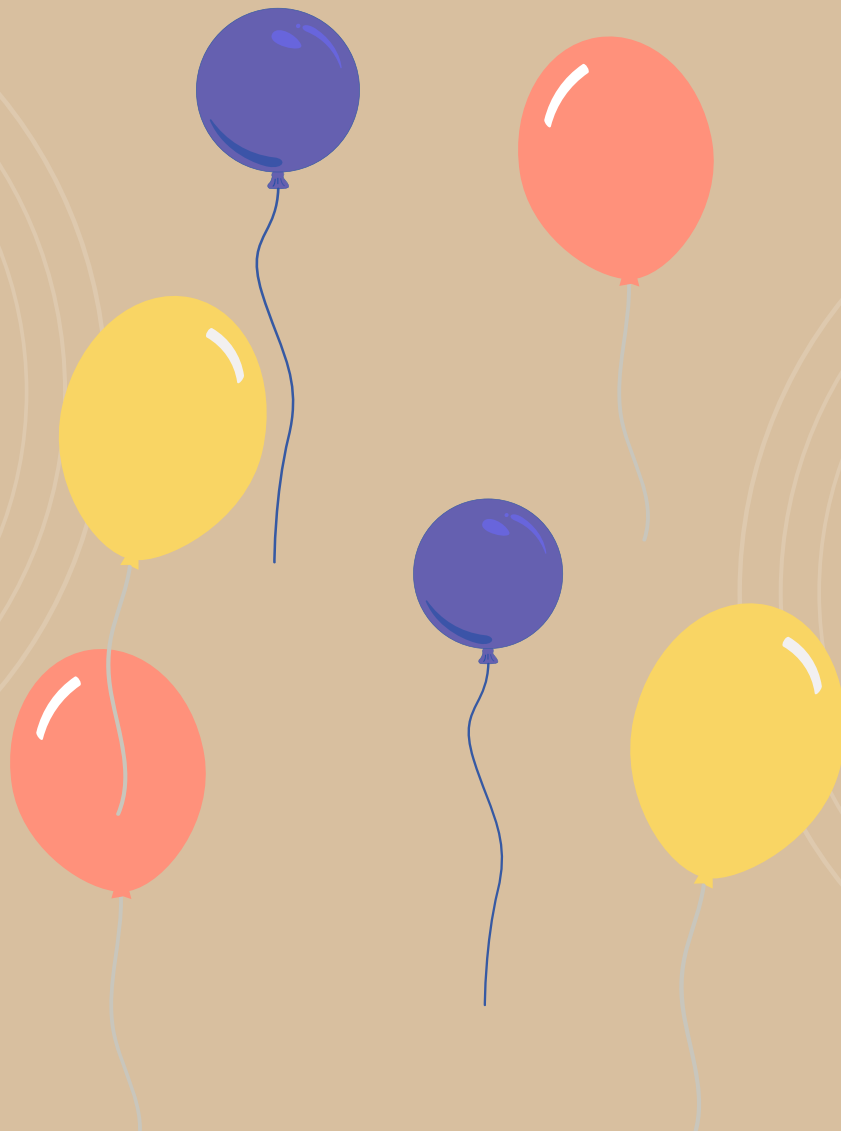


INFLATION INVESTIGATION (THE TRUTH ABOUT INFLATION)



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ANYTHING BUT AVERAGE WORLD

**THE DARKEST PARTS OF OURSELVES
KNOW US BEST
AND SOMETIMES THE GREED TAKES OVER
AND LEAVE OTHERS TO SUFFER**

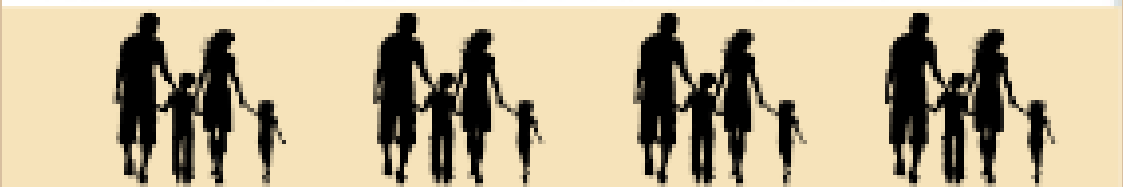
**LIVING IN A AVERAGE HOUSE
PEERING OUT AN AVERAGE WINDOW
LOOKING AT THE ANYTHING BUT AVERAGE
WORLD
AND HOW CORRUPTED IT'S COME
I THOUGHT THEFT WAS A CRIME
I THOUGHT STEALING WAS AGAINST THE
LAW
I GUESS IT'S DIFFERENT WHEN IT'S THE
GOVERNMENT
I GUESS THEY DON'T NEED PERMISSION
TO PUT A PRICE ON OUR LIVES
TO PUT A PRICE ON SEEING TOMORROW**

**SO I PEER OUT THIE AVERAGE WINDOW
LOOKING AT THE ANYTHING BUT AVERAGE
WORLD
AND SIGH KNOWING THE PRICE OF LIFE
INFLATED LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE**

