

C. Structural problems include blight, traffic congestion, air and water pollution.

1. We possess and may employ scientific knowledge and technical methods to correct those problems. Comprehensive planning and zoning, capital expenditures to construct urban expressways, mass transit lines and community facilities can alleviate, eliminate or even prevent structural problems.
2. Here we have fairly dependable answers and the obstacles to resolution are primarily economic and political: Are we willing to invest the necessary dollars in solutions and on what priority basis?

D. Social problems are infinitely more complex.

1. Although this is the heart of the problem — these are subjective and psychic issues of poverty, prejudice, family disorganization and inherent inequality — for which no single sure or secure solution exists.
 - a. The very absence of clear-cut solutions increases the obstacles to implementing plausible solutions.
 - b. Without positive proof, remedial action is weighed by popular opinion which tends to be most divisive, ambivalent and emotional on social issues.
 - c. Consequently, elected officials are hesitant — and with good reason — to invest taxpayers' dollars in programs which could — but not definitely will — relieve poverty, unemployment and prejudice.
2. This does not imply that answers do not exist or justify delay in pressing for application of highly plausible solutions. For with the three prevalent urban problems go three logical — albeit long-range — solutions.

E. Impaction and overcrowding inevitably produce blight. However, slum or substandard housing is not the only adverse aspect of impaction. Crime, unemployment, poverty and public dependence are its handmaidens.

1. Urban renewal, once thought a “final solution” to blight, has been found to displace more people than it can accommodate.
2. And unless the dislocated and displaced are accommodated, the project simply stimulates the transfer of blight and impaction to another vulnerable area.
3. Satellite cities pose a creative alternative.
 - a. Columbia, Maryland, is an ideal example of the “instant