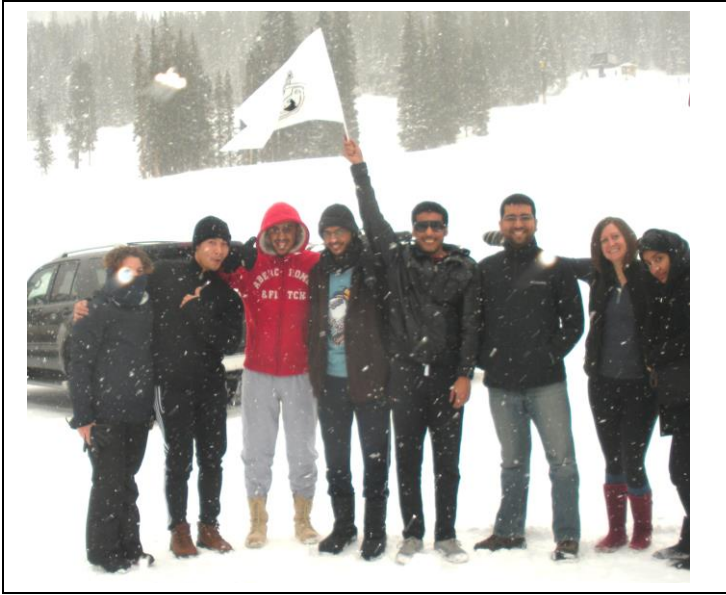


# SPRING VIEWS

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## Unemployment of Young People In Spain Rises to 26 Per Cent

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Why does a country like Spain have 26 per cent unemployment? How do people feel because of this situation? Many years ago, Spain was a great country in which to live and work, but since 2008 we have suffered a significant crisis. Fifty-five per cent of young people less than 25 years old are unemployed although they have studied at university. Due to this situation, unemployment nowadays is the greatest concern. There are many reasons that explain the causes of unemployment, but the effects have left the people without faith.

A cause of unemployment is the economic recession. One reason is the government has a big problem to solve, but it is not creating jobs and not helping people to have hope. For example, every day people demonstrate against the government, looking for a change, but everything is at the same point. Another reason is that the banks do not have money to lend and, as a result, the economy is stopped. For example, people need money to create new companies, but they cannot do this without loans from banks.

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Another reason is that important and small companies are closing. Some companies downsize because it is the only to maintain them. Other companies reduce workers because the head of the company wants to earn more and more. A clear example is that Coca Cola is going to close some factories in Spain. Consequently, 1200 people will be fired. In addition, you try to work in something related to their studies, but they can only find jobs in super markets or shop services

Another cause of unemployment is advances in technology. One reason is that a lot of machines are doing the jobs that some people need. A company decides to buy machines, so it does not have to hire anyone resulting in no different shifts and no social security. For example, it is happening in public transportation stations, super markets and movie theaters. Another reason is that some companies are replacing people because it is cheaper than paying for social security employee and salary. So, the advances in technology do not allow (Cont. p. 2)

## War Causes Loss of Family, Jobs, Education, and Homes...by Samia Ammar, Libya

Three years ago, many Arab countries faced drastic changes because of war. One of these is my country, Libya. Most people from country wanted freedom. They lost many things to get freedom. The effects of war are many: people lose their families, employment and homes.

Many people lost their families due to war. When families lose their fathers during the war, their lives are changed because the father has supported them for education, and the children need clothes and food, too. The family loses the most important things in their lives. Many families have lost their children because they just played outside. Then a bomb hit them. Their mothers felt devastated because the children were very young and did not live a long time.

Another effect of war is unemployment. Even though my country is very rich, the war broke everything. Shops were closed, and many companies left Libya. Then most people lost their jobs, and they became broke. They did not have enough money to feed their children. Everybody lost their incomes. Many sellers lost money, so they could not bring goods from abroad; the Internet shut down, so there was no communication with each other; and inflation was very high. Also the rate of job loss was high... Libyan people became depressed.

Moreover, education in Libya was affected by the war. Teachers who were from other countries went back to their countries where they were safe. War was very hard on children, especially in areas that had been fighting for one year. No students went to school, and so they did not pass their classes to enter the next term.

In addition, other effects of war were homelessness. Many people supported Kaddafi's regime. They had heavy weapons, which were used to destroy the homes of the rebels and their families, so people lost their houses and they became homeless. On the other hand, after the war the Rebels chased Kaddafi's terrorist groups everywhere in the country. They fled from their cities and some cities became vacant, like Tierra, which became a ghost town. People who lost their houses now live in refuge in other cities, and many of them escaped outside Libya, where their children do not go to school and do not have healthcare.

Finally, the effects of war were very strong for people in my country. You can see homeless people, and most of the shops are closed. The country has many problems and no solutions for the low economy and for children who have lost their families, their houses, and their schools.

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A company decides to buy machines, so it does not have to hire anyone resulting in no different shifts and no social security. For example, it is happening in public transportation stations, super markets and movie theaters. Another reason is that some companies are replacing people because it is cheaper than paying for social security, employees, and salaries. So, the advances of technology do not allow for as many people to work. For example, if a machine does not work, the company will have to fix it. Perhaps the bill will be more expensive than hiring a person.

The effects of unemployment are debt, homelessness, and social problems. The first result is debt. If a person loses his job, he will not have money. Because of that, he cannot pay for the house, the bills, or the car. For example, some parents and grandparents are helping their sons pay for their bills and food because they cannot afford them. The second effect is homelessness. When a person does not have a house, he can feel like taking his own life. He is going to be frustrated and unhappy. For example, in Spain the banks do not trust people because they cannot pay, and they sometimes have to evict people from their houses or take their cars. The third effect is social problems. A person looks for a job, and he never finds one. He can get depressed, become alcoholic and sometimes be suicidal. In Spain, some 3000 people committed suicide in one year because they could not stand the situation.

To sum up, high unemployment in my country is obliging many people to change their lives, and sometimes people cannot stand the situation and end can be terrible. People need this difficult situation to finish as soon as possible. Perhaps the government must rethink this big problem and try to find a quick solution because Spanish people deserve to have jobs and be happy.

## *Why Do People Quit Their Jobs?* by Manutsawin Teng, Thailand

Have you thought about quitting your job before? Maybe your co-worker or manager has given you problems or your salary does not match your experience. There are many reasons that lead to people quitting their jobs.

Some co-workers like to make things difficult for others. You might meet a co-worker who is too talkative. Can you imagine that? It does not matter if she or he talks about negative or positive things all day long. It can make you think negative things about them or make you get depressed later. Another example is when the co-worker stops working and keeps talking. Then you cannot finish your job and you need to speed up for last minutes to finish it. It is not a good thing to happen for teamwork.

Sometimes people work in jobs that are different from their education and training. When people work, they want to step up to a better job or get more money in the future. They want to develop and grow their skill. If they are not able to do these jobs, they will find out ways they can. For example, a person who graduated in accounting, but she got the job selling. She might not be a good sales person, so she might think about quitting and getting an accounting job.

Sometimes people need a larger salary. People may need more money because they have more responsibility for their families. For example, payment of house, car, school, phone, and travel are expensive. They might think about the job that pays a larger salary. They might need to study to change to another job that pays better. For example, a woman who works in a factory and she comes from another country. She graduated with a bachelor's degree an accounting. She may need more practice or study more about accounting in the country where she moved. She will get more income from an accounting job than working in factory.

When people think about quitting their jobs, there are many reasons that lead to this decision. Sometimes co-workers like to make things difficult for others. In addition, education and training for a different job and the need for a larger salary are possible reasons for people to think about quitting their jobs.



## *Special Foods in Libya and Saudi Arabia*

**COUSCOUS:** I am going to prepare a special food from my country, Libya. This food is called couscous and it is very popular especially at lunch time.

