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Globalization

Globalization is the exchange and movement of information, services, goods, cultural values or beliefs, and technologies. It is the interaction between different regions and populations on the globe. Globalization can affect one's life in many ways, but it has affected mine in these ways. Firstly communication. Video calls and social media enable me to communicate with people far away from me, sometimes in different countries rather than face-to-face because as I mentioned they are far away from me, this makes the distance not be an obstacle or barrier. More especially during the Covid-19 period, the movement of information made it possible for me to know what is happening in the outside world and for online shopping, sometimes in countries that are far from South Africa and have everything delivered to my doorstep. Secondly global issues. Globalization has enabled me to know and learn about global issues, especially natural disasters in other places and keep me updated, without globalization I would never know what is happening about global issues and how other regions are dealing with them. Cultural exchange, globalization has made it possible for me to learn about other cultures and their values in other countries and how things are done, laws, or traditions in their countries. As someone who has always been intrigued by Koreans and their culture, listening to things like K-pop and watching K-Dramas made me learn more about Koreans and their heritage and not just think they are Chinese or Japanese. The economic state of other countries and I am very interested in having my own business so, through globalization I can find manufacturers or suppliers of the items that I want to sell at a lower cost and even reach a market of people in different areas not just in South Africa. So, imagine life without the occurrence of globalization.

The aspects of globalization that I really like are first the economic side of globalization. Developing countries get a chance to increase their economy through the trade of goods, services, and capital. For example, here in South Africa we supply countries like China, Japan, and India and supply other countries with minerals like gold that we are rich in. This way our GNP increases, our economy increases, and this ensures food security most of the time, it also

widens our market to other countries that are interested in trading with us. As I also mentioned the cultural exchange of different regions, also makes it easier for someone like me who likes the Korean culture to understand and not be entirely lost and confused if I someday visit Korea, and easier for me to make friends even before going to their country. Technology, as an Information Technology student, learning more about the evolution of technology, other technological apps, and things like A.I witnessing them being put into practice each and every day is interesting and motivating. Socially it helps with finding the right social group of people who you connect with and understand very well because of similar experiences, backgrounds, and even personalities. Sometimes you cannot fit in with the people around you so social settings like social media help with finding or building that perfect community, where you can share or create your own values, and traditions and exchange ideas or advice. In the education system, one can be able to study abroad in a country of their own choice or have access to education from a different country, and lastly remote work. A person can work a nine-to-five job for a company in the UK while living in South Africa remotely so, in the convenience of their own home or comfort and not worry about going to the office.

The aspects of globalization that I don't like are, when labor is exploited, and workers are expected to work many hours and in not-so-good conditions just be underpaid more especially in developing countries when there is a huge demand for the products or services in foreign countries that they trade with. Health threats, the movement of people and things in and out of the country makes the country more prone and in danger of contracting diseases, for example, Covid-19 and diseases that have been pandemics before came to our country through the movement of people, as much as traveling and going to other countries is nice but more diseases enter through borders as there is a movement more frequently. Job losses, as I mentioned, companies and businesses are now interested in foreign suppliers and manufacturers because of getting products at a lower cost and that leaves more people in fear of losing their jobs or income. Also, more companies now are moving into machinery labor and robotics to increase production and spend less time on labor, which also increases job insecurity or job losses. Lastly, uncontrolled or fake information, as people now have easy access to information and often follow what they like and not what is true. It is easier now to spread false information and people will follow without thinking twice and also makes it easier for other people to push their own untrue and evil agenda.

Views on Globalization

Justice

Justice is an ideology because it is a set of beliefs or set of ideas that we follow, they form the basis of our political and legal policies and guide our understanding of differentiating between what is fair and what is not.

Strengths

Fairness- Justice promotes fairness to all, and the idea of fairness ensures that everyone is treated equally and fairly despite their race, ethnicity, nationality, status, and gender.

Social relations, sense of relation, and the exchange of beliefs occur when proper justice happens within a society or community, this usually reduces fights or conflicts and non-relation events.