INFLATION COLLAGE



**INFLATION TO
TOP **SIX** PER
CENT IN 2022**



THE TRUTH ABOUT INFLATION

WHEN TALKING ABOUT INFLATION IN THE RECENT TIMES IT IS GETTING TO A POINT OF NEAR NO RETURN BECAUSE PRICES HAVE BEEN GOING UP SO MUCH THAT PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. IT SHOULD NEVER GET TO A POINT TO WHERE YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE WHETHER YOU PUT GAS IN YOUR CAR OR FEED YOUR KIDS. ACCORDING TO "GLOBALPETROLPRICES.COM" IT SAYS THAT THE HIGHEST RATE OF INFLATION WAS IN JUNE WHEN GAS PRICES WERE ALMOST \$6 A GALLON AND AN INTERVIEW FROM "NPR.ORG" BREAKS DOWN THE NUMBERS SAYING THAT IN JUNE THE INFLATION RATE IN JUNE WAS 9.1% AND IN JULY IT ONLY WENT DOWN A LITTLE BIT WITH THE RATE BEING 8.5%.

ANOTHER SERIOUS TOPIC WITH INFLATION IS THE COST OF HOUSING AND HOW THE CONSTANT RISE OF PRICING IS MAKING IT HARDER FOR PEOPLE TO BUY A HOME AND EVEN HARDER TO MAINTAIN LIVING IN ONE. ACCORDING TO FORBES.COM "ECONOMISTS AT FANNIE MAE EXPECT PRICES TO BE, ON AVERAGE, 16% HIGHER IN THE COMING QUARTER THAN THEY WERE A YEAR AGO. MBA ECONOMISTS ALSO EXPECT HOME PRICE GAINS FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THEY FORECAST A 9.8% YEARLY INCREASE FOR PRICES IN 2022 COMPARED TO 2021 AND A 2.8% GAIN IN 2023."- RIQUIER, ANDREA. THIS PROVES THAT LIFE FOR PEOPLE IS GETTING HARDER AND HARDER AND IF STATISTICS ARE RIGHT THEN BY TIME 2023 ROLLS AROUND THEN MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES WILL BARELY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO SURVIVE AND LOWER CLASS FAMILIES WILL BE EVEN MORE AT RISK OF BEING EVICTED FROM THEIR HOMES.

THE LAST THING THAT I FEEL IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO TALK ABOUT IS GROCERY RATES. ACCORDING TO ERS.USDA.GOV THEY SAY "IN 2022, ALL FOOD PRICES ARE PREDICTED TO INCREASE BETWEEN 9.0 AND 10.0 PERCENT, FOOD-AT-HOME PRICES ARE PREDICTED TO INCREASE BETWEEN 10.5 AND 11.5 PERCENT, AND FOOD-AWAY-FROM-HOME PRICES ARE PREDICTED TO INCREASE BETWEEN 6.5 AND 7.5 PERCENT." I FIND THIS CRAZY BECAUSE SEEING HOW FOOD IS A BASIC NECESSITY AND THE PRICES FOR ALL FOOD IS RISING IS INSANE WHEN NEED IT TO SURVIVE. IN TOTAL I FEEL AS THOUGH THERE NEEDS TO BE WAYS TO FIX THIS SON THE PRICES OF MORE NECESSITIES DON'T SKYROCKET.

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I FEEL AS THOUGH I DID THIS TOPIC BECAUSE NOBODY REALLY TALKS ABOUT IT AS A REAL PROBLEM, WHEN INFLATION COULD BE THE DEATH OF MANY MORE THAN WE THINK.

SEEING IT IN THE NEWS IT KINDA BOTHERED ME BECAUSE NOBODY WAS DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT BUT WARNING OTHERS BUT WHAT WOULD WARNING PEOPLE DO IF THEY HAVE NOTHING TO PREPARE FOR IT. I THINK THAT INFLATION SHOULD BE TALKED ABOUT MORE BECAUSE THE FACT THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN FEEDING THEIR FAMILY OR FILLING UP THEIR CAR IS A INHUMANE SITUATION TO BE IN. EVENTUALLY THE PRICE OF A HOUSE IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE THE PRICE OF A MANSION AND THIS IS GOING TO LEAD TO MORE TROUBLE THAN WE CAN HANDLE

ARTIST STATEMENT

I BELIEVE THAT I USED MY CREATIVITY IN MY PIECES BECAUSE OF THE STYLE OF MY ART. I EXPLORED DIFFERENT WAYS OF ART TO GET MY POINT ACROSS THAT INFLATION IS NO JOKE

I CHOSE THE POEM FROM AUDRE LORDE "WHO SAID IT WAS EASY" I CHOSE THE POEM STRUCTURE OF THE POEM ALONG WITH THE USE OF METAPHORS AND IMAGERY TO MAKE MY TOPIC STAND OUT AND BE SHONE INTO A NEW LIGHT.

MY CREATIVE SUBMISSION WAS A COLLAGE AND I CHOSE TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A SOMEWHAT ABSTRACT POLITICAL CARTOON THAT SHOWS THAT INFLATION IS CRUSHING LOWER CLASS FAMILIES.

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