

Analysis of the movie "Soylent Green"

1. What year does this movie take place?
2. How many people live in the city depicted in the movie?
3. How do most people in the city get their food?
4. What is Sol talking about when he talks about "Going home"?
5. What is Thorn's profession?
6. What is Shirl's profession?
7. What "special treat" did Shirl purchase for Simonson on the night he was murdered?
8. Why was Thorn suspicious of how Simonson was murdered?
9. How did the government dispose of Simonson's body?
10. Thorn told Shirl that "Old people often cry." Why do you think old people cry so much?
11. Why does the government make it so easy for people to kill themselves?
12. Why was Thorn sent on riot control?
13. What started the riot?

14. What are the “scoops”?

15. Why was the priest murdered?

16. What is the official narrative about the source of Soylent Green?

17. How does Thorn learn the truth about Soylent Green?

18. Putting all morality aside, why is Soylent Green can serve an unsustainable source of calories? What did you learn about the trophic pyramid that makes this impractical?

Choose one opinion to answer online:

Opinion 1 (post answer online): The movie was made in 1973. What has gotten better since that time? Has anything gotten worse? Even though life now is nowhere near as dark as it was depicted in Soylent Green, can you think of any current trends that are moving our society towards this dystopic vision of the future? Explain.

Opinion 2 (post answer online): This essay about life in 2030 depicts a rosy scenario for life after the Great Reset. Critics of the Great Reset denounced this as a “bait-and-switch,” and that in reality, the dystopia of Soylent Green is the more accurate depiction of the Great Reset. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/worldeconomicforum/2016/11/10/shopping-i-cant-really-remember-what-that-is-or-how-differently-well-live-in-2030/?sh=619374117350>

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