**The problems of the nation's cities- pollution, crime, riots**

**a lack of planning, transportation**

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Abstract

The problems of the nation's cities- pollution, crime, riots, a lack of planning, transportation- are bad, but they were worse in the so-called good old days, according to Dr. Adrian. Dr. Charles Adrian, a political science professor at the University of California at Riverside, has made a 20-year study of the problems of American cities. He agrees that it may be bad now, but he states that there was a lot of pollution from horses and other animals in American cities in the 19th century. Most cities had their own slaughter houses where cows and pigs were killed a century ago. They were careless about throwing out the remains of the animals and that sort of thing, he said. And the sewer system for waste disposal was almost nonexistent.

Some of the problems that bothered people living in the cities during that period are still with us - poor planning, problems in low-income neighborhoods, police relations, and public transportation. Pollution was a very important problem for city governments in the last century, particularly with regard to water supplies, Dr. Adrian said. They had some idea that water could be polluted, but they didn't know how. Trying to get pure water was a big problem.