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We wrote some articles about globalization. Interesting read!

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Worth it or not?
by Jazmín Mikalonis

There is no doubt that globalization, a hotly debated topic which divides opinions, has its advantages and disadvantages. Nonetheless, the real question is whether these positive aspects are worth taking the risk for.

There is no doubt of the incalculable advances globalization has enabled. The technological progress is by far the best improvement. It has not only helped to spread knowledge and culture throughout the world, but it has also helped isolated villages to be more integrated in the society. As if this was not enough, it is crystal clear that it has helped with education. A clear example of this is that children in every country have the possibility to search for more information and be able to understand more what is happening.

Nevertheless, there is recent research that suggests that, notwithstanding the benefits globalization may have, the drawbacks have a horrendous effect. This is illustrated by the present threat to cultural diversity. Needless to say, there are various multinational corporations accused of unfair working conditions as well as not caring about the lack of environmental concern. This goes together with labor exploitation, as not only adults, but also kids are forced to work with no safety measures to produce cheap products. On top of this, there is a constant increase in human traffic. When you come to think of it, isn't globalization destroying the human rights society has fought for, for the last centuries?

At the end of the day, it is evident of the progress our society has made with globalization's technological advances, helping people all through the world, yet we really need to take all things into consideration and think, do the advantages outweigh the negative aspects?

IS GLOBALISATION A SYNONYM FOR DESTRUCTION?

by Pilar Silva

I'm sure you'd agree that Globalisation comes with lots of benefits. But when you come to think of it, isn't it the main cause of the destruction of ecosystems and the loss of diversity all around the world?

There's no doubt that globalisation has been a key factor in developing the modern world we live in nowadays. In the last decades we have seen not only a massive development of technology and innovations, but also an increasing spread of businesses and cultures worldwide. Globalisation is all about efficiencies and opportunities. On top of that, businesses can communicate more efficiently and effectively with their partners, suppliers, and customers and manage to sell their products in distant markets with the same ease and speed as in their home country. For instance CocaCola can sell their well-known products with the same ease in the US as in Argentina.

The rising pace of globalization and how it affects the environment has been a major global concern that everyone should be aware of. Globalization leads to an increase in global demand, resulting in increased production and this indirectly contributes to the exploitation of the environment and the depletion of natural resources. There are a number of reasons why I say that, particularly, the extraction of palm oil in Indonesia for manufacturing products such as Nutella or Doritos; industrial livestock farming contributes to land and water degradation, biodiversity loss and deforestation; extracting fossil fuels, that make industries work, is responsible for more than 16% of carbon and methane emissions into the atmosphere. Furthermore, although individuals can take personal measures to support environmental sustainability, helping the planet thrive should be a concern of people in leading roles, because they are the ones who have the power and resources to make positive developments.

Taking all this into account, it is clear why globalization is such a controversial topic. Seldom do people realise the consequences of the increasing integration and interdependence of domestic and overseas markets. At the end of the day, is globalisation a positive factor in our societies?

Globalisation - good news or bad? by Lucía Tovar

Currently, globalisation is an extraordinarily complicated issue as people may see it as a positive development whereas others focus deeper on its negative effects. Hence, it is vital to evaluate the pros and cons of this international process before taking a stance.

Supporters of globalisation argue that the proliferation of the phenomenon has solved some of the deep-seated problems, such as unemployment and poverty. Globalisation has led to the creation of new jobs as well as economic growth through the cross-border flow of goods, capital, and labor thanks to international trade. Nowadays, anyone can access goods and services that may be unable to be produced in their home countries or can be obtained more cheaply from other places. Furthermore, significant developments in both communications and transport technologies resulted in a global village, where the world is seen as a single community linked by telecommunications together with the transnationals manufacturing, selling and buying goods across the globe.

Notwithstanding all its benefits, does not globalisation imply serious risks as well when you come to think of it? The anti-globalists claim that its advantages can be unfairly skewed towards rich countries, generating greater economic inequalities as the growth and job creation are not distributed evenly in countries. Multinational companies take advantage of the lower cost and labour in developing countries, giving rise to sweatshops, workplaces where employees are exploited. Alongside with the economic downside, globalisation has also had a lasting impact not only on culture, but also on the environment. It creates a monotonous culture where every person essentially experiences the same thing along with the growth of the production and transportation of goods, which resulted in the increase of pollution levels - not to mention deforestation and the destruction of ecosystems and loss of biodiversity.

