increases exponentially, a difficult concept to grasp. It is much like duckweed, a plant capable of doubling in size every day. Duckweed will continue to reproduce until it strangles the pond. Right now, humanity is covering well over half of the world. At the current rate of population growth it will not be long until the carrying capacity on earth is reached.

A group of people called Cornucopians do not believe over population is actually an issue. The cornucopia theory is that the more people on the planet, the more potential consumers. With more consumers to drive the economy, industries grow. When industries grow, they will provide more job opportunities. These newly created jobs will be filled by the growing population. Hypothetical the process will repeat indefinitely. The obvious problem with this is there is a limit to the amount of food that can be grown on the finite space on earth. The cornucopian solution to this is the greater the population, the more scientists. The more scientists there are, the better the technology there will be. The cornucopian theory is not perfect but it does have a clear focus and solution.

Many would say that the easiest and simplest way to stop the population from expanding is to limit the number of children each couple can have. Using this method to try to reduce the population is dangerous. The Chinese tried by making a law where each couple could only have one child, it was disastrous because if the parents had a child that they did not want they would just throw it to the streets. A cap of two per couple would make more people happy and slowly lower the population. It would lower the population eventually because not everyone gets married. This is the simplest way to control overpopulation.

Limiting the number of children that can be born will stop the problem of overpopulation from getting worse. This needs to be put in effect soon or else it will be too late and the growing population will be unstoppable. If that happens, humanity will have to hope that the Cornucopians are right. Regardless of what it is, something needs to be done before we use up the earth.

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PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY - LEVEL 3

Eighteen years after the end of apartheid, the people of South Africa continue to suffer the effects of racial segregation. The unjust treatment endured by the 'inferior' racial groups caused a social rift that is still apparent. Many black people continue to suffer from the extreme poverty and poor living conditions as a result of the relocation policy implemented during apartheid. The environment has been negatively impacted through overpopulation, high population density in certain areas, urban sprawl, and inefficient industrial waste management. Due to this, there is a lack of available and affordable housing and a very high rate of unemployment, particularly among black people. There is no quick and easy solution to the pain and injustice caused by apartheid. However, there are long term solutions. Accessible, compulsory, and quality education for all is an important beginning. The implementation of programs to improve quality of life and reduce environmental impact is another necessary step.

The system of segregation in South Africa, called apartheid, was implemented in 1948 when the Herenigde Nasionale Party (Reunited National Party) came into power. Led by Daniel Malan, a coalition was formed with the Afrikaner Party, creating a system in which South Africans were divided into four racial groups: white, black, coloured, and indian. The 'superior' white group encompassed the Afrikaans and English language groups. The other three groups were considered inferior. They were separated from the White population through the segregation of many public places and services such as buses, public washrooms, drinking fountains, parks, and even ambulances, hospitals and schools. These segregated services were often of much poorer quality for the 'inferior' racial groups.

Race was monitored through the pass system, in which each person over the age of eighteen was required to carry a 'pass' or identification card detailing his race. People of colour especially could be subject to great brutality from police for not carrying a pass.

During the 1950s, a policy of resettlement was introduced. This was the segregation of living areas and neighborhoods, or even whole cities. Many black people were forced to leave their land and homes to move to overpopulated and crowded 'homelands' and townships. About five million people had to relocate to townships placed in areas deemed unfit for other forms of development. These townships often lacked basic amenities and infrastructure; so many people did not have access to potable water resources or adequate sanitation systems. When apartheid finally ended in 1994, people were unable to regain ownership rights, and continued to live in the overcrowded townships. Apartheid's segregated school system also posed a problem post-apartheid. The education provided in the black schools was inferior, and grade 12 was equivalent to only a grade 8 or 9 in the white schools. This left many Africans lacking the necessary skills to handle a more modern working environment, and has resulted in a very high rate of unemployment and poverty among the black population.

In South Africa today, there is a major lack of housing, especially in urban areas where there is a shortage of 1.5 million houses. Much of this housing is substandard. One out of five black households has running water, while all white households have this simple convenience. 21 million people do not have adequate sanitation. To improve the quality and standard of living for Africans, development of infrastructure in and around towns and cities is necessary. There is a need for modern housing with sewer systems and running water. Paved roads, electricity and telephone lines would further improve quality of life. By employing future owners to build the houses, jobs will be created. People will begin to take pride in the ownership, and will be motivated to continue to work to create a better life for themselves. South Africa lacks an established middle class. The creation of these homes and subsequent jobs would raise the socioeconomic status of this poorest class. The government can also work to create a more just

distribution of income. The South African government has a current deficit of 8%, which makes it difficult to integrate any social programming. Building these houses will reduce unemployment rates, which will increase gross domestic product and government revenue. A degree of social programming can then be implemented to sustain the new middle class and provide more support for the poorest. This further development of the country's infrastructure and government programs would play a large part in improving quality of life.

