

**Subject:** Economics

**Year:** 11

**Strand:** 5- Development Economics

**Sub Strand:** 5.2

**Content Learning Outcome:** - Investigate Fiji's government policies towards other development issues.

### Lesson Notes

#### ✓ Development Issues

We will continue with other development issues.....

#### **1) Crime**

Is an act which is prohibited by criminal law and the person is punished, usually by fine or imprisonment.

#### Causes of Crime

- ✓ Breakdown of families – the breakdown of families includes families in which parent that are separated or divorced. Some children from these types of families are cared by single parents and extended family members. These children are sometimes able to leave home and wander the streets with friends whenever they want
- ✓ Pawn shops and other second hand retail stores – these shops have an easy and convenient place for the disposal of stolen items which can encourage such offenses such as house breakings, robberies and burglary.
- ✓ Rural – urban migration – when people move from the rural areas to urban areas, they usually do not have proper housing and employment opportunities and as a result some of these migrants turn to crime to survive.
- ✓ Unemployment – inability to work and earn a living can lead to an increase in crime as a means of surviving.
- ✓ Lack of education – poor education leads to difficulties in obtaining a job which may cause increases in crime to survive especially among youths

- ✓ Alcohol abuse – abuse of alcohol leads to increases in crime because of violent, aggressive and spontaneous behaviour. It has been estimated that almost 80% of crimes in Fiji are alcohol abuse related.
- ✓ Yagona abuse – parents who abuse yagona are poor role models for their children and are not available to supervise their children.
- ✓ Violent movies – viewing violent and inappropriate behaviour on T.V and in movies can influence youths to do things that they don't normally do.

### Effects of Crime

- ✓ Costs to victims can include medical costs, property losses, and loss of income.
- ✓ Losses can come in the form of increased security expenses including stronger locks, extra lighting, parking in more expensive secure lots, security alarms for homes and cars, and maintaining guard dogs.
- ✓ Some costs of crime are less tangible (not easily or precisely identified). These kinds of costs can include pain and suffering, and a lower quality of life. There are also the traumatic impacts on friends and the disruption of family.
- ✓ Communities also are affected through loss of tourism and retail sales.
- ✓ Communities and governments spend public funds for police departments, prisons and jails, courts, and treatment programs, including the salaries of prosecutors, judges, public defenders, social workers, security guards, and probation officers.

### Prevention of Crime

- ✓ Strengthen family structures by providing counselling and other assistance to family's needs.

- ✓ Reform the education system to assist in teaching character traits such as discipline, honesty, responsibility, integrity, hard work and so forth.
- ✓ Reform the legal system to ensure that criminals are dealt with fairly and quickly.
- ✓ Rehabilitate prisoners so that they do not return to their criminal behaviours upon their release.
- ✓ Control alcohol abuse.
- ✓ Control and reduce the rural – urban drift by improving employment opportunities and living conditions in the rural areas so that the attractiveness of urban life loses some of its appeal.
- ✓ Police training and increased expenditure on police force.

### **Class Activity**

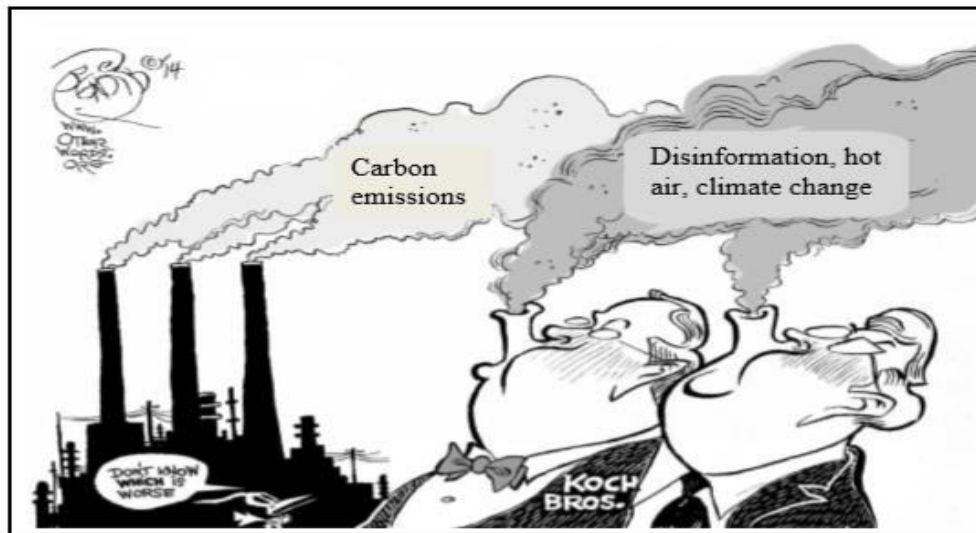
1. Study the resource given below and with your own knowledge answer questions (i) and (ii).



Source: <https://www.google.com>

- i. Identify the development issue highlighted in the resource above.
- ii. Suggest one policy which has been adopted by the Fijian government to address the development issue above.

2. Study the cartoon given below and your knowledge to answer questions (i) and (ii).



Source: <https://www.google.com.au>

- i. Identify the development issue highlighted in the cartoon above.
- ii. Suggest one method in which Fiji can address the development issue above.
- iii. State one cause of unemployment in Fiji.

### 3. Essay Writing

Crime is a development issue in any economy.

With reference to the above statement, discuss:

- three causes of crime
- three negative effects of crime
- three policies in which the crime rate can be minimised