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pochospeak: José Luis Saldivar, you're program officer at Trabajo Para Toda La Familia, in Tijuana, what can you tell us about it?



JL: There's not very much to say, people are hungry in Tijuana, it's not an easy situation now that the maquiladoras are taking their investment to other countrys. It doesn't take a phd to

understand that it's the fault of the trade unions and the

government who didn't lower costs for foreign investment. It's all there in the reports from IMF, World Bank, IADB. So basically what the city is going thru it's a decline in quality of life, not to mention criminality is finding a way into our homes. A few years later it was shocking to see how most people in the city knew about someone working for the drug cartels, now most good familys have at least a member working in them... If not in some other criminal activity.

pochospeak: I didn't knew the situation was that bad... What are the options for teens to stay off violence? Are there any church or government programs?

JL: There are... But, i won't lie to you. People in the city don't trust the government, and i don't blame them. Everyone knows they're the problem. As you know, our country is very corrupt. It's too bad President Fox wasn't able to change the situation, and now that he's going out, people are afraid of the things to come... On the one side you got the communists represented by Lopez Onbrador of