South Africa's children are its future. They will become the country's leaders. If they have been raised on the streets with exposure to nothing but racism and violence, they will perpetuate the cycle of racial prejudices. Every child must be granted a good education, regardless of social class or financial situation. Compulsory education is often the only way for one to escape the cycle of poverty and to improve his economic status. An academic curriculum is necessary so that each child has the potential to excel in any field. Social justice, equality of races, respect, and ecological concern is necessary to counteract the negative influences of environment. Children are the future of South Africa. Education enhances self-esteem, provides opportunity, shapes values and morals, and changes a nation.

Apartheid is the cause of many present-day problems in South Africa. The relocation of the black people to homelands and townships has resulted in high population density and impoverished, undeveloped townships. An inadequate education system during apartheid has allowed very high unemployment rates and racism. Compulsory and quality education for all races is vital. As well, one must provide programs which encourage and enable home ownership and pride. With improved education and modern infrastructure initiatives, one could realize the elimination of the lasting effects of apartheid.

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PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY - LEVEL 4

Lack of Compassion For Homeless People

Society's compassion is lacking. The overall attitude suggests that homeless people are an inconvenience for the rest of society. It is this prejudice attitude that stops society from solving the bigger issue of homelessness. This problem exists because there are many preconceptions on the type of people who are homeless. Those living on the streets are stereotyped as scary and disheveled looking people. As well as considered eyesores when seen in well populated public areas. Homeless children seem to reach the hearts of some, whereas those who are considered homeless adults are stripped of all compassion. Society's attitude towards homeless people is horrific; however, it can be changed by educating people or by financially supporting the homeless.

There are many reasons for why people become homeless, but most end up in the same place, the streets. From here, they are all classified as the same, homeless. This is where society starts with its prejudice attitude, by stereotyping the homeless as worthless bums. Stereotypes do not involve specifics or details about individuals; they just stamp a group of people as the same. Unfortunately, compassion is not found with generic groups, but for individuals with personal life stories.

Society's attitude towards the homeless must change. There are several ways of influencing society's mindset. One way would involve educating the public on why there are so many homeless people, and what the difference is between them and the rest of society. When relations are made between people it is easier to be compassionate, although, some people may find it harder to relate to those who are homeless. Stereotypes are made by people's ignorance. However, it is possible to teach one how to look past the stereotypes. Although some people are less willing to learn than others, education allows people to make thoughtful and insightful judgments and opinions. Society's attitude can become one of compassion by understanding the lives of those who are homeless.

In looking at the problem from another perspective, a second solution involves local people financially supporting homeless individuals. Many citizens support people in third world countries, in the same way homeless people can be supported. By offering such an opportunity, society would be confronting the issue of homelessness. The first step towards an empathetic attitude is recognizing and acknowledging the issue. However, this solution would involve a smaller percentage of society because not everyone can or wants to give money. If individuals have already made negative preconceptions it is hard to expect that they will be willing to support financially.

Society has a prejudice attitude towards the homeless; this attitude must change to become one of compassion. By educating or financially supporting homeless people in the community, homelessness is addressed and is not ignored. Although, both solutions can work, educating people would be the most beneficial. More people would be open to being educated rather than being financially supportive. Education does not set any one back, but rather allows one to gain a thoughtful understanding of a topic. From there they can make a logical and reasonable opinion. When society changes its attitude towards the homeless, the community will be one step closer to solving the greater problem of homelessness.

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PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY - LEVEL 4

The Essence of Dying

There comes a point in everybody's life when they face a blatant reminder of their mortality. Everybody must die, though not everyone in the same manner. Some people would prefer that their death be on their own terms. Euthanasia has been accepted in a few regions, and has always met heavy resistance on the way due to its moral insecurity while resting on the conscious mind of many a populace. Euthanasia should be left to the discretion of the person in consideration of the procedure seeing as other members of society, including those in a position of political or religious power, have no real connection to individuals making personal decisions.

Euthanasia is the painless ending of a life in order to prevent suffering due to an incurable illness or coma. There are a few ways by which patients can be voluntarily euthanized. The first method is by lethal injection. The patient is given a sedative that puts them into a comatose state, and then a drug that stops the heart. This is called active euthanasia and is illegal in all countries but the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and certain states in the United States. Passive euthanasia includes the removal of life support or the withholding of food and fluids. Passive euthanasia is legal in more countries than active euthanasia, but countries like Turkey and New Zealand still fight for their freedom to control other people's choices regarding death. Euthanasia and its morality has been a debated topic for a long time. In 2002, 79% of Canadians were reported to be in favour of a patient being able to ask their doctor for assistance in dying (Gallup Poll, 2002).

