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Causes and Effects of Globalization

Globalization is one of the critical factors that has led to a change in the world economy. In the past, people used to trade goods, and they needed to travel long distances so that they could exchange their goods and services. One of the significant causes of globalization is modern technology. Innovations in this sector have led to critical changes in communication and in the way people travel and work (Lane and Mark 3). Mobile phones, online services, and the internet enable organizations and individuals to exchange ideas and conduct business meetings. Digitalization has changed the way business organizations work, how they deliver their goods and services, and how they associate with their customers. Due to modern technology, organizations have become more effective in their activities and can reach a wide range of customers.

The other factor which has led to globalization is the development of transportation. Unlike in the past, when means of transportation were very poor, making it very difficult for people in business to do their activities, this is because they could only carry a limited number of products. It was tough to transport goods in bulk. Due to the development of transportation, business organizations can distribute their products and services all over the world (Lane et al. 3). Through growth in infrastructure, business activities have become more comfortable and less



costly. The goods, both in bulk and in small quantities, can be transported to and from any part of the world through various means of transportation without much difficulty. These were the prior causes for globalization to come.

Still, even in a world where technology and globalization are so prominent, many countries suffer from poverty. A person in poverty cannot sustain their needs. Lack of food and clean water are the consequences of poverty. Due to those shortages, people are not able to work or engage in any productive economic activity because they do not have the energy and strength. As a result, people become sick and end up dying due to hunger and starvation.

Lack of clean water, especially in rural areas, leads to waterborne diseases (Ananat 34). Families end up spending the little amount of money they have on hospital expenses or simply ignoring their problems. In some situations, there might be sources of clean water, but they might be located far away; young girls and women make this their daily task and end up spending a lot of time fetching water. The main problem this leads to is the lack of time and perspectives for getting an education and job.

Conflicts can also be the cause of poverty in some regions. Due to violence and war crimes, a lot of the male population ends up dead, resulting in female-headed households. It causes difficulty for the families to proceed because it is challenging for women to get jobs that are well paying to sustain their family needs leading to increased levels of poverty. Children from these families often do not have opportunities to attend school and receive an education and high-paying jobs. This leads to high crime rates teens engage in to survive because they do not have someone to provide for them (Ananat 41).

Also, because of armed conflicts, a lot of people are displaced from their homes while



infrastructure and property get destroyed. Many leave their assets to save their lives. It drags the national economy down. Society at large suffers, leading to increased levels of poverty.

Technology has both positive and negative effects. There have been a lot of advances in technology, especially since the eighteenth century, due to the revolution of industries. In the past, the means of communication were prolonged and unreliable, and means of transport inferior. Due to this, there was a need to develop fast, reliable, and effective methods of transportation and communication. Computers, mobile phones, and television were developed, which have made meeting and talking to people easier. Speaking to relatives and carrying out business is now easier through the internet. Transportation has also become more comfortable because people can nowadays export and import goods from any part of the world without difficulties.

Despite all the benefits of technology, especially in the media, there are numerous negative effects it led to. A lot of health problems arise from the overuse of different gadgets. The internet has led to the deterioration of moral values, especially among the youths, because of the controlless internet surfing. A lot of harmful content can be accessed without parents monitoring it. Kids try to emulate the lifestyle they see a lot, and there's often no real good example they can follow.

Approaching global warming is often blamed on deforestation and timber logging, which are the direct consequences of globalization. Mass cutting down trees has led to the destruction of the ozone layer, which is supposed to prevent ultraviolet rays from hitting the earth. Unfortunately, sun rays are harmful to human skin and flora (Shivakumar et al. 7). Still, new technology that promotes green energy production has been discovered to reduce the effects of



global warming.

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