Offenses or deterrence, when justice happens in a society, the act of criminal offenses or engaging in unethical activities and the idea of committing a crime by individuals is reduced because of the consequences that one may suffer if caught.

Recovering of victims, when justice is practiced or done within a society victims of the unethical act get closure and healing from what they experienced. So that they can move on with their lives.

Accountability enables offenders to be accountable for their actions and also pay for their actions when justice is put into practice.

Weaknesses

Injustice, as much as justice promotes equality, fairness, and justice for all, sometimes it can lead to injustice actions happening when laws and policies do not apply to a certain type of group or individuals especially if has money in South Africa.

Biased, justice systems tend to be biased in terms of race, gender, age, and class which then is not fair for certain groups of people or individuals.

Sometimes a person can be punished all in the name of serving justice and not thoroughly investigating the cause of the criminal act. Most of the time people get punished for self-defense acts and are not given a chance to prove themselves.

Jihadist

Jihadist is an ideology that forms principles and beliefs that Jihadists follow in their acts to achieve their religious goals.

Strengths

Commitment, Jihadists are always committed to their people and religion, this shows loyalty and solidarity to their people.

Sacrifice, Jihadists are often willing to sacrifice their lively hoods for the cause or willing to sacrifice their lives for the cause.

Recruitment, Jihadists are very good and skilled in using propaganda to recruit people new members and gain support from people and certain groups

Weaknesses

Their desire is not always for pure and religious reasons but to promote acts of violence against people. Their goals are often unrealistic which makes them not to be achievable this often leads to frustration from the Jihadist members. Lastly, they have limited resources which makes it difficult for them to carry on with their operations for a long period of time.

Market

The market is an ideology because it advocates for a consumerist, neoliberal, and free-market world.

Strengths

Flexibility, the market is usually flexible and can adapt to changes in supply and demand. If there is a high demand, the market can make sure that the supply or production is also high.

Competition, the market space always thrives because of constant competition, which forces continuous innovation in order for businesses to survive.

Job creation, the market space is always about innovation more job opportunities tend to be created and motivation for entrepreneurship also increases in individuals.

Weaknesses

Skilled workers are often replaced by unskilled workers that offer their labor at a lower cost because costs are usually minimized and profit is maximized, as skilled workers will obviously demand higher wages. As demand rises workers are exploited, the environment is degraded, and financial instability.

Anti-globalism

Anti-globalism is a worldview because it is a movement and is not formed on beliefs and ideas but rather a perspective that often opposes the aspects of globalization.

Strengths

Anti-globalism can protect cultures and the economy, the local economy to be specific from different effects of capitalism (global capitalism) by promoting local markets, local businesses, ownership, production, and many more. Anti-globalism can also fight against the exploitation of workers, workers getting underpaid, and other labor protections that come with globalization. It protects the rights of workers. Fight against environmental injustices, like deforestation,

pollution, waste, and overconsumption. All the things that are basically promoted by global capitalism.

Weaknesses

Anti-globalism can sometimes lead to wars and fights between different regions and nations, sometimes opening the platform for inequality within nations. Sometimes foreign workers can find themselves in danger and the restriction or limit of competition can occur, which decreases the chance of innovation in the area. The stability of the economy of that nation can be compromised because of this sometimes.

Taking the worldview test, my results are integrative. This means that I try to integrate or combine different perspectives or values like spirituality and science and make them coexist to help me view and understand the world in a certain way. The Integrative worldview is often complex and holistic that allows for coexistence and diversity. It further explained that I constantly seek self-realization and integration in all elements that surround me. It influences my opinion because I tend to believe in collaboration, inclusivity, and diversity. I become more open-minded in situations and allow different perspectives and opinions of others without disregarding them. In real-life situations, before solving a problem I may look at all the perspectives and aspects of the problem, like social, economic, and political which are all factors that can contribute to a problem. In conclusion, the integrative worldview is for those who advocate and fight for collaboration and cooperation and believe in shared responsibilities to tackle world problems.