Taking all this into consideration, some may see this interaction between different regions and populations around the globe as a phenomenon that works not just for a few but for everyone; nevertheless, others claim it will only bring about misery and unemployment. The burning question is whether in the clear light of day you might draw the conclusion that the pros of globalisation far outweigh the cons or not.

Globalization-good news or bad?

by Juan Pablo Alonso

When multinational corporations expanded and the huge social networks we know today were born, globalization struck, and this is certainly changing a lot of aspects of life. Arguably, these changes have helped us evolve and become a more united world but don't be fooled by the pros of this phenomenon as it comes with some flaws too.

It is true that when globalization started growing it had an incredibly positive impact in relationships, jobs, awareness, etc. A clear advantage of this is that we can know what's happening in the other end of the world in a heartbeat thanks to social media. Furthermore, globalization created a kind of "world-wide culture" which helps us to relate more to people of other countries. With this last point comes the advance in communication and international relationships, which benefits governments, companies and workers.

In contrast to the benefits mentioned in the last paragraph, globalization counts with its disadvantages. As well as it unites people and creates a mutual way of living, globalization is also eliminating diversity and killing off cultures all around the world. Moreover, with the increased liberty and the expanding of multinational companies, markets and these firms become nearly impossible to control. Not only does it make the market uncontrollable but also it puts freelancers that want to start a business at a disadvantage compared to the all-powerful corporations that are growing every day because of this.

In conclusion, this phenomenon had an impact in everyday life for the better and for the worse. Obviously, it doesn't matter what we think as this process will keep on going and altering our lives.

Globalization - good news or bad?

by Chiara Cristófaló

Nowadays globalization is an extremely controversial topic, either you love it or you hate it, there is no middle ground. It is thought by many people that the positive aspects it brings to the world outweighs the negative ones, but some may disagree.

Take into account the amount of advances that were made because of globalization, there has been technological progress, which benefits the society as a whole, as well as an economic growth where new jobs are created and makes common items, such as cars or clothes, more affordable for most people. Not only that but also there has been constant innovation if you think about it, technology and communication being the main focus of these. Globalization has made it easier for information and technology to spread, making it possible to boost innovation and productivity.

One of the main things as to why globalization brings negative aspects to the world, is that it fails to deliver gains in labour rights, human rights and environmental protection. There have been a serious amount of environmental changes throughout the years, such as the increased consumption in the production of goods that, without a doubt, puts stress on the environment. The fuel consumed in transportation of products has led to an increase in pollution levels, industrial waste is dumped in oceans and various chemicals have been thrown into soil, damaging plants. Moreover, the exploitation of labour has also been a negative effect of globalization, workers are used to work in inhumane conditions and safety standards are ignored for cheap goods. Isn't globalization killing our world, when you come to think of it?

At the end of the day, what you think of globalization is driven by what is believed to be more important, though most supporters and opponents agree that some people can benefit from globalization and others are harmed by it. It is true that this has within itself good news and bad news but I believe that the negative aspects surpass the positive ones. The question is, do you believe that the benefits outweigh the damages it causes?

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear about the word “globalization”? Some would say, travel, others communication, and others even McDonald’s. However, in the cold light of day, we can all agree that all of those are correct. Globalization is not only the free movement of goods, services and people across the world in a seamless and integrated manner but also is the cause of the increase in the flow and exchange of culture, information, people and money across geographical borders.

Although it has its positive aspects, it has its negatives too. The exchange of culture has caused a loss of identity and traditions in many countries, as we are becoming, in other words, one big super global culture. Furthermore, regarding environmental issues, it has been proved that McDonald’s, as a fast food restaurant, is one of the main culprits of plastic pollution. This fact leads to one question, how many McDonald’s are out there in the world? That’s right, thousands of thousand, all contaminating the planet.

Nevertheless, most of the clothes we wear, the devices and apps we use, the food we eat, the music we listen to, and endless things to mention, are fruit of the globalization, without it we would not be able to enjoy all of those things and be who we really are. When you came to think of it, isn’t it has made our life easier in every sense too? We can travel and visit different places, we can watch any foreign film we want without complications, we can search any dumb doubt we have through the internet in just few seconds too.

All in all, I do believe globalizations has some pessimistic features, yet what is undeniable is that it is here to stay, so we must learn to live and take advantage of it and see the constructive things it has brought too.

