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They did not just happen by chance, nor as the fruit of some new insight. Dependency writers used concepts such as unequal exchange, incorporation, center-periphery and development of underdevelopment to stress on exchange relations and external economic linkages with disregard to internal and production procedures. The colonial economy was typically mono-cultural and export-oriented.

## Theories of development

Neoliberalists would argue that it is mainly internal factors that lead to underdevelopment, not exploitation — They argue that it is corruption within governments poor governance that is mainly to blame for the lack of development in many African countries. Also, both theories are ethnocentric owing to the fact that they ignored the possibility of the alternative development of developing countries, but instead they are insistent that the developed countries serve as model to be emulated by developing countries, whether they like it or not, and at the same time, they failed to recognise alternative ways of development of countries of the developing world. Nonetheless, this video does offer a systematic account of a Dependency Theory view of underdevelopment and development, including interviews with numerous politicians and activists from development countries as critical thinkers such as Amartya Sen, Joseph Stiglitz and Naomi Klein, among many more.

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For example, where a politician or head of a company gives their brother or someone from their village or ethnic group a job simply because they are close to them, rather than employing someone based on their individual talent. Dependency Theorists say that they need to get out of the

dependant relationship and look after itself for a bit.

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In this context, in the late 1940s, modernisation theory was developed, which aimed to provide a specifically non-communist solution to poverty in the developing world — Its aim was to spread a specifically industrialised, capitalist model of development through the promotion of Western, democratic values. The documentary is 15 years old now, but it provides a very useful introduction to the following concepts within global development.

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