

churches and synagogues. In addition, the historical and cultural heritage of former times, together with constantly evolving living conditions, formed a multinational culture in the region – a unique combination of ancient traditions and advanced technologies.

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#### THE US VANISHING CITIES AS A SIGNIFICANT INDICATOR OF THE GLOBAL CRISIS

The modern world is full of constant and unpredictable changes. The greenhouse effect, the global warming, the glaciers and the sea ice melting, the mutation of genofond, the viruses' creation and its subsequent mutation, disappearing species of flora and fauna are a short list of the reasons having the greatest impact on human beings' everyday activity. There have long been mysterious disappearances and inexplicable vanishings throughout history. Nowadays a lot of cities have a tendency to disappear (the USA is not an exception). You might have heard about ghost-cities such as Jerome, Arizona; Centralia, Pennsylvania; Gary, Indiana; Kennecott, Alaska; Bodie, California etc.

There are several reasons for such a problem:

- climate change (sea level, natural disasters, global warming);
- urbanization (because of gold rush, treasures of the soil, financial crisis);
- technical and scientific progress;

The United States is a world leader in many areas. This state controls the international financial system and is one of the leaders in technology. If the US falls apart, the crisis will affect the entire world, affect all countries of the planet, and millions of people will suffer. The problem of “disappearing cities” is significant not only for the US, but also for the world as a whole. The US has a dominant position in the world economy, but if big states like California, Hawaii/... disappear, the United States will definitely fall into decline.

In general, solutions of these problems demand conventions and controversies. The global reasons of climate change can't be solved without interference of the whole world. Scientists are working on ways to get ready for natural disasters. One of the solutions for vanished and vanishing cities is developing dark and doom tourism by drawing attention to them. The overflown cities in future can be listed as spectacular hotspots for fans of doom tourism.

Urbanization problem demands political and economical interference with an accurate strategy of “towns and cities” elaboration, including technical and scientific comforts. Being aware of these problems people may occupy abandoned or small populated/low residential cities and help them to flourish again. There is a great amount of buildings either for working or for living. For example, big companies such as Apple, Microsoft, Epam, NASA, Amazon, General Motors, Phillips 66 etc. may open their branches there.