First all, put two cups of couscous in a liter of water, mix them together. Second, make sure the pot is covered and the temperature of the water is between 26 and 30 degrees Celsius. Third, put the mixture on the stove for one hour. The temperature should not exceed 120 degrees. Fourth, prepare the soup for couscous. Like any soup, the easy way to prepare it is to cook some tomatoes, potatoes and onions together with oil. Fifth, add three cups of water and beans to the mixture of soup and simmer for half an hour. Then the couscous and the soup are ready to eat. In short, this is an easy process or plan to prepare my special food, couscous. **by Jalal Assadeg, Libya**



**KABSA:** Saudi Arabia has a lot of specialties. The most popular one is called Kabsa. If you would like to make delicious kabsa, you need to follow some steps. First, you need to have ingredients such as chicken, onions, oil, tomatoes and some spice. Second, put some oil in a pot on the stove with some onions. Third, when the onions are well done, mix the tomatoes with them. Also, you need to put the chicken in the pot and mix it for two minutes. You have to put a little bit of water on it and let it boil for 15 minutes. It is now ready to put in some rice and let all of it cook for ten minutes. Then it is ready to eat. To sum up, every family has its own special dishes and kabsa is our popular dish in Saudi Arabia.

**by Latifah Shehri, Saudi Arabia**

## **Effects of the Internet on Children . . .by Mahaba AlDwehi, Saudi Arabia; Hissah BinLibdah, Libya, and HuiSiang Wu, Taiwanhina**

The internet today is a wonderful learning tool with access to a variety of information on almost every subject. There are websites which improve our children; however, there are also websites which are harmful to our children. If used incorrectly, the internet can be bad for children's souls, health and minds.

First, for our generation, the Internet has been popular in every house; however, children can easily find themselves looking at dangerous stuff for their souls. They can find quite easily sites that deal with violence. For these things the children can easily find violent videos, games or violent language. Because it can make our children become used to seeing violence, they will think to act this way is all right. For example, many times kids will access a site thinking it's a cartoon when it actually is showing violence, bold killing or coarse language. Many are found on YouTube. Most programs have no rules, bad role models and unethical behavior and are uncontrolled.

Second, the internet has many promotions that value buying. Children also can easily be out of control with shopping and have easy access to download and buy items. When children want to buy more and more, they more expensive things, so they become selfish and greedy. This is not good for children. For example, for my youngest son Andrew, when he was five years old, by using a couple of clicks of a button, he bought a \$60 game. Third, the worst is pornography. These kids can easily access and find it. They can be exposed to pictures they should not see at such a young age, making them think bad thoughts. For example, a simple misspelled web address will find x-rated websites that kids do not understand.

In addition, internet use is not good for children in terms of health. It affects and fatigues the eyes, causing visual impairment. Internet use affects the mind. Frequent use of the internet destroys brain cells and reduces concentration and comprehension. When children use the internet, it affects society and the community negatively because they stay in the house and do not mix with other people.

Furthermore, the internet is very dangerous for children's minds if they are not supervised by parents. There are many children who use the internet all day, but they are not able to focus on other tasks because their minds have been hurt. For instance, children who cannot focus can find difficulty in education. I agree that children can use the internet but with conditions. First, their parents must be aware of what they are watching. Second, children do not learn to read books or study when they stay on the internet for a long time. Also, they do not know how to talk and communicate with people, only with machines. We need to save our children from internet risks, so we have to check their computer or iPod. There are unsafe websites like talking with strange people and playing with unknown people. That is a big problem. For instance, this leads to not speaking with their parents when they a problem or anything simple. So we must know what they like to surf on the internet. If you teach your kids how they can go to helpful websites, they will learn important information, like animal names, math games and science. Finally, if we do not supervise our children, the internet will be very dangerous for them.

Children's souls, health, and minds can be hurt by the internet. The internet or access to it must be monitored and supervised. When a child is left alone o surf, there is a huge risk of what they may find and not have the knowledge to understand what is good or bad. The internet is not a teacher or a real person; it is a tool, and at times a very dangerous tool. I think that if we teach children how to use the internet, it can be quite helpful and they will learn many useful things.



## **Advantages of the Internet...by Abdelgader A. Alsalhin, Saudi Arabia**

Today there are different life styles that have changed a lot of habits. Hardly anything can be forbidden. The internet makes everything available, so everyone can get a lot from the internet. Although it has negative effect, there is always a solution and control for new problems. The internet has advantages that can improve knowledge and the culture of children.

