



THE CRISIS OF INFLATION



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RAPIDLY THEY RISE

based on "sorrows" by Lucille Clifton

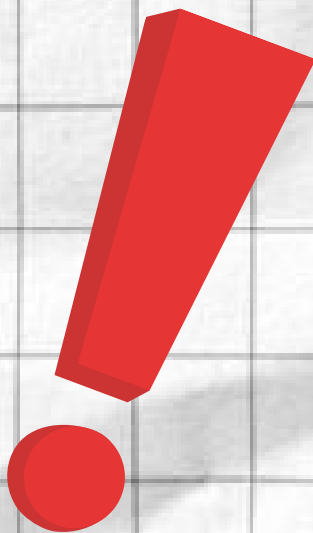
everyday they rise as my pockets despise
and my credit declines **money sign money sign money sign**

prices take an **incline**
while the pay rates don't go up a dime

ching ching as the money leaves my pocket
and into the register

my money grows wings and flies
as they rapidly rise

the numbers skyrocket high
in this world i don't think i can survive



the devastation of inflation

Inspired by *homage to my hips* by Lucille Clifton

**these constantly increasing costs of
stuff
they're causing us to
miss out on a lot.
they're progressively ruining
our lives. the inflation
is devastating.
the prices are levitating.
they're making things hard to afford,
they're putting people in debt
they're limiting our experiences.
these prices are making us hopeless.
these prices are making life pointless.
inflation is making life
harder to live and is causing a
decline of the economic world.**





DREAMS

Expect the extraordinary



Because life doesn't watch your money.

CREDIT CARDS



Worried

the fear factor



Tired

FINFLATION

Disrupting the Paygrade

FIGHT INFLATION



balance



Budget



GO AHEAD AND DREAM. WE'LL KEEP UP.

BUDGETING

SHAREWONDROUS EXPERIENCES

INVESTING

SOLD

FINANCIAL PLAN

LIFE INSURANCE

realist

\$20 MONTH

\$35 MONTH

\$45 MONTH

Better Homes and Gardens REAL ESTATE

SHOPPING

BANKING



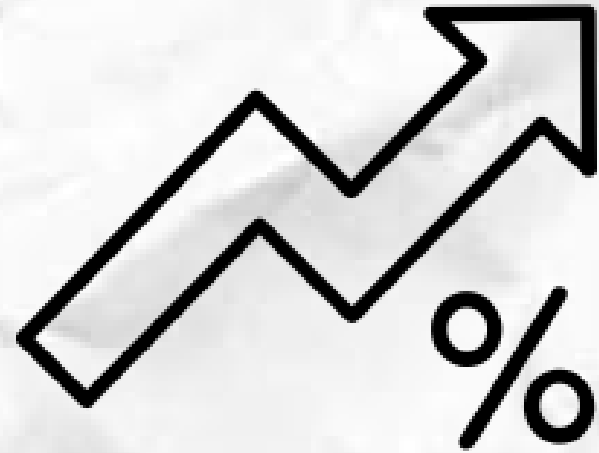
SAVE \$10

EXPECT BETTER

Making (too) big plans

Researching on Inflation

Recently in the United States, there has been a tremendous increase in prices. This is due to something called inflation. For years, the United States has been stable when it comes to the financial part of the economy, for the most part. There have been many times where the markets have crashed, or when a state's government couldn't provide money for something for their citizens. Inflation is causing many people in the United States to not be able to afford necessities, lose their jobs, property, and so much more to add onto the list. Inflation is a serious problem, and it's only getting worse by the minute.



