

**Reflection: Human Geography & Community Vulnerability**  
**Due Sunday 5/17 via Lacuna Stories**

For this reflection, skim the following Sectors on Lacuna Stories: Urban Systems, Rural Communities, and Indigenous Peoples. While reading, consider how changing demographics, differential dependence on natural resources, institutional capacities, community size, and economic resilience might shape responses to global change.

One of our course learning goals is to “*consider how race, gender, culture, education level, citizenship, and socioeconomic status can shape the impacts global change exerts on an individual and on communities*”. We’ve often discussed how the impacts of global change are disproportionately felt by communities with the least power to protect themselves.

Reflect on the community you grew up in. Was it urban or rural? What intrinsic vulnerabilities does it have to global change? What political/ economic voice does it have? Next, identify a vulnerable community in your region that you’ve read about. Contrast this community with the community you grew up in— what power does it have to respond to global change?