

Homework 1 (42 Points)

Problem 1 (18 Points)

Watch the IQ2 debate “[Globalization has undermined American’s Working Class.](#)”

1. Summarize and critique the main arguments made by each side.
2. What are your thoughts regarding the pros and cons of globalization? In particular, provide your own answer to the following debate questions about globalization’s impact on the American working class:

“Is globalization to blame? Did the push toward global integration leave our most vulnerable populations behind, making them the losers of this grand experiment? Or is globalization being used as a scapegoat for a wider range of failed public policies and unprecedented advances in technology?”

Try to provide empirical evidence to support your arguments if you can.

3. Has globalization undermined China’s working class over the last three decades? If not, will it in the future? What policies would you recommend the Chinese government to adopt to deal with the impact of globalization in the future?

Problem 2 (12 Points)

Watch the PBS Frontline documentary “[Trump’s Trade War](#)” that discusses the current trade war between the U.S. and China from an American perspective.

1. Summarize the main arguments people made in this documentary for and against the trade war with China.
2. What are your opinions regarding the causes, the nature, and the possible consequences of the current trade war?

Problem 3 (12 Points)

Watch the [talk by Scott Rozelle](#) on education in rural China and its implications for China’s future development.

1. Summarize the main arguments and empirical findings.
2. What are your own thoughts on this topic? Do you agree with Prof. Rozelle’s diagnosis and conclusions? You can use your own personal experience or additional data to support your points.