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There is no denying the fact that Americans are not safe, whether it be our streets, our homes or even the public places. There are different kinds of threats which loom around our fellow American and us. We think we are safe, but we aren’t. Among many of such threats one is the gang threat. This threat is associated to our domestic policies, since the times Americans settled as a community (Decker and Curry 2002). The gang threat initially emerged as a result of the unjust division of the resources. The national resources have been consumed by a select number of people, from the times, at least our generation has been witnessing modifications. There is a clear social divide of the privileged ones and the non- privileged ones. Such non- privileged ones then tend to form groups and start grabbing, which they were not offered by state or for any other reason (Decker and Curry 2002). This is the sole reason, things have pushed these gang crimes

FBI's Safe Streets Violent Crime Initiative is one example of counter gang crime initiative. Previous administrations and as Starkey argues, many non- profit organizations have put in their efforts to curb these crimes, but still it cannot be called a success (Starkey 2018). This crime exist to date, for the fact that we deny, the reality, which is that such measures are cosmetic and interest-driven. If any of our state institutions or local governments had worked sincerely or had addressed the root causes of such crimes, we would not have been witnessing the gang crimes. The American community generally need to denounce those who push ordinary American to commit crimes, which ultimately takes the form of gangs. Further, we need to defy these cosmetic measures and need to analyze where the problem lies exactly. It is the reason these gang crimes exist in America.

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