



GS 221 Work and Society



Part 10

Globalization, Society and Work

Globalization

- The economies of the world is being increasingly integrated. Mobile phones and internet have brought people closer. The world is becoming smaller place. Goods, which were once confined to western countries, are available across the globe. Work can be outsourced to any part of the world that has an internet connection. Because of improvements in traffic infrastructure, one is able to reach one' s destination in a relatively short span of time.
- **Globalization** means increasing the interdependence, connectivity and integration on a global level with respect to the social, cultural, political, technological, economic and ecological levels.

Definition of globalization

- Globalization was defined as a process in which the population of the world is increasingly bonded into a single society. (**global village**)
- Globalization refers to the process of reducing barriers between countries and encouraging closer economic, political and social interactions between nations.
- Globalization is closer integration of the countries and peoples of the world... brought about the enormous reduction of costs of transportation, and the breaking down of artificial barriers to the flows of goods, capital, knowledge and people across borders.



Modern globalization

Dimensions of globalization

1. **Economic globalization**: means the greater global connectedness of economic activities, through transnational trade, capital flows and migration.
2. **Environmental globalization**: includes the increasingly global effects of human activities on the environment.

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3. **Cultural globalization:** the connections among languages, ways of living, and fears of global homogeneity through the spread of North America and European languages and culture.
4. **Political globalization:** include wider acceptance of global political standards such as human rights, democracy, labor standards, environmental standards, as well as the greater coordination of actions by governments and other institutions across the globe.