



# The Importance of Quality Education and Peace

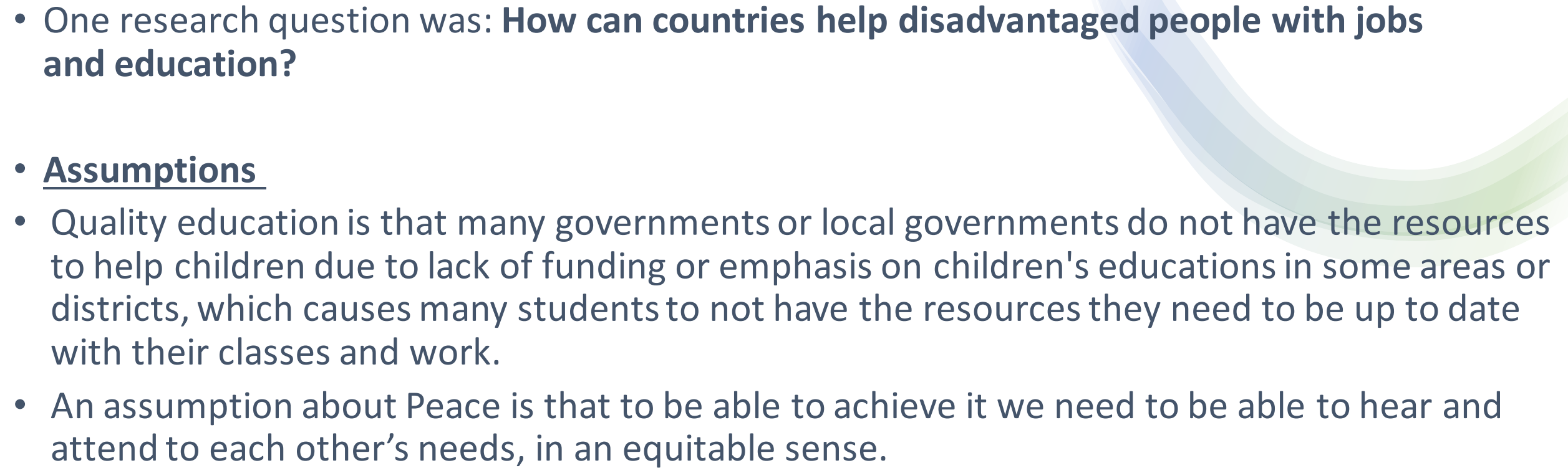
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# Introduction

## SDG 4 and 16

- Quality of education and Peaceful institutions

**Reason:** We chose these SDGs because peace and education are one of the most fundamental aspects in a society for it to properly function. Without education on a difficult matter, it will be hard to ensure peace if we don't know the root, causes, or solutions to an issue.

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- One research question was: **How can countries help disadvantaged people with jobs and education?**
  - **Assumptions**
  - Quality education is that many governments or local governments do not have the resources to help children due to lack of funding or emphasis on children's educations in some areas or districts, which causes many students to not have the resources they need to be up to date with their classes and work.
  - An assumption about Peace is that to be able to achieve it we need to be able to hear and attend to each other's needs, in an equitable sense.



# Question and Assumptions

**Research Question:** How are we able to make sure there are resources available for everyone equally so there can be balance in society?

**Importance:**

- The importance of having resources available is so that communities can be aware of what problems are occurring and give a way to help. A little bit can go a long way and it can only benefit people so much. Ensuring that there are resources specific for different age groups as well can help to make life easier to live in

**Assumptions:**

- People are not aware of different things that can help them benefit in life which lessens opportunities for them especially at critical ages where life changing decisions can be made.
- There isn't enough support from government or a community to make sure that there are people that have a good chance at life with a proper education that they need



## Question and assumption 3:

### **Research Question:**

- How does corruption affect a country's education system?

### **Importance:**

- The importance of quality education and the government investing the amount needed to fulfill this. Corruption shouldn't affect this because education is the gateway to success, all children should be able to go to school and get quality education.

### **Assumption:**

- Countries with the most corruption are often the countries with the worst education system.
- Corruption plays an important role when it comes to schooling because the government takes the money that was initially assigned to educational institutions and uses them for other stuff.



