ambivalent

cantankerous

derogatory

ludicrous

orthodox

ameliorated

desecrated

impoverished

amiable

despondent

inadvertent

expedited

incessant

prerogative

magnanimous

undermine

anarchy

scapegoat

Ten years ago, we suffered the destruction of the Armageddon. Citizens began to (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the authority of the government. They rioted and went crazy in the streets. It was complete (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Not everyone participated. Some people were (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because they appreciated the security and logic of having laws. At first, people were satisfied, feeling empowered to control their own lives. They were (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ towards one another until they ran out of food and no police came to help when they were victims of crime. It was only fair to allow evil people to practice their (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as freely as (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_people. Despite their gracious willingness to work together, the problems quickly (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There were (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ explosions when no one fixed the electricity during storms. The fancy business offices were (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the poor via graffiti, fire, and busted windows. People began to blame each other as a (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their struggles. The young adults showed the most (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attitudes towards adults that let their world fall apart. The older adults expressed (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ opinions towards the younger people. The (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stress tempted them to drink themselves to death, literally. When alcohol was emptied from stores, they turned to gasoline and perfumes! (That’s a true story from Russia.) The health of society had become (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because no one would take responsibility and exercise leadership. Finally the (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ church designed programs to take care of the (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ children who were hungry, dirty, and scared. The church programs (17) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some of the fear because it provided a sense of comfort and spiritual meaning despite the (18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ circumstances.