

Some people say that the government should break down all the historic buildings and replace them with modern buildings. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE?

As buildings from the past centuries or decades constitute a part of today's cities, their maintenance or destruction and replacing ~~those~~ them with modern ones by the authorities ~~has~~ have ~~their~~ its advocates and I subscribe to the view of the former group, which prefers the ancient buildings being preserved.

The absence of construction technologies or effortless methods, which just have been developed in the recent decades, prove that the process of building in the past was far more complicated and harder than that of the present. Constructing buildings mostly by workforce instead of machines and equipment, the old builders had to endure many hardships compared to their current counterparts whose works are much more rapid and automatized. Their hard work, alongside their attention to the sophisticated details in buildings, which can rarely be found in the present-day ones, is the main reason to regard them as invaluable architectural heritage.

Although the maintenance and the reinforcement of the historic buildings might come at a huge cost to the governments and the idea of substituting them with the modern places is a tempting one, as they might be more luxurious or magnificent, I believe preserving such national heritage will be worth it. What justifies such expenditures and resisting those temptations s is that learning about ancient buildings is profoundly informative. Many aspects of the ancients' lives and culture would be revealed by studying those places. By that, we can be informed about their beliefs or even their ongoing ~~crisis~~ crises. For instance, the thick high walls of an old place, which seldom have an opening on ~~it~~ them, can indicate the levels of safety in its society or tell us of the long wars the city might have been involved in. Due to the many contributions these places can make to the knowledge of our society and their high value as our heritage, the governments have to set many rules to preserve them while allocating adequate budget to their maintenance.

In conclusion, although protecting historic places from being demolished while there is a high demand for modern fancy buildings is a hard job, I believe the

amount of knowledge brought about by the delicate historic buildings could be valuable and instructive enough to justify the hardships.