# Methods

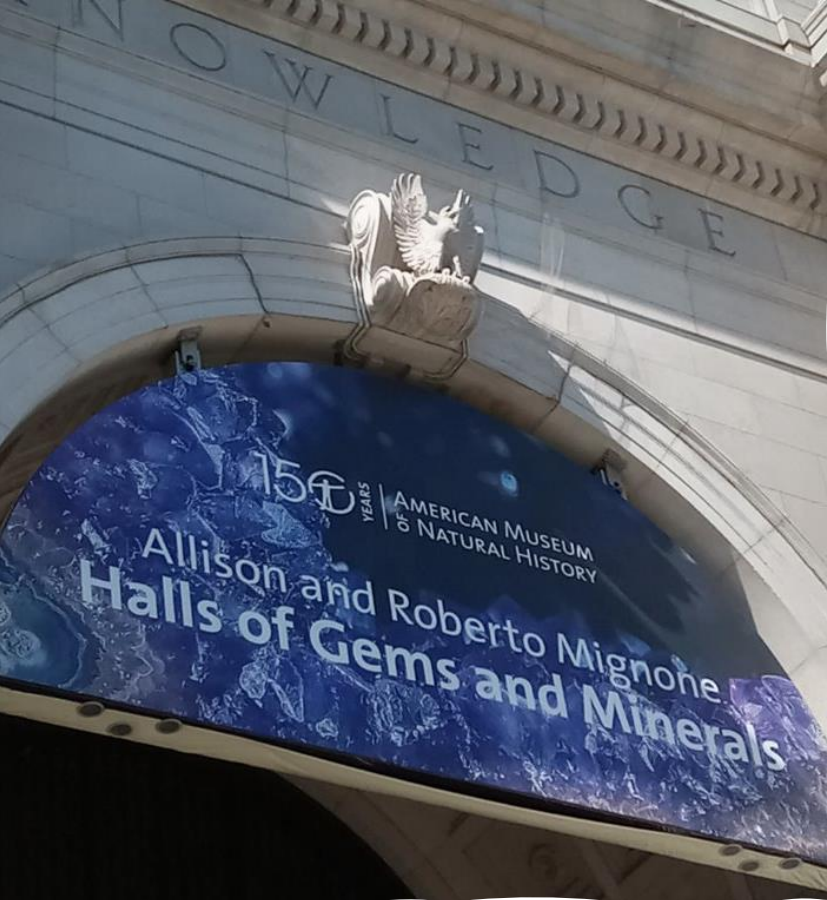
- We first thought about places in which we could represent our sustainability goals which are quality education and peace, justice, and strong institutions, we made a list and decided to focus on the borough of Manhattan. Since Jayda does not live in New York City, it was impossible for us to go all together so she decided to visit places where she lives in Long Island. So, Christelle and I decided to meet up and go to 12 places, we had this question in mind “which places could represent peaceful institutions? and which places represent quality education?”. With that in mind, we decided to make a list of places starting with John Jay College and ending with New York City Hall, Christelle and I explored the entire borough of Manhattan and had a lot of fun visiting unfamiliar places while brainstorming how those places were related to our sustainability goals. When we went to each place, we placed a special emphasis on our environment, what were people doing in those places? We took annotations and afterwards, we meet with Jayda to check what she did and what places she went to, we noted that she did exactly what Christelle, and I did which made our job easier, we started to share ideas and we all found the correlation between both goals.



Findings







Front of American Museum of Natural History



YMCA sign



UN flags and SDG banner

- Christelle's images



# Jayda's images



Public Highschool

- West Hempstead High school located on long Island NY
- Connects to my research because all schools provide an education, they are also many resources available in schools that can support students.



Public Library

- Public libraries provide many free resources for people of all ages, children's centers, access to computers, books, programs for teens free databases and more all while being a quiet place to just study if you wanted to



Church/ Religious buildings

- Religious buildings help the followers of the religion gain new knowledge on their religion. They also do charity works and give back their communities.

- Francisco's images



New York City Hall

It symbolizes peace because it is the headquarters of the city government, the stability of the government is a vital part of peace, the city hall commands the NYPD and all local government agencies in New York City.



9/11 Memorial

I think this symbolizes peace and light after the storm, it symbolizes peaceful institutions because of its utilization nowadays.



New York City Public Library

I choose this place as a representation of education since the library is the first place that we take in consideration when looking for books.

# Overall group analysis

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- **The images we had taken of the places that relate to our SDG goals of Quality of Education and Peaceful Institutions which were all common areas where people can get information and data from. They were also similar in a way that those places also are supposed to provide a safe place to be in.**

# Conclusion

- The importance of quality education and peace is a fundamental aspect in society. The way our research aims for public understanding of this topic is by demonstrating in different ways how SDG 4, “Ensuring inclusivity and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all” and how SDG 16, “Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, and to provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable, and inclusive at all levels,” both ties together to demonstrate how quality education can ensure peace in society in various ways. The important research questions which raise for further research are: How can a financially stable government provide jobs and give kids access to education? How does corruption affect a country’s education system? How do public and private school education differ? Also: How can countries work on giving equal opportunities between race and gender? How does public safety affect a country’s population? Feeding off SDG 4, how does education equality differ in urban and suburban areas? Some features that can be improved are: ensuring proper education in disadvantaged communities, funding programs to encourage and promote education, funding programs to provide peace for kids and teens in high crime and disadvantaged communities, etc. Ways in which an anthropologist can help find solutions is by creating ethnographic research to get insight of how people in these communities are affected by these issues and gain perspective into how to help them through the various struggles they faced.