

PRO GLOBALIST VS ANTI GLOBALIST

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When we go for a check up to an Eye Doctor, he puts our face against a machine or flips various lenses in front of each eye asking, "Does this make it clearer or worse?"

This metaphor can be easily applied to my purpose of writing this essay and intention of Professor Rohit Mehtani to give this assignment. It is for all of us think and find a right and balanced vision, ideas and viewpoints, which will gives us a kaleidoscopic view of Globalization and most grandest and beautiful vision of world's economic, social and political future.

In this read I've discussed the major issues that divide pro-globalist and anti-globalists.

UNDERSTANDING GLOBALISM:

First, a forwarded message I received via e-mail:

- > *"Question: What is the Best example to understand Globalization?*
- > *Answer: Princess Diana's death.*
- > *Question: How come?*
- > *Answer: An English princess with an Egyptian boyfriend crashes in a French tunnel,*
- > *driving a German car with a Dutch engine, driven by a Belgian who was drunk on*
- > *Scottish whisky, followed closely by Italian Paparazzi, on Japanese motorcycles;*
- > *treated by an American doctor, using Brazilian medicines.*

Interesting Indeed! And is it not true?

GLOBAL TRENDS IN CHANGING INDIA:

World is distributing its work - India is becoming IT Hub, China is becoming world's factory, Gulf is already world's oil reserves, France is hub for fashion, America is world's war and weapon industry and of course Afghanistan and Pakistan are world's terror factory. Open Market, Free trade practices are resulting in boundary less economics.

India is evolving from Socialism of Mahatma Gandhi to Capitalism of Sonia Gandhi. The land of cows and snake charmers is emerging as IT superpower. However, trouble with Tata's Nano was a reminder of wide gap between rights of poor farmers and global aspirations of Corporate India. Difference between "Pro-Corporate" and "Pro-Economic-Prosperity-for-All" mindset.

IS GLOBALISATION JUST A TRADE/ECONOMIC PHENOMENON?

Different types of Nations: (1) Developed Nations (2) Developing Nations and (3) Under developed nations. Each type of country is facing benefits as well as repercussions because of the global economic merge. One's loss of job is resulting into another's recruitment. Asia which has highest population of the world is now increasingly becoming gainer and driver of the multinational and global growth.

Globalization is circulation of not just about trading goods but also exchange of Individuals, ideas and ideologies, culture, religions. Being global means having liberal attitude, being part of international community and economy. This means not just economics but also social and political associations.

Anti Globalist view is against freedom of movement, freedom of free expression, freedom of liberty to trade in one world. Anti Globalist claim that multi-national companies aim only at profit maximization, and do not hesitate to relocate to a place where salaries are the lowers. They employ children and women in their factories, destroy environment, destroy cultural identities and corporate are increasingly becoming more powerful than any nation or many nations together.

WHY SHOULD WE LET INDIA BECOME PSEUDO AMERICA?

India has gained from Globalization and is fast changing - Malls are becoming temples for youth. Television and Internet is their prophet governing how they should live life. Amartya Sen's Argumentative Indian will question: Why America led change or why should we be become like west? Or why America should lead World Governance? Do we want our citizens to become Americans? Resident Non Indians? Not every Hollywood movie dubbed in Hindi is a hit. Why western concept of globalization?

Further, Western education philosophy and practices is unable to save necessary social institutes like family and marriages. By promoting western mindset are we not pushing India in the same direction? Legendry Cricketer turned politician Imran Khan in a TV interview said, globalization is colonization in its new avatar with cultural imperialism.

Anti-Globalist claim that this thinking is not just Indian but international movement worldwide which believes that companies are acting only for market access and have nothing to do with human rights or social culture or public welfare.

IT'S A GLOBAL VILLAGE AND ENTIRE WORLD IS MY PLAYING FIELD!!!

Many great things today can only be done at international level with countries coming together for a common purpose and not just at national level. At the end of the day it doesn't matter which company you are working for, what matters is that your country, your society and you have a job and are together progressing towards peace and progress. Some say philosophy of "a global village" is not new; Indians were the first who called Vasudev Kutumbhukam.

