

Can Chicago be Fixed?

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks with the correct word.

With 2.7 million people, Chicago is America's third _____ city. It's famous for deep dish pizza and _____ attractions.

It's also famous for violence.

Chicago has a history of _____ turbulence, but the problems seem to be getting worse. In 2016, there were about 700 murders. That's more than all of Canada or the UK in 2015. In addition to _____, about 4000 people were shot. That's almost 80 people per week.

Why is the city so _____? There are many ideas about _____ causes. Guns, gangs and drugs are common reasons along with _____ and unemployment.

Can anything be done to _____ urban violence? With insufficient funding, deep corruption and shocking _____ gaps, the answer might be no.

The city is billions of dollars in _____. Even if someone had a great idea to fix Chicago's _____ problems, there really isn't much money _____ to implement solutions.

Corruption runs _____ in Chicago politics. Bribery, _____ and graft are all bad because they _____ government spending.

According to one study, corrupt governments spend more on _____ projects and police and less on education, _____ and welfare. In other words, the services that low income people need to _____ their lives don't receive enough support.

Finally, Chicago is a _____ city. The northern part is wealthy and _____. The southern and western parts are _____ and run down. The contrasts are stark. _____ and murder. _____ and ghettos.

Whatever the cause, one thing seems clear. The old ways of _____ a society - economic _____ that produces benefits for all _____ with government spending - don't seem to work anymore.

If _____ solutions can't be found for Chicago, what then lies ahead for similar cities in America and around the world where _____ classes of people are left to struggle on their own while small groups _____?