There are many positive effect of the internet on children's knowledge. The human brain has unlimited potential that can be activated by motivation. Children, with their fresh brains, are motivated by the enjoyment the internet can offer them. For example, the child who hates math, if he gets the internet connection, his brain will work well in a short time. He will find variety in learning and will discover skills better than his parents. Secondly, the internet affects proficiency. A child can be professional in many computer skills because the internet can be considered a kind of applied science instruction. These sciences usually are developed by practice, so their effects on children's brains are positive. As a result, most developers of information technology today are youths. They are called geniuses and are good examples of proficiency in applied science. Finally, children who use the internet have wider knowledge than others because everything is available to them. For example, they can learn more about history, math, wildlife, science, etc. just by researching and surfing the internet. Thus, the internet has positive effects on children's knowledge.

In addition to that, the internet has a positive impact on children's culture. First, it can teach children about the lifestyles of other people in the world. For example, the Chinese cultures in the Far East are available to children just by surfing the internet. A second advantage is learning the variety of life styles in the world. Poor people have a way of life very different from the rich. Children can learn about the lives of people different from them. For example, children can know how African kids play and help their families when they need food. Finally, the internet is useful to children to broaden their thinking by knowing different cultures. It gives children a chance to travel without any cost. For example, American children can tour the Middle East and know about Arabic culture through the internet. This helps them to make good relationships with other people and to learn good behavior. A lot of benefits can be gotten by children who use the internet. Most important to them are a good knowledge and wide awareness of other cultures without any cost. These advantages make a modern and strong generation for any country.

## **The Causes of Natural Disasters...by Abdulaziz AlKhalifa, Qatar**

We all know the effects of natural disasters, but what are the causes? Natural disasters mostly are caused by other natural disasters, climate changes or human actions. We all should know the causes of these disasters to prevent the effects such as death and injuries. First, natural disasters are caused by other natural disasters. One of the causes is earthquakes. When an earthquake happens underwater or close to it, it shakes the ground, which makes big waves called tsunamis. Earthquakes can cause other disasters when they happen close to an inactive volcano because they shake the ground under the volcano which, in turn, makes lava escape and sometimes causes an eruption.

Second, natural disasters are caused by climate change. When the weather changes and the temperature increases greatly, the percentage of water in the air decreases, which is called drought. The second disaster is caused when weather temperature decreases great, and it becomes chilly with violent wind and a lot of snow. This natural disaster is called a blizzard. The last natural disaster caused by climate change is floods. When the weather causes unstoppable rain, this will cause the rising of the water level which will cover some areas and houses.

Finally, even when humans try to avoid natural disasters, they can cause them. The increase of carbon dioxide and smoke can cause global warming which is the reason for many natural disasters. Two of these disasters are wild fires and floods, and they are caused when the temperature increase and causes trees to burn or ice to melt. In conclusion, natural disasters can be caused in many ways, and we can prevent some of them but not others. We can help to stop some disasters by decreasing carbon dioxide and smoke. By knowing about the causes of disasters, we can prevent deaths and injuries.

## ***Reasons Women Don't Drive in Saudi Arabia...by Sharefah AlMoalim, Saudi Arabia***

Every woman likes to go out to do a lot of activities with her friends, but if she lives in Saudi Arabia she can't do that by herself. She needs a man for everything just because she is a woman and in Saudi Arabia. Women in some countries, like Saudi Arabia, can't assert themselves, such as driving, in spite of the fact that it should be a woman's right. Women should have the same rights as men. There are causes of women not being able to drive in KSA, as well as effects. The first cause is the government. It doesn't give women the right to drive. For example, they say Saudi women are like princesses, so there are drivers for them. I don't think there is a princess who can't depend on herself and assert herself and can't say her opinion just because she is a princess. Women don't accept this rule from the government. Also, the government says it's illegal to allow women to drive and it is against Islam's religious rules, but actually if she rides in a car with a strange person like the driver that is an illegal situation.

The second cause is the society, which wants women to avoid sexual harassment. However, it's not the first time that women have driven in Arabic countries. Women drive in Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain and the Emirates, and there are no disadvantages. On the other hand, women face sexual harassment without driving, so the problem is not about women driving but about the culture of the community. Women can drive without any problems if the society respects her and deals with her like the Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) said, "Who takes care of women is generous; who doesn't is deprived."

