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Neighborhood War Zone

Children of the 19th

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Paris' 19th arrondissement: a petri dish of all the evils that eat away at French society.

Sociologically, the 19th arrondissement is very racially diverse and religiously multi-denominational, with a mix of Catholics, Jews, and Muslims. 25% of its inhabitants live beneath the poverty line.

Here, 44-year-old Abdoulaye Sissoko, head of his security company, and 34-year-old Zakaria El Haroussi, garbage man and former crack dealer, tell the story of Paris's 19th arrondissement, where they were born, grew up, and have always lived: a story that combines politics, radicalization, delinquency and organized crime, police violence, altercations between gangs, drug trafficking, and prostitution. Then again, these mean streets have also given rise to success stories.