After doing some research, one article that was recently published stuck out from the rest, as it speaks on the topic of inflation. In the article, the author Natalie Sherman writes about how inflation has risen a lot more than the US expected in September. Currently, the US is at a standstill of 8.2%, which is less than what it was in June 2022 (9.2%). As well as providing statistics and graphs, Sherman discusses how due to the rate of inflation rising, this is making things more expensive, especially bigger items like houses, cars, etc. An interesting point that Sherman brought out in the article is how if the rate rises, it will boost the currency of dollars in the US, which could potentially affect the whole world at some point. Sherman also provided how a family in Virginia wanted to build a new home but had to take a pause on that project, specifically because of financial reasons and the cost of everything in the US at the moment. In summary, this article is a great asset of information and provides a good amount of information to inform the reader on the economic state of the United States. It tells how inflation is a serious issue, and even provides how it can personally impact people.



The Effects of Inflation

Roxanne Lea Dubarry

"Truth is stranger than fiction of life's game of truth and/or consequences."

Roxanne Lea Dubarry was born as a Christian in Seattle, Washington in 1954. She grew up with 4 siblings, 3 brothers and 1 older sister. Unfortunately, both her parents, her sister Lynn Ellen Dubarry, and two of her brothers Bryan Dean and Dale Guy Dubarry passed away in 1983, 2007, 2020, and 2021. However, her fourth sibling and third brother Mark Allen Dubarry is still alive. Roxanne Lea Dubarry is currently living in Everett, Washington in a disabled/senior 55+ apartment complex. She hopes to further her knowledge of short story writing as an author on Story Write.

The High Cost of Inflation! part one

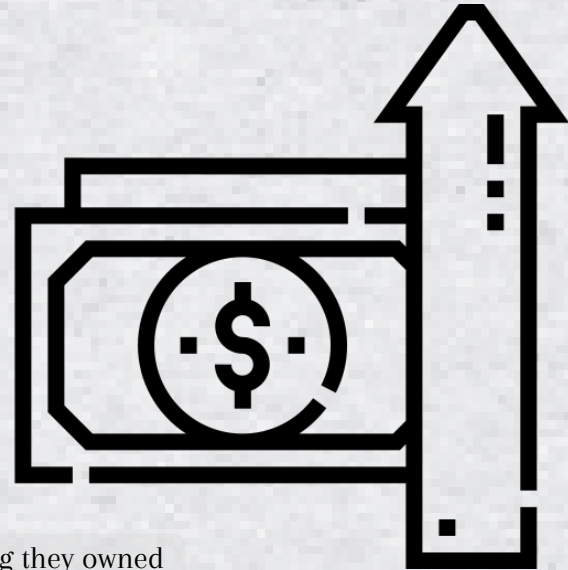
It's the high cost of inflation that is wreaking havoc upon our nations! The price of gasoline or petroleum! That is forcing automobile drivers to pay exorbitantly increasing prices for gas for their motorized vehicles!

Making it increasingly difficult for them to go to work and shop for groceries! It's completely bonkers and totally insane! And it is even affecting people's brains! Match that and double it with the rising prices! Food and commodities plus other necessities!

But it also affects the rising costs of luxurious luxuries!

But their lifestyles do not directly affect me! I do not worship at the shrines of the wealthy!

But Jesus Christ also loves them equally!



The High Costs of Inflation part two

All because people were afraid of losing their jobs. Right along with everything they owned

because of COVID-19's mandatory vaccination or lose their jobs! Plus no unemployment benefits!

Many Americans, who just up and quit their jobs to just collect their unemployment! Have made an unwise decision!

Why should they work when they can actually collect unemployment! And Biden/Harris could care less!

Just because they discovered under the great American Socialist government spearheaded by the Democratic Party! Our government does not care if they go back to work!

Because if they do go back to work they will only have to pay for it with higher taxes! Not to mention the ever increasing prices of both gasoline plus groceries! Without churches, free school lunch programs, food banks and EBT cards! How are they going to take care of and feed their own families!

And now Biden wanted to pay illegal immigrants a lot of money per person. Where would he get the money? Out of our Social Security checks including our SSI Checks!

So much for the party caring about low income people such as myself! Those days would become gone with the wind under Joe Biden!

Most Americans probably do not love living under a Socialist Government American style including yours truly!

