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In the novel of Nickel and Dimed, Barbara is a young woman who has a PhD in biology, but has to go on a project working low paying jobs but one of the jobs paid arrangement is between seven and eight dollar and hour. Barbara is a women who really does not want to do this because she is used to having money another she work hard for her degree. Barbara understand in the past she single parents and young adult can not make it on low wages but in order to understand she will have to do the project.Barbara un like many adult cheat and goes get money From the Atm and get more to pay the rent. As she start her career in low wages she will have to lie to the boss about her education and her job experience. Many young ladies such as her do have a good education but some ladies have to rely on welfare to take care of them. In fact Barbara will have to takes a nationwide travel around some of these state to work some of these low paying wages jobs. Like for example, Florida, Maine and Minnesota.

In the history of Nickel and Dimed many young adult have a hard time living on a low paying job. America was once a place where you could afford to buy a home, cars and even good schools but as of today America is on the edge because of the economy, due to this fact the low class workforce is being paid low wages and even some of them are being overqualified at some of these jobs.

In today world who would even think of a single mother, father or even a marriage couple would have a hard time living a good life in America with a low paying job. Many have not choice to live on food stamps or maybe on be on Medicaid

Most of all single parents would have have to get child care just so they can go to work. Few of them cannot afford child care because their jobs is not paying enough. As Barbara went on to do some studies she still notice some hidden things like for example, she had to work long hours and most of all the jobs were stressful at time.

In Key West Florida Barbara start her low paying job the population in Key West Florida is 25.000. in most of the cities, poverty is very high because people suffering ,because of low paying wages or even have no job. Who would even think jobs will be leaving the states and many America will have to rely on Welfare just to live.

At one time America was a place were we live good and even have what we want to have but now days you have to work more than forty hour to just to pay the rent and even the car note. As America we can see how things change today, you can go outside and see home are empty and windows are broken out people need and some home have been set on fire just because someone want to enjoy them get burn up on the streets.

Barbara has to realize she had to downsize on a lot of things of the job she she was not making enough money. As Barbara decide to find out herself in a interview as a waitress, the wages was two dollar and forty two cents.

Barbara had to be at work at two to ten at night just a long day for a low paying job. Can you imagine what was going in her mind? Many of us would call her crazy, I know I would. “According to the fair labor standards Acts, employers are not required to pay tipped employees, such as restaurant server more the two dollar and hour direct wage, however if some tip plus two dollar fall below the minimum wages the employer is required to make up the difference.

Many workers does not know about this, as we begin to look at the wages most of us would have walkout.(Ehrenreich) ” As a hard worker Barbara were serving truck driver and even construction worker who also work hard labor jobs. As days goes on to find her a much better place not known the rent is going to be a thousand a month. In fact Key West is a very expense place live if you have a good jobs

The most part of it Barbara only being home a five hundred every two weeks that not asking about the food or gas money on the side. Now many of us would have ask are self why did Barbara left her good job to work at some low paying job?

If Barbara would have stay at her first job would have the rent money or have not work that many hours for some cents who in their right mind would have done this, what the point of even going to school if you still have to work hard like this?

I Guess because she want to feel like how it feel to be a hard worker like the others the workforce really has a really poor side to it self. How is America is suppose to live off of a in come like this.

Many time this causes crime,because either family can not eat or even have place to stay. Most nights Barbara being home twenty dollars in tips but fifteens percent goes to the busboys (pg25) As Barbara work on she move up as a manager at her at her job most manager is very stressful because in the worker in a lean World: Union in the lnternarnational Economy(Verso1997) Kim Moody study find out and increase in stress related place cause injures and iiiness between the mid 1980 to the early 1990s.

“Many argue that rising stress levels reflect a new system of management by stress in which workers in a very variety of industries are being squeezed to the extract maximum of there health.” ( Ehrenreich) as we can see Barbara experiment has a huge success to her and the poor area where she live at.

I must by reading her book you might ask your self what was in her mind and why she did this who know why but on thing I can say and every one else can say she was a good women for that let us not for forget she were a very smart women.

I need to some thing to ask everyone, would have did the same Barbara did? In such a good tone Barbara she hold her up as a good strong women. In Nickel and Dimed have make me think about life and a different way without an education their would be no good jobs around.

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