2016 Rio Olympic Games: Was it all Worth it? 
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Abstract
Hosting the Olympic Games has always been a glorious honor and feat but in recent years that tide has begun to sway. My research focuses on the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics. I analyze three aspects: the social and cultural aspects, the political side and the economic side of the games. For the political portion of the games, I analyze many points, but specifically, how local politics affected the games from when it was announced that Brazil would be hosting the Olympics to the commencement of the games. For the economic section of my research, I look at it in two different ways: the numbers side and what is happening today. With my research, I’ll determine whether hosting the Olympic games are worth it, or if Rio De Janeiro is still paying the price for this costly endeavor.

Methodology
For my research, I looked at several different sources and formats. This can include sources directly from the International Olympic Committee, research papers, and Vox YouTube videos.

Social/Cultural Impact
The Olympic games affected the people of Rio De Janeiro in an assortment of ways that include:

Positive
• Increase of police security in neighborhoods
• Celebration of cultural and traditions

Negative
• Gentrification of neighborhoods
• Interruption of daily lives before and during the games
• Alienation of communities

Economical Impact
The economical side of this debate is arguably the biggest part of this debate.

Quick Facts:
• Rio 2016 provided the city with ~$5B in the tourism industry
• Construction of hotels and other infrastructure for the games would require the employment of 16,000 to staff
• Job creation accounted for 82% of Rio’s local economical growth
• Tourism to Brazil increased 4.8% in 2016 and generated an increase in revenue of 6.2% compared to prev. year
• For each Brazilian Real spent on sport facilities, the IOC donated BRL 5 to legacy projects

Political Impact
At the time of the games in 2016, there were many things going on in the political atmosphere both in Brazil and in the world.

Including:
• A waverering economy
• Corruption investigation involving the state oil giant Petrobras
• Presidential impeachment precedents against President Dilma Rousseff which lasted well through the games
• Refugee situation present throughout the world which led way for the inclusion of a Refugee Team
• Pollution of Rio’s waterways brought concern to the IOC

Conclusion/Take away
The main goal of my research was to answer one question. Is it worth it to be the host city for the Olympic games? You can’t answer this question in a yes or no fashion. There are too many variables that go into the evaluation of the question and for that reason, there is no definitive answer. One things is for sure, these games are important to many people. It is a global event where representatives of almost every country are celebrated, and in a world filled with hate for differences, the games serve as a beacon of hope for many.

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