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92049 Demonstrate understanding of perspectives on a contemporary social issue

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INSTRUCTIONS

Use a contemporary social issue you have studied to answer the question below. Include **relevant evidence** to support your answers.

TASK

(a) Identify and describe a contemporary social issue.

Contemporary social issue: 501 deportees

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Since 2014, when section 501 of Australia's migration act was changed, more than 3000 people have been deported from Australia to New Zealand. This change in the migration act allowed those who were not deemed a "good character" to have their visas revoked. This classification of not being a "good character" could be given to anyone who had committed crime in Australia, had undesirable social traits or affiliations, or had been ever sentenced to 12 months or more in prison, even if the sentence had already been served.

This issue has impacted many groups, such as Australia, New Zealand and the 501s themselves. Whilst the consequence of this issue is positive in Australia, as they lose many criminals, it is negative for both New Zealand and the deportees.

New Zealand has had a clear uptake of crime since these deportees have starting getting pushed back into New Zealand, as almost 50% re-offend, making up more than 21,000 offences in the past year. This means that New Zealand has to use their resources and money that would otherwise be spent on other circumstances in New Zealand, to hold these new people. Since many will re-offend, New Zealand prisons will be full of Australian deportees.

This is also detrimental to the 501s, as they are yanked out of their home, possibly all they've known, and pushed into a country they may not have even been living in since they were small. These 501s could have spend their entire life in Australia, save for a few months, but would still be expected to cope with the sudden change of being in a foreign country. This change and lack of a support system could then cause them to want to go back to drugs and crime to cope, which in turn raises the crime rates in New Zealand.

This issue has brought up some differing opinions, such as Australia's former home affair minister, Peter Dutton, who believes that what his government is doing is morally correct and should continue to happen. Whilst on the other hand, Filipa Payne believes that the 501s need to be treated like actual people, as they are being stripped of their human rights form the moment they eave Australia.

(b) Describe TWO perspectives on the issue and the different responses, in relation to EACH perspective.

Perspective (1):

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Peter Dutton, former Australia home affairs minister, believes that deporting the 501s if morally correct and should continue to happen. He likens deporting the criminals to "taking out the trash" and says that it is "making Australia safer". He also says that he is "proud of this government" for the deporting that they have done, which further reinforces this point of view, and that he does not care for the 501s as people, but as simply criminals. This point of view was shaped by Duttons' values of justice, safety, and law and order. He values the safety of Australian citizens, as he is going to desperate measures to keep them safe, by deporting criminals who were not born in the country. His values of justice, and law and order are shown in how adamant he is to have these criminals face punishment for their crime, and for it to be consistent throughout 501 to 501. He clearly wants people to face consequences for their actions, rather than think they can get away with what ever they please.

These values are shaped by his conservative perspective. A conservative perspective ins one that highlights the want to maintain traditions and the status quo. Dutton has this perspective, as his values and point of view line out with that that are highlighted in the mind of someone who holds a conservative perspective, showing that his values and point of view were shaped by his perspective, as a perspective is the lens through which one sees the world.

Response (1):

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Peter Dutton responded to this issue by ramping up the rate at which 501s were deported, and by being very vocal and clear about his views on the issue. He said that he is "proud of this government" for having deported more 501s in a "dramatic way", in relation to more and more 501s being deported from the country. This response holds Dutton's values and perspective highly, as the want to deport more criminals showcases his want to keep Australians safer and his desire to bring punishment to the deportees. These also line up with his conservative perspective, as that is what shapes his values which hold up with response.

Perspective (2):

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Filipa Payne, advocate for 501s and part of the "route for 501s" group, believes that the 501s are having their human rights stripped from them. She wants them to be "rehabilitated and supported" rather than treated as less than. She has been very vocal about her views, and wants change to happen. She works with some 501s to bring them to a better mindset and have a chance at truly mending their life. We can tell by both Payne's actions and words, that she truly cares about they 501s and wants them to flourish in their new environment. Payne holds values of belonging, equality, and kindness, which shaped her point of view. She wants the 501s to feel like they belong in New Zealand -rather than being foreign or just visitors- and that New Zealand is their home. She values equality in the way that she wants 501s to be treated like people, like everyone else is, instead of having their human rights stripped from them. Her value of kindness is shown in the way that she talks about the 501s, and takes her time to help them, to give them a fresh start. She wants the deportees to feel welcome and loved, and Payne is willing to show them that. These values are shaped by her human rights perspective, which highlights human rights, kindness and no discrimination. Payne holds these opinions close, as she wishes for the 501s to have their human rights and be treated well, and to not be discriminated on because of their past.

Response (2):

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Filipa Payne has responded to this issue by teaming up with a Tauranga human rights lawyer with the aim to earn \$100,000 to go against the new migration act policy. She has also made many statements about her actions in both the court case stated previously and her advocacy for the 501s such as "I will never be ashamed to walk with the 501s". Her response was shaped by her values of kindness, belonging, and equality, as she is going through these measures to help the 501s feel at home in their new country. Those values were then shaped by her human rights perspective, as she was quick to advocate for better treatment of these deportees.

(c) How has EACH perspective influenced people's viewpoints and responses, in relation to the issue?

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A perspective is the lenses through which one sees the world. A perspective shapes a person's values and point of view and decision that link to it. Somebody may have multiple perspectives, but they will be closely linked and all shape the values and point of view in some way.

