

## **Revenge of the Homeless on the United States**

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We are all too familiar with the plight of the homeless in our country. Visit any major city and you will see, on just about every major street corner with traffic signals some ragged soul holding a hand-lettered cardboard sign "Homeless, Hungry, Anything Helps, God Bless."

And if you live in certain cities like Los Angeles you've probably seen tent cities, which are clusters of camping tents on the sidewalks of Skid Row or under bridges.

### **How people end up homeless is anybody's guess**

We all know about the homeless in our country. We've seen the cardboard signs, the tent cities, people sleeping rough, the beggars on the streets...

Yes, I know there are private charitable organizations that provide meals and at least temporary shelter, a place to bathe, donated clothing, etc. But the homeless problem has gotten way too big. There are often not enough shelter beds. Many homeless live in tents. A lot prefer to live in tents because it's their own space and not have to live by so many rules, like no pets.

And yet apparently nobody believes we have a serious problem. It's their misfortune and none of my own. They are largely ignored by the powers that be.

Democrats care more about trendy, "feel good" issues like climate change, green energy and banning fossil fuels. Our current president is more concerned with border security and placing tariffs. What we taxpayers spent on his wall (which was supposed to be paid for by Mexico) could have gone a long way to provide help to the homeless.

Tent cities in California and beyond are more than just an eyesore. Where do the tent city dwellers dispose of their garbage and body wastes? On the street, of course. This results in piles of decaying food waste which in turn attracts rats.

As long as there are tent cities, rats will have plenty to eat. And rats are prolific breeders. A female rat will have seven litters of 8 to 12, resulting in one rat producing up to 84 rats per year. Rats are sexually mature at three months.

And rats carry fleas that spread diseases like typhus. As the rat population grows, so does the number of new cases of typhus. Eventually there will be an epidemic of typhus in California, and this is sure to make news. Everybody going to California will have to get typhus shots. This will hurt California's tourist industry considerably.

And typhus will soon be endemic among the homeless and tent city dwellers. Many are unable to afford vaccinations and hence another public expense.

And typhus is no joke, the symptoms are serious. Rash, fever, chills, severe headaches, here's a video about deputy city attorney in Los Angeles who just contracted typhus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCcQch-YC50>

Do we have to wait for a major epidemic before our leaders are even moved to find a solution?