

« LES BANLIEUES » IN FRANCE

DEFINITION

A. 2 MEANINGS

From a latin word *banleuca* which meant the area controlled by a city

In general it means the area around a city: SUBURBS, OUTSKIRTS

BUT, since the 70's it is also to call the « housing projects » or « ghettos ».

les « quartiers chaud »

« quartiers sensibles »

THERE ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE AMERICAN GHETTOS

B/ STATS

These banlieues gather around 20 million people into 3 395 communes/ cities.

The most violent banlieues gather 4,2 million people in 2019.



II/ THE CREATION OF THE BANLIEUES

A/ A specific background

- WW2- bombings- destructions- recontruction
- 1950's Baby Boom.
- 1960's: decolonization and high immigration
- All this in a period of high economic prosperity (les TRENTE GLORIEUSES)

B/ SPECIFIC ARCHITECTURE

Contrary to the UK and Germany: High rise buildings / towers

It was inspired from the works of the Swiss architect LE CORBUSIER.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3C8f2FeKsnM> (des bidonvilles aux HLM)

Many banlieues are SOCIAL HOUSING (HLM)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7K7JJtD64oQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-Nnwrq5lYk>

some very violent banlieues

Example of

III/ Why did those districts become degraded and violent areas?

A/ The French « model » failed

-Banlieues are too far from downtown

Exemple : IT TAKES LONGER from **Paris à Clichy (a banlieue of Paris : 15km-9 miles) by train than from Paris to Lille (220 km -130 miles) in TGV (High speed train) !**

-Shopping malls, supermarkets have caused the closing of local shops in these banlieues .

-Banlieues and social housing are now under the « communes » supervision : too expensive for them to maintain or it's not a priority

B- French banlieues ARE NOT American ghettos

Their population is multicultural

WHY?

Social housing : so you don't choose where you want to live

The only common points with US ghettos are: poverty, high unemployment and high crime rate

IV/ THE 2005 UPRISING

In English :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33KCTGledzU>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9r_NQiZEH4 \(+\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9r_NQiZEH4)

A/ What happened ?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jso86ByuC_o

November 2005 in **Clichy-sous-Bois** very near Paris

ID check

2 teenagers flee the police

The get electrocuted in an electricity plant

The police is held accountable by the local population.

An uprising starts in Clichy and then spread to 200 other banlieues in France.

B/ Results:

In NOVEMBER 16, president Chirac declared the « state of emergency » as well as a curfew after 10 AM for the young under 18

Total 274 banlieues revolted

8973 burnt vehicles

200-million euro damage

2888 arrests

1 death

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Ousse des bols

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