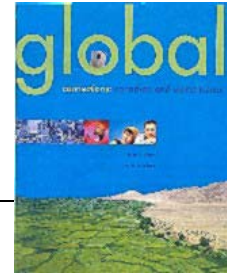


People Moving (Part 2)



1) Read Chapter 9 in *Global Connections*. As always, check your understanding of this topic by defining the terms in **bold letters** that appear throughout the chapter. If you would like an official definition for each term, they are listed in the glossary at the back of the textbook.

2) Contrast the urban changes going on in developed and developing countries.

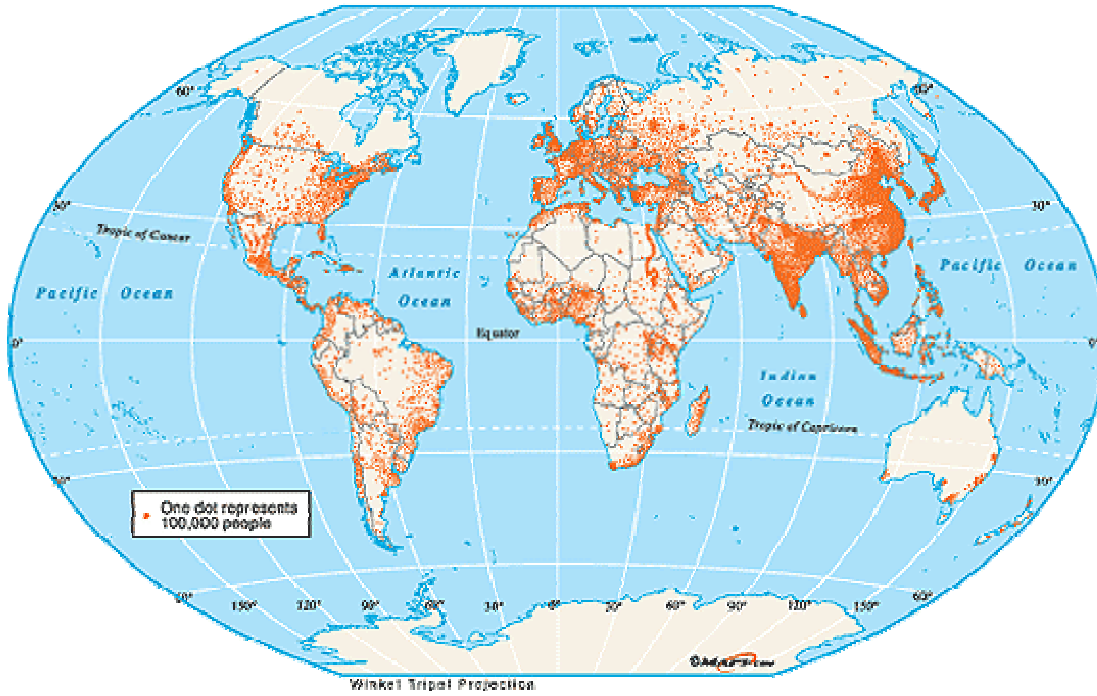
Factor	Developed Countries	Developing Countries
Processes in play (pp 132-133)		
Economic Problems		
Social Problems		
Environmental Problems		
Political Problems? (not in the text, necessarily)		

3) Construct a flow chart to show how the 14 urban problems listed to the right are interrelated. If you were the mayor of one of these cities and were given a large sum of money to help alleviate these problems, which ones would you deal with first to make the best use of the money? Explain your choices. (The percentages shown in brackets are percentage of mayors who identified the problems as “severe” in their cities.)

