

Globalization at the Turn of the Millennium

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Global Political Economies

◎ Globalization

- Growing trade, travel, and new technologies bring the world into closer economic, political, and cultural integration and interaction



Spread of Democracy

◎ Appeal

- Elections remain a peaceful way to settle differences among social classes, cultural groups, and regions.
- Recent shifts to democracy in
 - Eastern Europe and Russia
 - Latin America
 - Asia, Indonesia, and China (free expression)
 - Africa (South Africa)
 - Middle East (toward—Iraq, Afghanistan)

Global Politics

● United Nations

- Nations may intervene in a state's affairs only when seriously threatened or when a state is engaging in extreme human rights abuses
- Slow and difficult to respond in agreement

● United States emerges as the lone superpower

- Intervention in Yugoslavia conflict
- Intervention in Rwanda (Genocide)

Controlling Arms and Terrorism

- ◎ Cold War spurs Nuclear Weapons programs and restrictions
- ◎ Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (1970)
 - > United States, France, United Kingdom, Russia, China
 - > India, Pakistan, North Korea, Iran, Israel

War on Terrorism

- ◎ Fears of Weapons of Mass Destruction and use by terrorist organizations
- ◎ 1998: Clinton bombs Khartoum (Sudan) in suspicion of chemical weapons
- ◎ 1998: Bin Laden retaliates in Kenya and Tanzania (American Embassies)
- ◎ 2001: Bin Laden retaliates in NYC
- ◎ 2001: President Bush Declares “War on Terrorism”

War on Terrorism

- ◎ Bush pushes into Afghanistan
- ◎ Bush pushes for extension into Iraq
 - > Campaigns against U.S. Imperialism
- ◎ UN calls for inspectors to withdraw upon finding no evidence of WMD's
- ◎ 2003: U.S. and Britain continue with military force → invades Iraq
 - > UN Security Council authorizes American and British occupation
 - > Lift sanctions on petroleum exports

Global Economy

- ◎ Free Market Economy Thrives
- ◎ 1991-2000 Rapid Expansion in Manufacturing and Trade
 - › Transition from Communism to Capitalism
 - › Economic growth begins to falter in 2001 (down 12%)
 - › But...improvements are made in length and quality of life



'THE SAME BOAT'

Managing the Global Economy

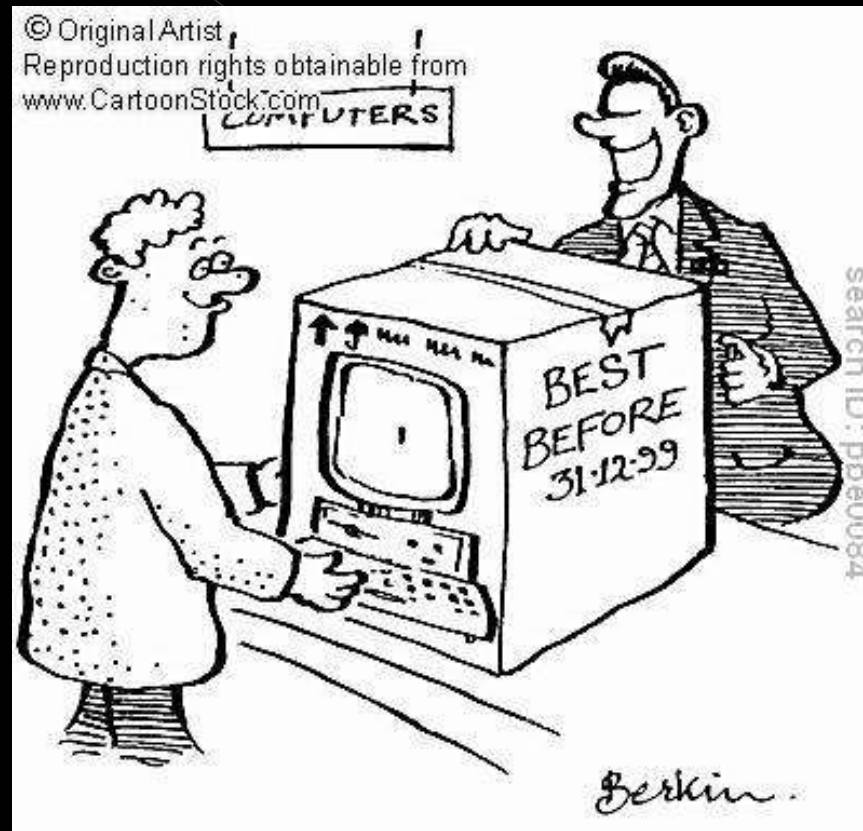
- Formation of Free-Trade zones and regional trade associations
 - › European Union
 - › North American Free Trade Agreement
 - U.S., Canada, Mexico
 - › World Trade Organization (1995)
 - Reduce trade barriers
 - Enforce trade agreements
 - › International Monetary Fund / World Bank
 - Assistance to countries in economic trouble
 - Africa, Middle East

Trends and Visions of a New Age

- ◎ New age of increased prosperity, peace, democracy, environmental protection, and human rights
- ◎ Division between modernity and tradition
 - > *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, Friedman.
 - > Video break-----

Christian Millenarianism

- Christians believe that 2000 is the holy year → increase in pressure to convert



Militant Islam

- Decline in the Ottoman Empire leads Muslims to favor their sacred past
- Continuing conflict between Israel and Palestinians and U.S. involvement increases hatred for U.S.
- American use of bases in Saudi Arabia
- American invasion of Iraq (1990-91, 2001)

WEST BANK & GAZA

Under Israeli Occupation
Since 1967

- 1949 Armistice (Green Line)
- Palestinian Authority
- Israeli control
- Wall/fence
- Roads
- ▲ Israeli Settlement

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Universal Rights

● Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)

- Slavery, torture, cruel and inhuman punishment, arbitrary arrest, detention, and exile.
- Freedom of movement, assembly, and thought

● Nongovernmental Organizations (NGO)

Women's Rights

- ◎ Focus on equal access to education, jobs, quality of life, ending sexual exploitation, gaining control of reproduction
- ◎ Need and desire to focus on more important issues
 - > Economic conditions, rape, AIDS
- ◎ **What should we be concerned with???**

Global Culture

- ◎ Are Western goods and ideas taking over the world?
- ◎ What have electronics done to the world's populations?
 - > Radio, TV, Computer, Internet
 - > MTV, CNN, BBC
 - > Where are we now?

Spread of Pop Culture

◎ Is it American Cultural Imperialism?

- › Michael Jackson, Jordan, McDonalds, Wheel of Fortune

◎ What about Global Pop Culture?

- › Latin American Soap Operas
- › Indian/ Asian films
 - *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*

◎ Global Brands

- › Sony, Mitsubishi, Mercedes, Nestle

Emergence of a Global Culture

- ◎ Language: English
 - ◎ Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
 - ◎ Western Drugs
 - ◎ University
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- ◎ Is Global culture replacing Primary Cultures, or will it remain Secondary???