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Economic Imperialism: Facts or Fiction

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A. Introduction:

B. Economic Imperialism is a Fact

a. Wealthier countries control the resources of poorer nations.

b. Developing countries depend on foreign Direct Investment

c. Developing nations depend on debt from richer nations.

d. Wealthy countries restricting the economic growth by control of trade terms

e. Developed countries extract resources from developing nations.

f. Rich countries use international institutions like IMF and WB to impose policies.

g. Developing countries are pressured to export agricultural products.

h. Intellectual property, dependency of technology on richer nations.

C. How Economic Imperialism is a fiction.

- a. Participation in global economy gives developing countries access to new markets, technology.
- b. Trade agreements between developed and developing countries.
- c. Foreign investment and integration reduce poverty.

D. Conclusion:

The father of the economic ~~new~~ interpretation of the new imperialism was the British liberal economist John Atkinson Hobson.

Economic imperialism refers to phenomenon where powerful nations exert control over less powerful nations or regions through the economic means rather than direct political or military control. Unlike traditional imperialism, which often involved direct territorial conquest and political control, economic imperialism relies on the economic pressure. The economic imperialism is a fact because of

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rich countries control the resources of developing. Due to this developing countries depends on the Foreign Direct Investment leading towards the dependency.

More, the developing countries often rely on loans from the International Institutions or the richer countries.

And there are reasons due to which it called economic imperialism is a fiction. Such as participation of developing countries in global economy to access global market. Also, the trade agreement between the developing and developed countries. Although, the economic imperialism is a fact because of depend on resources from wealthier countries, dependent on FDI and restrict economic growth by the developed countries. Similarly, the economic imperialism is a fiction such as access to global market, trade agreement and reduction in poverty.

Firstly, the foremost fact of economic imperialism is the developing countries depend for their resources on the rich countries. Resources is defined as a service or other asset used to produce goods and services that meet human needs and wants. Wealthier countries control the resources of poorer nations, restricting the latter's ability to manage their natural wealth. The Democratic Republic of the Congo is home of vast mineral resources and resources flowing out of the country. So, rich countries control the resources.

More, the fact is that developing countries depend on richer countries in the form of Foreign direct investment (FDI). FDI is the cross border investment in which investor resident in one economy establishes a lasting interest of influence over an enterprise resident in another economy.

The developed countries invest in poorer nations produce independency. Mexico and

and Argentina depend heavily on FDI from US, which influences their economic policies and limit their autonomy (United States trade representative). Thus, the developed countries booster their economy.

Also, the other fact is that in the economic imperialism developing countries depend on debt. Debt is something,

usually money, owed by one party to another. The developing countries rely on loans from the developed countries

for economic growth. The debt or loan are gains from the IMF and WB. Recently, Pakistan approved loans

\$7 billion from IMF for stabilize its economy. (United state institute of persee) So, the developing countries depend on International institution.

Further, the developing countries feels

the restriction in the economic growth

by unfavorable trade terms set by

the wealthier nations. Terms of trade

are the ratio between the index

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of export prices and the index of import prices. The developed nations decrease the import prices and increase the export restrict the economic growth of developing nations.

The European Union's trade agreements with African countries often restrict African nations from exporting agricultural products (ESPI). Thus, the rich countries control trade terms.

In addition, in the economic imperialism fact that developing countries extract resources produce environment degradation.

The extraction of resources mean that the extraction of oil, coal and other natural resources produce environmental pollution. The developing countries like Nigeria and others extract resources for their benefits.

As in Nigeria's Niger Delta, oil extraction by multinational corporation produce severe environmental pollution that affect human health. Thus, the multinational corporation surpass developing countries.

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Besides this the developing countries uses international institutions to import policies to restrict economic growth in developing countries. The international institutions are IMF, WB etc that provides loans to developing countries to growth for their economy.

By this taking loans from IMF, IMF imposes restriction like no independent decision making and import tax. In 1990s, IMF imposed austerity measures on Greece and forcing prolonged period of economic hardships. Thus, by this institutions developing countries import policies.

As well as another fact that developing countries pressured the poorer to export crops rather than local consumption.

The agricultural dependency means the products are exports to foreign countries for economic growth and due to which local community suffers with that product. Like in Kenya, tea and coffee plantations primarily serve export markets, leaving

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small farmers vulnerable to price fluctuations and reducing food crop production for local needs. So that developing countries suffers by agricultural dependency.

Above all arguments shows that the economic imperialism is a fact but due to some reasons it is also said that the economic imperialism is a fiction.

As the participation in the global economy gives developing access to markets and modern technology so it said that economic imperialism is a fiction. The access to the new markets to grow economy and export more products. By this give opportunities to the developing countries. In the case study of south korea transformed itself from a poor war torn country in the 1950s to a prosperous, developed nations. Now it is the home to companies like Samsung and Hyundai. So, the globalization lead to the economic growth.

More the economic imperialism is a fiction because of trade agreement between the rich and poor countries. A trade agreement is an international treaty for products and services between countries. Trade agreements between the developed and developing countries can lead to the mutual benefits. The African Growth and Opportunity Act has provided African countries trade-free access to the US market and diversify the African economy by boosting exports. So the trade agreement helps the developing countries. Further the economic imperialism is a fiction because of reduction in poverty between the developing countries. By the foreign investment and integration into the global market can reduce the poverty and improve quality of life by creating jobs and access to goods. In case study of China, economic reforms and openness to foreign investment helped lift more than 800 million people

out of poverty since the 1980s. Thus, it shows how the global integration can support domestic prosperity.

Following are the arguments which show that the economic imperialism is a fact such as dependent on resources and dependency of technology. In contrast there are evidences that show economic imperialism is a fiction. There are evidence that shows economic imperialism is a fact. First is that developed countries extract resources from the developing countries and produce the environmental degradation in the developing countries. Richer countries uses to the international institution to impose the policies to restrict the economic growth of developing countries. And also the multinational corporation pressured the poorer nations to exports the agricultural products effects on the economy. And also arguments that show that the economic

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imperialism is a fiction. Such as the Foreign investment and integration reduce the poverty in the developing countries by creating jobs etc. Moreover, the trade agreement between the both developed and developing countries increases and economy grow. Concluding this that economic imperialism is a fact but by the cooperation of both developed and developing countries such as developed grow their economy and also export their goods by more production and developed countries give accurate trade terms and also help in economy growth of developing countries. There is no doubt between that economic imperialism is a fact or fiction.