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Assignment 9

Social, Political, and Economic Change: Globalism

Globalism refers to the increasing interconnectedness and interdependence of the world's economies, societies, and cultures, driven by advancements in communication, transportation, and technology. It has brought about significant changes to the quality of life for people worldwide.

Globalism brings about a lot of pros and cons. Globalism is not a perfect ideology, but we should all strive for it. First, let's take a look at the pro. One of the most significant benefits of globalism is increased access to goods and services. With the growth of multinational corporations and the globalization of trade, consumers can purchase products worldwide. "The impact of globalization is also significant in the accessibility and availability of a diverse variety of food items." (Baburaj, 2018). Globalization has led to greater choice and variety and has allowed people to access goods and services that were once unavailable or too expensive in their home countries. For example, a person living in a rural area in a developing country may now have access to affordable healthcare services, thanks to globalism. This increased access to goods and services has greatly improved the quality of life for many people.

On the other hand, one of the biggest cons of globalism is its negative impact on the environment. The increased consumption and production that comes with globalism have led to a significant increase in greenhouse gas emissions and other forms of pollution. This has contributed to climate change, which is already having a major impact on the quality of life for people worldwide, including rising sea levels, more frequent and severe natural disasters, and decreased access to food and water. Climate change also threatens future generations, as it will have a long-term impact on the planet.

This week we read “Nationalism Gains Momentum,” an article in Trends Magazine that discusses the comparison between nationalism and globalization. Where nationalists want to keep a feeling of unity among a group of people and want to feel prideful in their nation, Globalists want almost the opposite. They want a “transnational governance structure for their regions and the entire planet.” (Magazine, 2018). It is a difficult topic, but I can’t help but want a global government. I feel like we could advance further and faster if we all just banded together, similar to the message found in “I, Pencil,” just imagine the things we as a whole could accomplish. Globalization isn’t a perfect concept, but I believe it will be best for all of us. I believe that “Teaching Globalization in the Time of Trump” by Jane Elizabeth Hughes says it best: “While globalization produces winners and losers, we shouldn’t disengage from--or even slow down--the process.” (Hughes, 2019).

Globalism has brought about significant changes to the quality of life for people worldwide. On the one hand, it has increased access to goods and services, improving many people's lives. On the other hand, it has hurt the environment, threatening the quality of life for current and future generations. It is important for us to be aware of both the positive and negative effects of globalism and to work towards finding solutions that balance the benefits of globalization with the need to protect our planet and its resources.

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