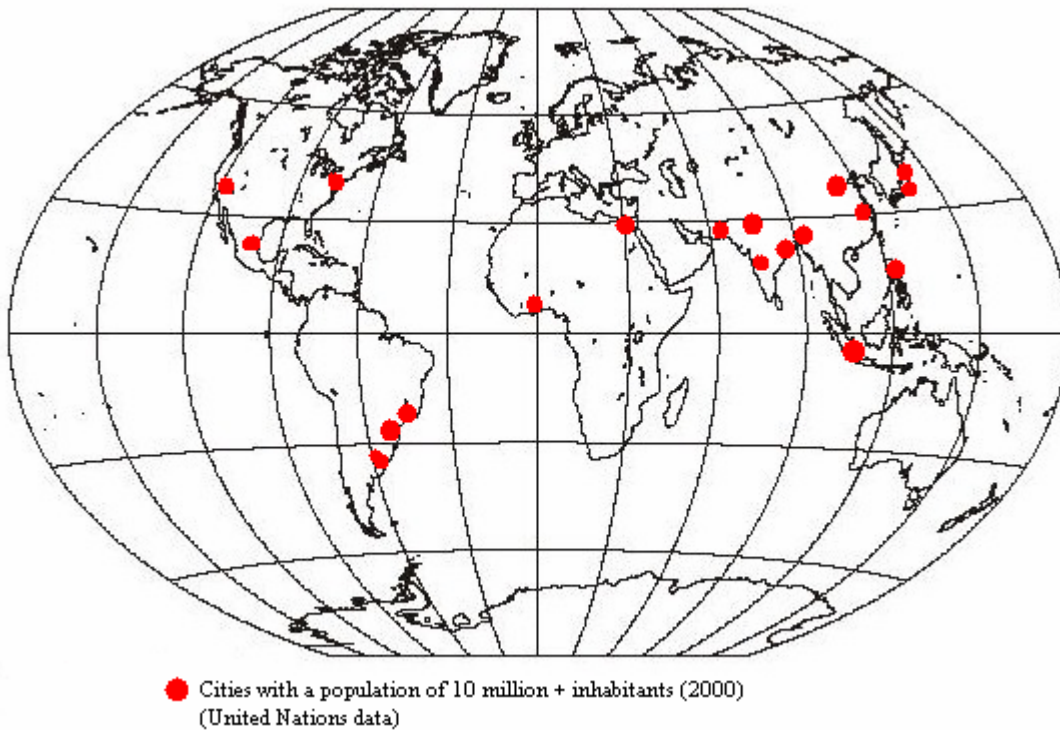
1. Unemployment (52%)
2. Insufficient solid waste disposal (42%)
2. Urban poverty (42%)
4. Inadequate housing stock (34%)
5. Insufficient solid waste collection (31%)
6. Inadequate water or sanitation facilities (28%)
7. Inadequate public transportation (26%)
8. Traffic congestion (22%)
8. Poor health services (22%)
10. Insufficient civil society participation (21%)
11. Inadequate educational services (19%)
12. Air pollution (17%)
13. Urban violence / crime / safety (14%)
14. Discrimination (against women, ethnic groups, poor) (7%)

- 4) Compare the population distribution map (top) with the map of the location of major urban centers (bottom). What relationship do you see? Explain any areas that are exceptional to this relationship.

World Population Distribution, 2000



World Major Urban Centres, 2000



5) Independent research on your own time: Find out what the various levels of government are doing to improve the infrastructures in cities. List and describe them briefly, then assess whether you think these initiatives will be successful, with reasons why.

- a) Infrastructure Canada (federal) - www.infrastructure.gc.ca
- b) Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal (provincial) - www.pir.gov.on.ca
- c) Works Department (regional) - www.region.durham.on.ca/works
- d) Public Works Department (local) – www.whitby.ca

6) Independent research on your own time: Read Rohinton Mistry's* novel *A Fine Balance*, which has a pivotal scene describing the eradication of a slum. Write a response to what happened to the slum's residents.

- a) Why did the government take this action?
- b) Describe the nature of the community that developed in spite of poverty.

*Rohinton Mistry was born in Mumbai, India but now lives in Brampton, Ontario. *A Fine Balance* has won many international awards, not least of which was being included in Oprah's Book Club, which immediately raised notoriety for Mistry and the story within this great novel.

