

Abstract

This thesis is a study work of the "suburban people". It is the study of garbage pickers in the suburban garbage community, by considering the aspect of the garbage use and the significance of the garbage resource, including the social relationship of different groups of people concerned and not concerned with the use of garbage resources in the community. This study emphasizes the relation of the people of the community and the city itself, who are looked as the burden of the city and having the duty to it.

From the study, it is found that the expansion of the city and industry results in the increase of the garbage which becomes the resources of a group of people in the society. The importance of "garbage" is classified according to its values and economic prices such as a "real thing", a "good thing", an "old thing" and an "unuseable thing". Therefore, the "garbage resources" are classified as "commodity" and "luck" of the garbage pickers. At the same time the "garbage resources" have an impact on the social relationship of different groups of people within and without the community. From this point of view, the "garbage resources" are a context in the society, which has a role and influence on the development of the community and the city.

This study tries to point out the relationship of the community and the city. The garbage community is frequently looked as the "suburb" of the city which is its burden or problem.

Simultaneously, it is found that the garbage community has a duty to the city. Without this group of people, the city will have problems such as the garbage surplus in the city, lack of garbage eliminaters and pollutions.

Although the garbage is a social problem and a thing disliked by most people, for another group of people "the garbage" is their lifes and the valuable resources because they can convert it into "valuable goods". Considering the afore-mentioned duty, this group of people plays a role in maintaining the ecological system of the present society.