Ana Cutó

Globalization – good news or bad?

by Camila Pérez

Around the world, thousands of companies are extending their reach to a more international scope allowing the general public to access their products everywhere. This is great news for people who love having a Coca-Cola with a Big-Mac while enjoying their vacation in some hidden island in Greece. However, not everyone would share that opinion.

Globalization is the base of our nowadays economy. whether people like it or not, it exists with the sole purpose of commercializing internationally and growing the economy of the country of which the said company comes from. As every concept of the modern world, globalization has some advantages that not everyone acknowledges. This concept not only allows the world to be open to different cultures but also to have a taste of them. It is not the same to go to south Korea and eat ramen noodle soup in a restaurant than eating the same dish at home thanks to instant ramen noodles, however this allows hundreds of thousands of people to try ramen when they cannot go to Korea to do so. When considering this, is globalization that bad?

Nevertheless, as everything in this world, globalization has its drawbacks. The wide-ranging effects of globalization are complex and politically charged, bringing a mess of environmental and cultural problems. As with major technological advances, globalization benefits society in general, while harming certain groups. The main issue is the slow disappearance of cultures, as all merge into one big mess. Moreover, pushing the growth of companies around the world means more factories producing greenhouse gases and affecting the environment. Why are we taking this risk?

My take on this is that globalization is good to certain extent. There is a limit where sharing a culture becomes culture appropriation, where the growth of companies becomes harmful for the environment, where languages disappearing becomes culture loss, and that is harming society as a whole.

GLOBALISATION- GOOD NEWS OR BAD?

by Alexia Pilar

People hear the word globalisation on a daily basis, but do they know the accurate meaning of it? Most of the time they connect it with trading and communication, but actually it is much more than that. Simply explained, the word globalisation means connecting different parts of the world concluding in the integration and international growth of political, economic and cultural activities.

When thinking of globalisation there are many controversies. People often ask themselves, is globalisation rather good news or bad when you come to think of it?

A globalised world can help in many aspects: it has improved the trading competition making it bigger and more diverse than ever with lower prices. Hand in hand with technology, globalisation has revolutionized the working environment, employees working life is easier as working from different places and doing their tasks is less complicated. Another advantage is the fact that globalisation has contributed to multiculturalism; knowing foreign cultures, from art to lifestyle, is quite simple since nowadays all we need to do is have a technological device in hand.

However, well-intentioned Globalisation might be, it's disadvantages are everywhere. The increased production of goods brought about the biggest environmental problems in the world, pollution, and climate change (leaving aside the amount of unnecessary waste produced).

Besides that, globalisation is not as great as many might think. By becoming easier the labour of communication between countries the world starts to lose cultural diversity because of their connection, increasing uniformity in the world.

Having considered both pros and cons, the question is, has globalisation benefited us more than it has damaged us? In the light of the day, globalisation is a process that has good intentions but it's wrongly taken into practice. This is why this process ends up having loads of drawbacks that humankind have to deal with.

Globalisation - good news or bad?

by Valeria Sánchez

Globalisation is known to be the process of interaction and integration among people, companies, and governments worldwide. With this process comes along consequences and benefits.

On the one hand globalisation has facilitated buying from places all around the world, which may not be found in certain places because of their exoticness. Also globalisation has led to a cultural union.

Products seem to have lower prices which somehow benefits our pockets, maybe not the environment but, who cares about that?

Everyday technological and scientific innovations are being tested, for example the concept of 5G is still developing and internet and wi-fi even in remote areas are also a product of globalisation.

On the other hand, globalisation has caused an increase in the production of goods which are harmful for the environment. Plastic and chemical waste are one of the main issues caused by this; soil is being thrown into soil which causes the growth of noxious weeds and plants and the modification in plants make up. Plastic waste is loaded into ships which throw it in the sea, putting in danger underwater organisms. Yes chemicals and plastic are huge contaminants, both can be found in clothing. Did you know that the fashion industry is the second most contaminant industry in the world? Unseasonal clothing gets burnt and those chemicals that I mentioned are the same that due to the smoke pollute the air. Also globalisation facilitates us to buy from other countries in which people are being exploited and underpaid, treated by slaves in what are called sweatshops.

To sum up I believe that although globalisation shows positive results it still has led to a large amount of environmental issues but at the same time, us humans, need to take action and raise awareness because this planet is our home. All in all I don't have a strong opinion on this topic but accept globalisation up to a point and believe there has to be some regulations regarding our planet's health.

Whether people like it or not, globalization is an established part of the modern world, so an important part of society does not realize the benefits it brings to our everyday lives, and tend to concentrates on its cons.