Euthanization is morally feasible when a person who is terminally ill or suffering from pain related to untreatable illness asks for it; or if a person designated by the patient in question decides it is the correct decision if the patient is comatose or otherwise unable to make the decision themselves. Though not always, quite often people opposed to euthanasia are very tied to religion or out of date traditions. Many take a closed minded approach to euthanasia in saying that it is wrong, or even going as far as to say that it is selfish and cowardly. Much of the catholic faith is based on the view that a body does not belong to the person inhabiting it, and so it is not theirs to abandon. However, if it is God's will that persons keep their life until they are no longer able then perhaps it is up to Him to ensure that the life is worth living until the very end. If God is the priority decision maker regarding end of life decisions, then the person to whom the life belongs is by default the secondary decision maker. This means that other people have absolutely no say in what a person decides to do with their death and unless God steps in, it is that person's decision to make. Quality of life is a huge factor when considering euthanasia. Not everyone gets the luxury of drifting off into a gentle sleep when they die. Not everyone gets to go for a jog the morning they die. Consider a young man or woman, at their physical climax, who suffers total paralysis from a car accident. With all but their life taken away, that person should not be condemned for wanting to move on; to leave behind a bed and total dependence on care administered by others. Euthanasia is never a quick or easy choice, but everyone must die at some point. A sooner death can be considered the lesser of two evils when the contrast is a painful, unfulfilled life.

Euthanasia is not a one-sided procedure; a doctor must be present to perform the euthanization, and many of those doctors willing to perform the procedure face discrimination

and accusations. To stand up against much of society and to tell a person “I will help you” is not easy. An issue with discrediting euthanasia patients and doctors is that the people on the critical end are not experiencing what the patients are. They have not reached the point in their life where they know firsthand all of the reasons that one may consider euthanization. Furthermore, they may not appreciate the sacrifice that the doctors are making in order to improve the wellbeing of the patients, through helping them on to the next step.

Euthanasia may not be everybody’s choice, but those who choose to encounter death on their own terms when fighting an unwinnable battle should be given the proper help they need, as long as there is a person willing to help. In many countries, persons do not have the help they need available. This is an issue because persons are suffering unnecessary pain when there is a possible solution for them that simply is not readily available. Morality and religion are tied. Whether a person’s morality is formed by an upbringing in a religion, or leads a person into a religion, morality factors into religion. The law factors into free will. In a society that holds a separation of church and state, it is lawful for euthanization to be legal as the moral standpoints that withhold euthanization as a practice are stemmed in religion. Life and freedom of choice, as rights, are in parity with freedom of death.

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PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY - LEVEL 4

Since ages ago, people seem to have woven the tendency for substance abuse in to society's problems quite thoroughly, it persists in crippling cultures, destroying families and relationships, and even claiming the lives of those foolish enough to use them too frivolously. These days, this issue remains as clear as day was anything from car accidents to murders frequently stemming back to some sort of abused substance, but surely there's someone more to blame? And as we all know, there's a sliver of truth behind every stereotype. Yes, the average teenager is the proverbial powder keg of disaster when allowed contact with these substances, as their morality is in its developing stages, they are prone to everything from benign mistakes, to grievous errors in judgment that haunt them to their graves. Obviously the latter is the focus in this essay, as the teenage adherence to illicit substances will be explored. The issue is clear to be seen, but it's become something of a rampant problem in Saskatoon, with teens so susceptible to peer pressure and influence, it's generally not too hard to find their insecurities leading them in to legal transgressions in search of acceptance and belonging. This affects everyone, because this sort of substance abuse; especially with the reckless mentality of a teenager, has the potential to cause fatalities, thusly ending, and ruining the lives of those involved.

Ever since the problem has existed, the incessant debates surrounding it has practically become a cliché among problems, and often cast aside as just the way things are, and that those subject to it should simply cope. Others would argue that the stage in teen years in which people are exposed to these things is simply part of growing up. Though I do agree with both of these to some degree in that we can't damn every teen to have a drink, the magnitude of these have far surpassed what could ever be dismissed so flippantly. Though simply condemning the acts won't serve as much more use than what is already deployed against them. Seeing as the legal transgressions of teenagers have ranged over everything from vandalism with paintball guns (In April of 2009 specifically) to murder, the problem would be near impossible to quell if we don't address and deal with the root of the ensuing illegalities. In light of that, it is the firm belief of many that to stem the tide of substance related crime in teens, we must be proactive, and work to prevent it as opposed to picking up the pieces after it's happened.

One may find that with this in mind the seemingly unfixable problem has narrowed down solutions, in that it's now clarified the nature of the measures that must be taken. Seeing as they must be proactive, they must also be universal. This could come to be in the form of more attentive parents, whom could better "monitor" their children; so to speak, if they become more involved and invested in their child's personal life, hobbies, interests, and so on and so forth. One could also apply this same concept to the authorities, having them hover over a bit more astutely with the teenage groups. Though that may seem insensitively presumptuous of the activities of the police, but teenage use of alcohol, and drugs, have led to frankly disturbing violence on other teens, and even adults. It may even be feasible to deploy much harsher penalties for all of these, as well as focusing more upon it to try and cut it off before it reaches such rampant levels as it has in modern society, with people growing up and being dealt lenient punishments for crimes, it massively hinders their understanding of consequence and morality. Anyone can serve as an aid to these efforts, parents and non-parents alike, it simply takes activity to bring the concerns surrounding this ordeal to the attention of those "calling the shots". But let's not forget that it can also stem from the household, one should be actively interested in the lives of their children, if you don't give them attention and acceptance, then they'll seek it out wherever they can; often leading to some unsavory shenanigans.

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