

Where globalization means, as it so often does, that the rich and powerful now have new means to further enrich and empower themselves at the cost of the poorer and weaker, we have a responsibility to protest in the name of universal freedom.

Nelson Mandela



It has been said that arguing against globalization is like arguing against the laws of gravity.

Kofi Annan

What is Globalization?

The shift toward a more integrated and interdependent world economy

• Two components:

The globalization of markets

The globalization of production

Globalization of Production



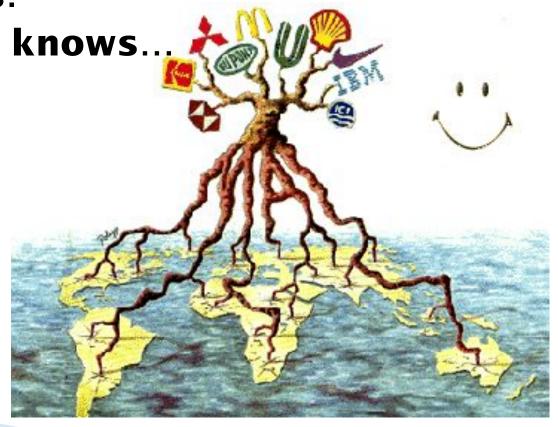
- Vizio flat panel TV is
 - designed in a small office in California
 - assembled in Mexico
 - From
 - panels made in South Korea
 - electronic components made in China
 - microprocessors made in the U.S.

Globalization of markets

In the past, each country had
 its own companies in many industries and
 its own products.

Today everyone knows...

- Nintendo
- Starbucks
- Coca-Cola
- Ikea
- McDonald's
- Samsung



Drivers of Globalization

- Two factors underlie globalization
 - "Decline in barriers to the free flow of goods, services, and capital" that has occurred since the end of World War II
 - Technological change



Declining Trade and Investment

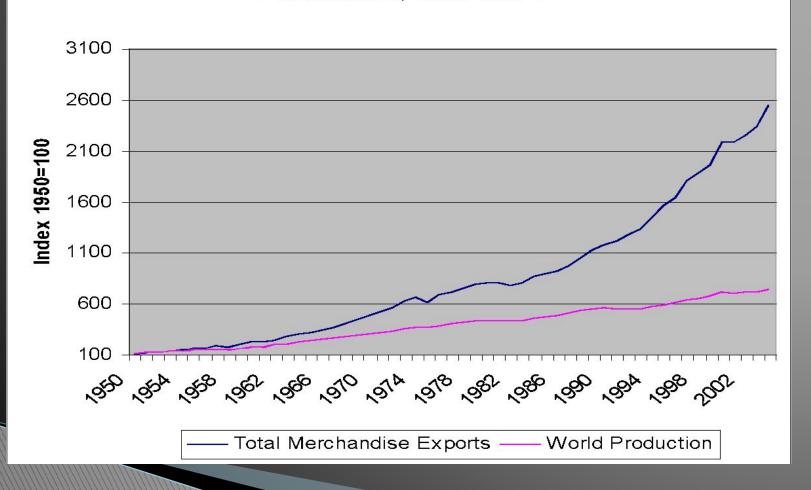
Barriers
1920s and '30s, many of nations
erected formidable barriers to international trade
and foreign direct investment



Advanced industrial nations of the West committed themselves after World War II to removing barriers to the free flow of goods, services, and capital between nations.

Affects of Lowering Trade Barriers

Figure 1.1: Volume of World Trade and World Production, 1950-2004



The Role of Technology

- Lowering of trade barriers made globalization possible.
- Technology has made it a transforming movement.

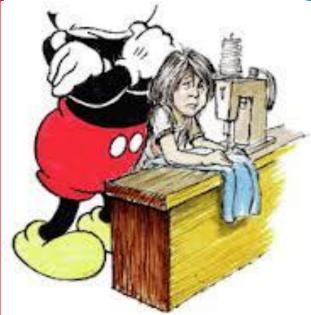


The Globalization Debate

Pros

- Lower prices for goods and services
- Economic growth
- Increase in consumer income
- Creates jobs (for many)
- Countries specialize in production of goods and services that are produced most efficiently

We are living in America!



Cons

- Destroys manufacturing jobs in wealthy nations
- Wage rates of unskilled in advanced countries decline
- Companies move to countries with fewer labor and environment regulations
- Loss of sovereignty
- Homogenized cultures



