

Community Lost or Saved

Sociology

Three answers to whether cities destroy community, and the evidence.

Wellman's three positions on community in the city.

Position	Claim	Evidence cited
Community lost	Ties weakened by urban life	Anonymity, mobility
Community saved	Dense local ties persist	Urban village studies
Community liberated	Ties dispersed, not lost	Network analysis

Network studies mostly support the liberated position: strong ties survive but are no longer bound to the neighbourhood.