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Child Labor and Recruiting the Ex-Gang Members in Labor Force

*The Price of Free* focuses on Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, a Nobel Prize winner is fighting against child labor in India. The documentary covers various videos as Satyarthi rescues underage companies who are working at different big companies (SoulPancake). In the video, Satyarthi argues that India’s poverty is a significant issue that sends the children to early labor as their parents cannot afford to educate them.

The second video covers the stories of Broken Bread and Homeboy and Dough Girls Community Kinship transformation. These programs help ex-gang members, former drug addicts, and former prisoners to the labor force(Tastemade). The video shows that the companies have gained popularity, and they are positively transforming the lives of former criminals. Roy argues that instead of the government spending more on prisons and detaining prisoners, they should create job opportunities.

These two videos explain how poverty can make people do bad practices. The primary reason the children perceive child labor as a good thing is because they are low, and they must work to provide basic needs like food. Likewise, poverty has been significantly linked to street gangs and drug businesses. The roles taken by Roy, Father Boyle, and Satyarthi are all beneficial to society. They volunteer to reform society by acting to help the disadvantaged groups. I agree with the video that the government needs to create jobs for ex-prisoners or otherwise, they will return to crime, which will lead to imprisonments. Many people can change others’ lives and impact society positively but, instead, continue to allow wrong activities to occur in the community. For instance, instead of looking at how we can help ex-gang members, we continue to exclude them.

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