In many countries today, people in cities either live alone or in small family units, rather than in large, extended family groups. Is this a positive or negative trend?

Nowadays, people in urban areas have different views about their number of family members that they prefer to live either alone or in a <u>nuclear</u> family as opposed to living in an <u>extended</u> family. While there are some benefits to living in a large family, I believe that this new lifestyle is a positive trend.

On the one hand, traditional forms of the extended family provide a benefit to individual family members. Firstly, a larger family could instruct children to have better community relations in their society, workplace, and family. To illustrate, children in relationships and consulting with their siblings learn how they could communicate and treat with their opposite sex. Secondly, many problems in the larger family could easily be solved because they can split the problems between themselves. For example, when parents get older, they need care, their children cope with this problem easily by dividing the days of parental care between themselves. Therefore, abundant families could prepare children better for enrolment in society.

On the other hand, there are several advantages of living lonely or in a small family. First of all, the most important benefits would be more freedom, tranquility, and independence. In particular, if a person needs to be calm and free to achieve his goals, living alone provides this for him. Moreover, in this new format of life, money has a decisive role in the family. Hence, having fewer children or small family is an exceptional opportunity to improve the family's economic circumstancelevel. In consequence, the point of having a nuclear family <u>Is</u> to increase the pace of individual and family development.

In conclusion, although once having a big family has advantages, In this modern era living alone or in a small family is increasing, that is an inevitable trend.