Let's discuss the issue of power women have in the home.

I believe that women in Latin cultures have a greater influence outside the home. He even went as far as to advise me of what my culture did stand for and respect. I would say it is the responsibility of MIT or Harvard—which have bought up so much of Cambridge, driving up real estate prices in the neighborhood. How can any non-profit organization stand the competition (is buying land) from the guests like MIT or Harvard? Where will the homeless—some of whom might not have been homeless if it was not for the high real estate prices—go?

When I went to visit the shelter, it reminded me of Atlantic City, where on the one hand are three luxurious casinos and on the other are people living in rundown houses whose higher floors have already collapsed and their broken windows are covered with plastic sheets; and of Bombay, where posh multi-story apartment complexes complete with parking lots adjoin streets on which people live under translucent plastic sheets erected as tents.

We at MIT with all this education should not allow such a disparity to develop in front of our own eyes. We will not be able to enjoy our cozy spring breaks if the homeless of the Boston area have to go without even a crowded shelter to hide from the coming winter.

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