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## **Abstracts**

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### **SUMMARY**

Whilst some cities are booming and transforming into Megacities, and others generate huge portions of their countries wealth, they are also, where the biggest social, economic and environmental problems are worst. Some of the biggest issues in the modern world are so dangerous they could cause a city to become failed and many issues are relatively new with no immediately obvious solution. From economic woes, population booms, rising sea levels, crime and corruption and political instability, the issues affecting some major cities around the world are legion.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Rio de Janeiro is suffering under the strain of bankruptcy, corruption which inflated the costs of the Olympic Games and police brutality. All of these are hampering efforts to recover economically and encourage the growth of business.

Miami encapsulates the worst problems faced by many cities in the US today. Poor governance, dramatic inequality and endemic crime have created social and economic difficulties which are going to be extremely tough to rectify.

Greece is suffering through a worse recession than the US great depression with over a quarter of its economic output wiped off the books, and Athens is the

epicenter. Political instability, extreme cuts to state spending and high unemployment makes Athens a prime example of rapid decline.

## **SCOPE**

Looks at the challenges London faces outside of the European Union.

Analyzes how Delhi is straining under the pressures of rapid population growth.

Examines the problems caused to Miami by seemingly endemic gang crime issues.

Assesses the post-Olympic future of Rio de Janeiro.

Examines the economic plight of Athens amid the Euro crises, crippling debt and social discontent.

## **REASONS TO BUY**

What are the main problems Rio faces in reversing economic decline?

What are the risks to London maintaining a leading position in the world after Brexit?

What is the impact rampant overpopulation on Delhi?

What are the economic impacts of the various crises which are occurring in Athens?

How does the social and economic problems Miami faces inhibit the prospects of the city?

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Miami: The US city that encapsulates America's urban problems

Miami is typical of a modern wealthy city with vast poverty

Absurdly high incarceration rate has locked away a generation

Miami is significantly worse than the rest of the country

Sentencing in Florida displays signs of institutional racism

Miami ranks as the worst place to live in the US

Solutions for Miami's problems are not easy, but there are options

Miami has a huge environmental problem looming

Post-Olympics Rio is suffering from critical problems

Much has been done to alleviate poverty in Rio, but extensive problems remain - solving them is not going to be easy

Corruption is rife, harming the ability of society and the economy to function

Rio de Janeiro is bankrupt, stymying growth and harming the city

Police brutality is not curbing crime and harms economic prosperity

Improving sanitation is improving the lives of many poor people in Rio but greater emphasis on infrastructure is needed

London: City faces challenges to keep leading global position

UK capital has been criticized as being a money laundering safe haven

Many unknowns remain for the City following referendum on membership of the European Union

London needs greater infrastructure investment to maintain position

Property prices and availability within London pose social and economic problems for the capital

Air pollution now poses a serious threat to the future of London

Delhi: the megacity out of control

Delhi is the world's second most populous city with 24 million

Staggering rates of growth mean that services cannot keep up

The health care system is completely inadequate in Delhi

The local government's definition of poverty is misguided

Pollution in Delhi is dangerous and miserable for inhabitants

Population density is completely out of control

Crime and corruption are intrinsic in the city's culture  
Megacities need to be actively prevented from forming  
Athens: City with big economic woes and refugees to feed  
The debt crisis began in 2010 and there is still no end in sight  
Greece has been unable to use the loans for its benefit  
Austerity and cuts have been indiscriminate and deep  
Greece took a new bailout in May 2017 and new austerity plan  
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