To begin with, globalization makes it easier than ever to access foreign culture, including food, movies, music, and art. This free flow of people, goods, art, and information is the reason why, for example, someone from Argentina, is able to enjoy Asian food in their apartment, something that would have been impossible back in the XIX century.

Another point worth mentioning is the fact that, thanks to globalization, knowledge and scientific advances travel incredibly quickly. This is clearly a magnificent advantage, which is being used in the development of the coronavirus vaccine. Without the fast travel of scientific advances, mankind would be incredibly delayed, which would ultimately produce more infections, and deaths.

Last but not least, Globalization allows companies to find lower-cost ways to produce their products. It also increases global competition, which drives prices down and creates a larger variety of choices for consumers. Even though globalization makes our lives better, it does bring some challenges as companies start to grow and expand across borders. Nevertheless, the amount of different advantages mankind enjoys due to globalization are worth it. Keeping in mind that when working together, people are able to solve even the most difficult problems, it's safe to say that problems generated by globalization can be sorted out.

To sum up, everyone is affected by globalization, and from a general point of view, people enjoy many advantages. In spite of these, there are still many things that need to be solved, so as to benefit everyone.

Matías Santana

Nazarena Terrazas, Article "Globalization- Good news or Bad?"

Have you ever heard someone say "It's globalization's fault" or "If it wasn't for globalization"? People just love blaming every one of their disgrace on globalization without even knowing what globalization actually means. It seems like a phrase people use when looking for something alien to themselves to put the blame on. Globalization, far from being a problem maker, has been the motor or the gasoline for all the constant and persistent growth our society has successfully gone through. It can accurately be described as a never ending process of economical, cultural and technological development.

When speaking of globalization, it is of high importance to take into account all the gained assets and possibilities that have been opened for our daily lives because of it. For instance, one major accomplishment has been giving, almost the entire population, full and complete access to the internet. Recent research suggests that almost 70% of the world uses the internet on a daily basis. This percentage is the direct and clear result of globalization. Not only does this mean the rapid extension of news, as scientific discoveries or catastrophes all around the globe but also a viable platform for individual and personal growth. If it hadn't been for the internet, nearly no-one would know who Justin Biber is or what the mona lisa is.

As Adam Smith famously alluded to in *The Wealth of Nations*, "a global free trade system allows countries to use their resources more efficiently, by selling what they produce best, while buying what other countries produce better." Globalization has allowed the proliferation of thousands of companies around the world by creating a competitive market and making the prices decrease. Additionally, it provides poor countries with the possibility to have economic growth, if handled smartly.

To conclude, I believe globalization has significantly modified the world and the system we are immersed in, in a positive way. There are too many aspects of life that have been a result of a globalized system. Although people claim that globalization has been the source of poverty, inequality and injustice, I strongly believe that every present problem in our society is the result of an irresponsible management of power and a mere consequence of human acts and not globalization itself.

Globalization. Good or Bad?

by Valentina Viaggio

Globalization is a widely used term nowadays. Nonetheless, do people actually know its meaning? Difficult as it may seem the term is inappropriately used time and again.

Globalization is the process in which products, technology, information and jobs are spread across borders. Economically speaking, it is defined as the interdependence of nations around the globe. Those who actually comprehend its definition and use it suitably often have divided opinions about it. But why is this?

There are uncountable benefits from globalization. 50 years ago the standards of living were much lower. Since then -with the development of globalization- 12,82% of the world population moved out of extreme poverty. That is 1.1 billion people. This was possible because of the spread of technology, the access to new markets and the lower prices. In other words, the process allows companies not only to gain new customers throughout the development of new ways of communication -removing cultural barriers and developing a global village- but also enables them to reduce the costs of production which helps lowering the products prices and making them more affordable.

Needless to say, under no circumstances is globalization a bed of roses. One of the main drawbacks is the effect it has on culture. As mentioned above, globalization increases the access to different cultures. Nonetheless, what really happens is that one culture, usually the western culture, assimilates others. Causing the others to lose their identity, history and traditions. Another point worth mentioning is the consequence this process has over climate change. The increase of economic activity leads to greater emissions of industrial pollutants and more environmental degradation.

Therefore, it is clear why there is such a divided opinion about globalization. We live in a globalized world, and it repercutes in every aspect of our daily life even if we are not aware of it. Technology advances, our ways of communications increase and new markets are found. But what happens to minorities? At the end of the day do its advantages outweigh its drawbacks?