Peter Dutton's conservative perspective and the perspective as a whole has influenced both his and the people of Australia's view points and responses. It has shaped Dutton's in the way that he would not have made these decision had he not held the perspective. A conservative perspective is one that values maintaining the status quo, which is the constant. This perspective has shaped Dutton's views of safety in the way that he wants to keep those who were not originally in Australia out, and his values of justice and law and order in the way that he wants short and simple punishment for criminals that don't affect him too much. This much is also true for Australia's government, which is a conservative one. Members of this government are assumed to hold a conservative perspective, which means that they all hold similar views and values of Dutton.

This perspective also influences the people of Australia, as for the government to have been voted in, voters would have had to agree with their policies and views, which means that many people of Australia may also hold a conservative perspective, causing them to value similar points, like the safety of themselves and others around them, and the want to have less criminals in the country. Without the majority vote of Australians, Dutton's government would not have been voted in.

Filipa Payne's human rights perspective had influenced her, the 501s, and many people around New Zealand and Australia. The human rights perspective is one that holds high value for the human rights of everyone being attained, kindness to others, and non discrimination to people unlike yourself. She is influenced by it, as it has directly shaped her values, viewpoint, and response to the issue. She has put in the effort to see these 501s thriving and belonging in their new home, and has done nothing but be kind and selfless for them. Because of this, the 501s have been influenced by this perspective, as Filipa's efforts could give them that light they needed to continue, and see themselves worthy of the help.

Some people around New Zealand and Australia may have seen the effort than Payne has put in to help the 501s, and wanted to help by advocating or donating money. As long as word gets around, the perspective that shaped Payne response and values could be the one to bring like to an otherwise dark situation. People may feel themselves valuing the equality of criminals -foreign born and not- to have them treated the same, as well as having people believe and donate to the cause.

(d) What are the short-term or long-term impacts on individuals or groups, and the wider implications for society, of the responses you have described?

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One impact of Peter Dutton's response is that Australia will become a safer place to live, which could lead more people to come live there, which then brings in more money for the country. As Dutton states, deporting the 501s is "making Australia safer". As crime lessens in a place, people are more likely to holiday there, or settle down to live. Safety is often a huge factor in deciding where to travel to, as some countries can be a danger to certain people, especially women and children, so if Australia is showcased as safe, then more people will flock in than ever. This brings more money for the country, which positively impacts the economy of Australia.

This is a long term, positive impact that affects the entirety of Australia.

As crime in Australia decreases, crime rates in New Zealand will go up with the intake of criminals. This is a long term negative impact on New Zealand. As more and more 501s get sent into New Zealand and re-offend almost 50% of the time, with 21,000 offences, the crime rate in the country will increase. This means that New Zealand has to allocate resources and prison to these 501s that were not even there in the first place. They have to pick up the slack and effectively waste resources that could have been used on more important actions, like pay for essential workers. This will also have a similar effect to the impact on Australia, as with the uptake of crime, less people will likely settle in New Zealand if it is deemed an unsafe country. This could bring the economy down and take away money that New Zealand does not have to begin with.

Another long term impact of Peter Dutton's response is around the 501 deportee's mental state. They are faced with mental turmoil by being taken from their home country, likened to "trash", and chucked into an unfamiliar country without their friends and family. This lack of support system and new unknown environment gives way to a whole new layer of thinking. Without a way to return to their loved ones, and the expectation to cope with all this change can come crashing down in an instant. They are more likely to turn back to drugs and crime to cope with this all. It is unlikely that these deportees will ever see their family and friends again, as generally those who turn to crime come from low income households, meaning that their family would not have enough money to fly over to New Zealand. On top of this, back in Australia, children could be left without a parent, meaning that they turn to crime and drugs to deal with the pain of losing a loved one, even if it is just to a neighbouring country. This creates a circle of unhealthy coping mechanisms that affect every one, not just the people committing the crimes.

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A possible long term implication of this decision is a loss of trust between New Zealand and Australia, which could affect their trading and ally-ship. Greens party foreign affairs spoke person says that "they have got to know that they are now damaging their relationship with us" and former prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, backed this up by saying "we never agreed to this policy" which shows the lack of communication between the countries and that New Zealand does not even want it. It is plausible that this will impact further activities with the countries, and could break a trust that will be very difficult to mend.

Another long term implication of Dutton's decision is that that specific government may get voted out and not voted back in for some time. People may see what has happened with the 501s and decide that they do not agree, causing the next election to elect a different party that more closely lines up with their views.

One impact of Filipa Payne's response is that 501s will begin to feel more at home in New Zealand, and will feel better mentally. Payne put in lots of effort to treat the deportees well, and this will surely have a long term, positive impact on their mental state and how they are feeling in this new place. With the effort to "rehabilitate and support" the 501s, they will feel better, which directly links to a lower crime rate in New Zealand, as if the 501s are feeling better in the country, they will be less likely to turn back to crime once more. This lowering in crime rate could bring people into New Zealand to spend their money, raising the economy, if they believe it is a safer place to settle.

An implication of Filipa Payne's response is that, with enough work, the 501s could get back in working and earning income, and with enough effort and time, they could have the money to fly family and friends over from Australia. This is not guaranteed, as many workplaces will hesitate to hire ex-criminals, but there will also still be enough that will. If the 501s manage to get enough money, they will be able to have their support systems back, which can steer them ever further away from crime and allow them to truly settle down with the ones they love.

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E8	<p>The candidate described a contemporary social issue comprehensively, with relevant evidence. They examined two differing perspectives in depth for each perspective and explained how people's viewpoints are influenced by those perspectives.</p> <p>Based on those perspectives, the candidate explained relevant responses to the social issue. They examined a range of impacts and also the implications of these impacts on society.</p>