One of the biggest effects of this law is that women feel dependent on men for everything. In fact, if any woman gets married in most countries, the man is part of her life and her happiness, but some women in KSA are taught that men are everything in their lives. The problem doesn't come from the women; actually it's from their education. People are not taught how to give women a chance to assert themselves in society.

Women feel they don't have the chance to work in all kinds of jobs. In spite of that, some women try to assert themselves through education and through their strong personalities. Finally, I would like to say that women are half of society if we give them equal rights. Women will help society in its forward movement. If the Saudi society would deal with women as Prophet Mohammad said, we would all be fine.



## ***Obesity Is Dangerous Health Problem...by Safaa Tibin, Sudan***

Can you imagine a woman who weights 1000 kg.? She gets a heart attack and the ambulance isn't able to transfer her to the hospital. Obesity is the one of the most dangerous health problems in the world population. In 2008, the World Health Organization estimates that at least 500 million adults are obese, with higher rates among women than men. There are many reasons for obesity, like bad nutritional habits, lack of exercise. All of these can lead to health problems like diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and ischemic heart disease.

Bad nutritional habits are very common dangerous habits that can lead to morbid obesity. Many people like food that contains high amounts of fats, such as cholesterol and triethyl glycerol. Other nutritional habits can lead to obesity: using too many carbohydrates, such as sugar and starch. In my country, people use much sugar and eat a lot of starch. As we know, all types of carbohydrates after metabolism will change to glucose. The third bad nutritional habit is eating too much protein, meat, eggs, etc. The third nutritional habit that can cause obesity is lack of exercise because some people really don't know about the importance of exercise. Other people think they don't have enough time to exercise, but I think 20 minutes four times a week is not much for a healthy life.

As we know, any bad habit is followed by dangerous effects, especially obesity, which leads to problems like diabetes, hypertension and ischemic heart disease. and primary hypertension, which can end in fatal heart disease. In my opinion, obesity is a worldwide problem many people face. Everyone should take care to avoid factors that can lead to obesity because our lives are precious.

## ***The Consequences of Coeducation...by Sultan Almarri, Saudi Arabia***

Many people would like to improve their children's skills and open their minds through education. Children like to participate with other children in everything especially in aspects of fun, so they like to be in a coeducational school, but they do not know about the consequences of coeducation. Some people think that coed schools are a beneficial way to have experience about equal treatment of women and men because they are going to be together in the future. However, coeducation is the easiest way for children to lose their innocence and think about issue bigger than they are. This can lead to decreasing the level of academics, harassment of girls by boys, and sexual harassment, which often causes pregnancy.

Diminishing the educational level of students is the most common result of educating boys and girls together. A lot of students like to be in a mixed school to have fun and do everything together, but they are going to fall in love with each other, and they are thinking about each other and forgetting school. According to Co-edvs, single-sex school, "mixing of the sexes can also serve as a disadvantage for some student. Students who are intimidated by the opposite sex may find it difficult to participate in class at co-ed schools, while other simply find the opposite sex to be a distraction from their academic work.", Also, boys and girls in the study period see each other about half a day, so they may fall in love or do things that affect them by keeping them far away from study and hard work, such as parties, dating or hanging out. For example, when I was in high school, my friend transferred to a Qatari private, mixed school. Even though he was the best one in our school, he did not pass any classes in his new school. Because it was a mixed school, he could not be comfortable.



Sexual harassment by boys in a mixed school can cause problems. During middle and high school, students are in the adolescent period. In this case, it is possible to provoke classmates. Adolescence is one of the most difficult times for teens because it is a time to change from a child to an adult, and teens think they know everything. However, they often do wrong things and in many mixed schools, there are many cases of pregnancy, which can cause psychiatric illness in girls. Moreover, my host family father told me stories about problems in coed schools where the school tried to stop pregnancies by giving condoms to boys. However, I believe this is the worst idea that a school could have because it encourages boys and girls to have sex. It is not a beneficial idea to stop pregnancy.

In conclusion, the consequences of studying in a mixed school are harassment of girls by boys, sexual harassment which often causes pregnancy, children losing their innocence, and decrease in the level of academics. These problems can only be solved by having separate schools for each sex.