If they could, they would try to silence voices such as mine! Maybe even going so far as to brand me Western Style as a Domestic Terrorists! But I should stop short of giving them even more bad ideas!


All because I do not like living under an American autocratic Communist style government. Right on! If you really do love America just as much as I do!



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THE CONTRIBUTORS

Together as a team, Cassidy and Charlie worked together to make a visually appealing zine. Charlie created a collage, tackling the impact of inflation and how it affects people. She also wrote a poem based off of "homage to my hips" by Lucille Clifton. Charlie also did research on inflation and found a poem titled "The High Cost of Inflation!" Cassidy made a drawing that also tackles the topic of inflation and helps bring attention and awareness to it. Cassidy also wrote a poem that was based on "sorrows" by Lucille Clifton. There was also some research done on inflation, with an article titled "US inflation rises more than expected in September."

ARTIST STATEMENTS

CASSIDY

Inflation is a seriously important crisis, and it needs attention brought to it. It's dangerous, and it can cause a lot more harm than what people think it can. I decided to do a drawing, and I used a lot of creativity to express the main purpose of our zine. For example, inflation has to do with money, so I decided that I'd draw someone's hand holding money while firmly grasping it. The hand is acting as if it doesn't want to give it up, and can even be taken in a gesture that they're frustrated with giving up the money. The money in the person's hands aren't small bills either, and are fairly large currencies. This can express how inflation has brought up prices so much to the point where the most simplest things and necessities can cost your whole entire salary. I also added arrows going up, as well as the word "DEBT-" in the corner, money signs with a plus, along with a stock arrow going upwards, to also represent the unbearable changes in prices that inflation has caused.

In regards to my poem, I based it off of "sorrows" by Lucille Clifton. I find this poem very interesting, especially the techniques that Clifton used in this poem. In my poem, I used the same techniques that Lucille Clifton did. For starters, instead of using punctuation, I spaced my lines out to act as punctuation, as well as the two lines per stanza I also used some personification, and lower cased all my letters as Clifton did in her poem. In my poem, I expressed how exasperating inflation is, and put myself in a person's point of view, someone who deeply may be affected by inflation and will not know if they can survive any longer. My poem completely grasps the dwell feeling of hopelessness, and the feeling of being lost, like how Clifton conveyed in her poem "sorrows".

CHARLIE

I used creativity in my zine to convey its main purpose, which is inflation, by providing information and details of what it means and how it affects people around the world. Throughout the zine there are images and other components that depict inflation through increasing prices and taxes, and the desolation that people who were impacted by it felt. I also used creativity to explore my zine's question "How can inflation negatively impact someone's everyday life?" By incorporating two poems by the poet Roxanne Lea Dubarry, who in her poetry explains the effects and processes of inflation on people in society, from the point of view as someone who experiences them herself.

I based my poem submission on the poem homage to my hips by Lucille Clifton. Parts of the structure and poetic techniques that I enjoyed from the original poem are Clifton's use of alliteration, personification, lack of spacing, and her use of non-capitalization in her titles and throughout her poems. I also liked how her poem homage to my hips conveyed such a meaningful message to the public in a short amount of spacing and words. These are the parts of the structure, poetic techniques, and elements of Clifton's style in her poems that I incorporated into my own poem submission about the impact of inflation on the world.

My creative submission was a collage consisting of cutout images, words, and phrases relating to inflation. It complements the poem that I wrote because the pictures and words relate to the results of inflation and how it affects the feelings, experiences, and lifestyles of those who are impacted by it. My poem speaks about the issues that inflation is causing to the economy and individuals in the society, such as the increases in prices, taxes, etc. And also how everything is becoming so expensive nowadays that for a lot of people, their enjoyment and satisfaction in life is progressively declining, and they see no point in enjoying life anymore because they are unable to afford a lot of the joyful things and lively experiences. This is why in my collage I included words and phrases such as "fight the inflation", "Making (too) big plans", "Disrupting the Paygrade", and more.

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