

# Globalization and Human Rights: Progress and Setback.

## Outline:

### (1) Introduction:

**Thesis Statement:** Globalization is a double edged sword. It guarantees the provision of basic human rights and also exploits human values, simultaneously.

### (2) What is globalization?

### (3) Progress of globalization: A security for Human Rights:

- (3.1) Eradication of poverty
- (3.2) Access to job opportunities
- (3.3) Interdependence and conflict resistance leads to human safety
- (3.4) Spread in technology and rights of knowledge and education

### (4) Globalization leads to the violation of Human Rights:

- (4.1) Exploitation of cheap labor
- (4.2) Job loss in developed countries:  
Americans lost 40% Jobs
- (4.3) Brain drain in developing countries and violation of the rights of immigrants.

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Surge in environmental threats and  
devastating impacts on human health  
- 2023 as a hottest year

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Conclusion:

Globalization is a Cobweb that wraps the whole globe into its trap. Long gone the time when people used to live in alienation. Now the world is inter connected and interdependent. During the time of World Wars the world was less globalized as compared to today, that's why it caused a lot of casualties. If there would be opportunities of today's world, aid and assistance would have saved the people. Possibly, wars would not have happened. Emmanuel Macron said that the development in this world is due to globalization. But it should not be ignored that globalization has raised a lot of competition which exploits human rights. Globalization is a double edged sword. It

guarantees the provision of basic human rights and also exploits human values, simultaneously.

Globalization is integration of anything with everything. It refers to the interdependence of cultures, economic, political aspirations and thoughts through international exchange of services, products and every sort of technology. According to John B. Larson an American politician and businessman, "Globalization is not a monolithic force but an evolving force of consequences, good, bad, and unintended. It is a new reality."

There are several benefits of globalization to humanity and human right. Globalization eradicates poverty. According to Aristotle, "Poverty is the mother of all crimes." Crimes either kidnapping, theft, murder and or abuse, all violate human rights of free and secure life. progress in globalization has introduced

low cost production to the world. This has minimized inflation. Further, eradication of poverty and inflation boost economic growth. With the help of globalization a country with its excessive resources can specialize in production. For example chip production in Taiwan and Oil in Saudi Arabia, has guaranteed a fair life to their citizens. As compared to poor countries, these countries' streets would not be full of globalization. Developing countries get foreign direct investment because of interaction <sup>with</sup> other countries. This will lead to increase in foreign reserves and the currency will also boost. Therefore, the more the globalization, the less the poverty.

Another basic human right is access to satisfying employment opportunities. Multinational companies play greater role in providing this right to the people of less developed countries.

For example, CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic corridor) with the assistance of multinational companies has created around 75 thousand jobs in Pakistan and is expected to create 2-3 million more by 2030. Moreover increasing competition between companies offer fair wages to their workers. Thus, globalization provides access to fair means and secure human right of satisfied life.

In addition, interdependence of countries on each other has created cooperation model of globalization. This prevents conflicts and resist war. Humans are given the right to live a peaceful life without any fear. Countries cannot afford any global conflict due to increasing globalization. For example, America cannot directly interfere in Russia-Ukraine conflict, despite its persistent support to Ukraine. Similarly China also maintains friendly relations with neighbouring countries through BRI, because it cannot

success without peace. It is globalization and collective effort of countries that world is not engaged in third world war. That's why it would not be wrong to claim that globalization secures human life.

One of the most important right of humans is to get <sup>out</sup> quality education. But, it was not available to everyone in twentieth century. As the globalization is progressing, the world has introduced technology and <sup>has</sup> spread <sup>over</sup> all the corners of the world. This technology has made life on the earth easy. For example, today's era is called "the age of Artificial Intelligence". This artificial intelligence help students to solve their problems and get easy and quick access to information. People are not required to buy bulk of books and afford expenses of expensive education. The information is a click away. So technology

has made it easy to acquire knowledge.

The prior section of the essay highlighted the progress of globalization and its impacts on human rights. The later portion will shed light on the setbacks of globalization on human rights.

According to International Labor Organization a fair wage which provides an adequate living and dignified life is the fundamental right of human. Contrary to this, globalization exploits labors in cheap labor market. Raising competition between companies has exploited human interests. MNCs seek cheap labor and get high profit out of it, but does not share fair wages. Countries also attract investment by offering lower wages and weaker labor regulations. China's economic miracle has also been built on the backs of low-wage workers. Another example is Bangladesh. Its garment industry is growing exponentially since the

1980s but workers earn 68 dollars per month. Hence, globalization deteriorate labor rights.

Tragically globalization has violated human rights in developed countries. For example, for the sake of cheap labor developed countries provide bills of opportunities to the immigrants from developing countries. This causes unemployment of locals which are more skilled and experienced. America lost 40% jobs in the manufacturing sector owing to surge excessive import from china in 2017. Similarly, when the import<sup>ed</sup> cheap and furnished products are available, people prefer them. This results into the loss of domestic industry. So, more people are fired due to lack of demand.

Further more, increasing globalization neglects the rights of immigrant. It is known that globalization provides job opportunities for people of less developed countries. People in search of

job opportunities start migrating without fair means of life in the host country. Taking the example of Pakistan, 9 million diaspora of the country lives abroad. Similarly 16 million diaspora of India lives in foreign countries. In 2023, 0.7 million youngsters migrated from Pakistan. When these people start migration sometimes they become victim of human trafficking and the number goes from 80,000 to 100,000, according to 'The Diplomat'. In 2023, more than 300 Pakistani nationals <sup>were</sup> killed in Greece <sup>and</sup> boat disaster. Similarly in 2024 four Pakistanis were killed in Iran inside their house. According to secretary overseas 90% beggars arrested abroad are Pakistanis. This is how globalization exploits migrants from less developed countries. Neither the host governments safeguards their lives nor all migrants are given jobs.

Last but not the least, globalization has severely affected ~~home~~ environment. According to United Nations General Assembly a healthy environment is a universal right. But, this surge in globalization violates this human right. Global trade and significant production has increased greenhouse gas emissions which has called pollution. Globalization also affects ozone layer depletion. Moreover infrastructure production, industrialization and urbanization has led to deforestation and destruction of habitats. This all devastates impact human health. According to a report of World Meteorological Organization, 2023 was the warmest recorded year in past 2000 years. Therefore globalization is not a threat to environment but to human life.

In conclusion, globalization is a paradoxical dilemma. On the one hand it promotes

human rights and on the other hand it degrades those. Lord Robertson rightly said, "Globalization will make our societies more creative and prosperous, but also more vulnerable." Globalization has made ease in different sectors of life and provides security to basic human rights. But the fact is not deniable that it has also harmed human rights too. However globalization is the need of time and if stopped it will cause complete isolation and destruction of society. That's why, the solution is to bound countries to expand globalization along with full security of human rights. In addition, certain goals like Sustainable development goals (SDGs) (SDGs) should be introduced. And, a global body should be established to keep check on balance on countries that either they are safeguarding human rights or not.