A fine example of global leader is Mother Teresa. She herself said," By blood and origin I am Albanian. My citizenship is Indian. I am a Catholic Nun. As to my calling, I belong to the whole world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the heart of Jesus." What a fine example of globalism working for common good!

IS GLOBALISATION IS JUST ANOTHER NAME OF PROFIT MAKING?

People expect global companies to have global responsibilities. They hope globalization will give answers to world's problems of poverty, food and shelter. BUT Multinationals are not coming for social welfare, they are coming for money. Someone has said, "The business of business is business"; which is to make money and not social welfare. Further, they are also not Indians that they would care about India.

Anti Globalist claim - Even International Organizations such as World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization also promote policies of free trade and are inclined towards capitalistic mind set, focused towards growth of developed nations.

BUSINESS & ECONOMICS – WORLD HAS DIFFERENT BUSIENSS RULE BOOKS!

Basic point is -- To whom does the money belong? Who owns the money? the one who earns? Or does money belongs to Society (because we get it from society only)? Or is it God's property? Or is money the God Himself? Karl Marx to Donald Trump everyone has their answer (Indian Intellect considers money as Goddess Mother Lakshmi!).

We all have our different perspectives on money – from socialism to capitalism. Also, there are different social and ethical business rule books in the world. For example in Books: "Art of War", by Chinese Sun Tzu which is widely used for corporate planning today for corporate leadership and management.

Sun Tzu gives clear emphasis on (1) sharing incentives, says greed is not bad. (2) Iron discipline and (3) agree to Winning is the ultimate goal for which deception may also be used as a tactic. Similarly there are many universities in USA which gives bible based governance and management theory and governance models. However, India or Krishna believes (1) To be detached, (2) greed is bad and (3) to treat everyone as equal and see things in larger context.

IS GLOBALISM PRO-AMERICANISM?

Cultures are afraid of becoming Americanized or erosion of ethics and social-cultural values. One big reason people are against “Pro-Globalism” is because it is lead by “America” or is “Pro-American”. Some claim by following globalization, India will become like Trishanku told by Valmiki in Ramayan!

However developed countries argue that developing nations want not only transferring wealth from the “rich countries” to the “poor countries.” But also want their debts to be nullified. They fight that “Anti Globalization” view is only used to encourages monopolization and protectionism in interest of national producers, employers, on the name of national identities.

WORLD WIDE INTER-CULTURAL MIXING OF PEOPLE

Is this an era of Reverse brain drain? Earlier Indians were going abroad for better growth, now not just NRIs but also foreigners are coming to India for good. Would be wonderful for all of us to have people of the caliber of Kalpana Bill Gates, Micheal Jordon, Shashi Tharoor to work for India?

There is a difference between political unity and real unity. We can be part of globalization and yet be distant and in disagreement from America in their political decisions. Religious which is inseparable part of all countries, should come together for global peace and prosperity. Krishna and Jesus should come together and shake hands.

WHY SHOULD WE SEE AS GLOBALISATION AS REMEDY TO PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD?

Globalization can answer some of world's problems if it is given strong democratic foundation of equality and justice. However, it is also true that even after globalization the power will still remain with the West, who will always put their self interest on top and will announce that as the rule of the business.

CONCLUSION

The Pro- and Anti-Globalization Labels don't fit! Argument is not against "Global Village" concept but against the Corporatization of the world. Fundamental difference is to pursue benefits of capitalism globally along with social welfare. In words of Jeffery Fledberg says, "We all want cheap global travel and telecommunication, cheaper world music and food but not at the loss of our job or local recession."

Key challenge for our world is to use this global economic development into a global community or world-wide family development. Further, future of the world should be in the hands of elected leaders and not those who have maximum wealth and are oriented towards profit only.

In words of Rutherford B. Hayes, It is a government of the people by the people for the people no longer it is a government of corporations by corporations for corporations.

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