Confessions of Rosalee

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Your text book lists several areas of "Public Policy" – specific functions that a legitimate government should carry out. They are: 1) maintaining order 2) providing services 3) resolving conflict 4) promoting values.

Watch the video about ROSALEE carefully. She and her family are the economic and social disasters who challenge the ability of the government to deal with any of the functions listed above. AS YOU WATCH, LIST AS MANY PROBLEMS AS YOU CAN IDENTIFY WHICH AFFECT ROSALEE AND HER FAMILY. You should have a LOT on your list by the end of the film.

Then write a 3 paragraph essay explaining your own perceptions of the causes and solutions of Rosalee's problems.

- Which parts of her life are of legitimate public policy interest?
- Which parts are her own personal issues?
- When and how and why should the government have intervened with Rosalee and her family?

Write out your opinion and the reasons for it. Be prepared to discuss and defend your views in class.

Rosalee's problems: