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Development and Neo-Liberalism

Self-Help between Alternative Let to Their Own Devices: Community
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Community self-help as such is of course nothing new but rather the
 Focus on relevance.
The case for community self-help: a focus on relevance.

Community development

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Poverty eradication programs provide a better course of action for addressing population growth. However, the extreme self-help models of some of the new orthodoxy, the supposition that economic development can be achieved through the self-help efforts of the poor, is still under test and requires more evidence. The self-help models need to be informed from a wider range of evidence, including that from successful programs that have been tested and proven.

Poverty can be reduced by self-help and self-sufficiency. Numerous successful examples demonstrate that the poor can organize and mobilize themselves to reduce poverty. The key is to provide the necessary infrastructure and support systems that enable the poor to organize and work together. The use of microfinance, savings groups, and community-based organizations can provide the necessary resources and infrastructure to support self-help initiatives.

In summary, poverty can be reduced by self-help and self-sufficiency, but it requires a concerted effort from individuals, communities, and governments. The key is to provide the necessary infrastructure and support systems that enable the poor to organize and work together.
will not only be able to participate in the decision-making process but also to influence it. The leaders of the community will be able to express their views and concerns more effectively, leading to better decisions and policies relevant to the community's needs.

**Communities and co-operation**

In the context of the Philippines, the community's role in development can be effective when the community is actively involved in the decision-making process. This can be achieved through the establishment of local councils and community participation in various activities. The community can contribute to the local government's efforts to improve services and policies by providing feedback and suggestions. By involving the community in the decision-making process, the government can ensure that the policies and services are tailored to the community's needs.

The success of the community's role in development is crucial to the overall success of social policy. The community's involvement in decision-making is essential to ensure that the policies and services are relevant and effective. The government should encourage active participation by the community in the decision-making process.

The community's role in development should be supported by the government through the establishment of local councils and community participation in various activities. The government should also provide adequate resources and support to ensure that the community can actively participate in the decision-making process.
Local solutions and macro-solutions

The notion that those seeking to create poverty cannot afford to be very

Policies focus on reducing poverty by initiating education and employment programs that can be achieved through collaborative efforts between government and community organizations. The objective is to create a sense of ownership and responsibility among the poor to improve their economic condition.
The significance of community participation in development

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The involvement of poor people is an essential component of development. Unfortunately, the participation of the poor in development programs is often limited to being passive beneficiaries. This is because the programs are designed and implemented by outside agencies without considering the needs and perspectives of the poor. The result is that the programs fail to meet the needs of the poor and often exacerbate their problems.

Community participation is crucial for effective development. It empowers the poor to participate in decision-making processes and ensures that their needs are taken into account. However, to ensure effective participation, it is important to address the power dynamics that often favor those with more resources and influence. This can be achieved through mechanisms that allow for equitable participation and ensure that the voices of the poor are heard.

In conclusion, community participation is essential for effective development. It empowers the poor to take control of their lives and to work towards achieving their desired outcomes. However, it is important to ensure that mechanisms are in place to ensure equitable participation and avoid the dominance of more powerful groups.