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Source 1: The development of globalisation

The process of global integration is often called globalisation. It has produced huge growth in trade between countries. It has created a global economic system and has seen those living in extreme poverty around the world fall by one billion people.

Source 2: Problems caused by increased globalisation



Pollution on a beach

Unequal economic growth
Loss of local businesses, skills and jobs
More risk of global recession
Exploitation of cheaper labour
Increased risk of international crime, including terrorism
Instability for business with price and currency changes
Increased harm to the environment

Source 3: Globalisation has many benefits

I don't understand why people are against globalisation.

Globalisation creates global economic growth. It creates jobs, makes companies more competitive, and lowers prices for consumers. Our national news channel recently reported that by 2030, there will be 5.3 billion people in the growing middle class, due to globalisation. This will result in more development and innovation, as well as more spending.

As we all share financial interests, businesses and governments will need to solve environmental problems together. Professor Green from the local university says that the more connected we are, the greater the need to find a common solution for everyone.

Finally, globalisation is teaching us about our similarities and differences, and helps us understand other cultures. People are now more mobile and can visit different places. Technology, like the internet, helps us stay in touch and explore. Without this, I never would have known about K-pop music from Korea. Globalisation has many benefits.

Extract from a local radio station debate on globalisation

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Source 4: A debate about globalisation

Daan

I'll be honest, I am not a big fan of globalisation. Although it may be wonderful for managers and investors, it is unfair on workers and the environment. Our manufacturing jobs will be lost and will lead to an increased need for unemployment benefits and retraining. It is stressful for the individuals. My dad's friend lost his manufacturing job and he says countries are losing expert knowledge of production.

Global manufacturing increases the transportation of goods and harmful emissions from fossil fuels around the world. I read in a magazine for sustainable fashion, that a pair of jeans goes through 14 different countries to be produced. This can't be good for the planet.

Whilst globalisation has improved the world's development, I think that it has created a gap between the rich and the rest. According to the United Nations, this gap will continue to grow. Large companies will continue to take advantage of tax rules and cheap labour around the world to make a profit.

Gabriella

I think you are looking at this too negatively. I am a supporter of globalisation, but I see the problems it could bring. You make a good point about the environmental impact. However, you are forgetting many of the positive aspects of globalisation.

Most people see fast travel, mass communications and quick access to information through the internet, as benefits of globalisation. We have become more open and tolerant towards each other.

My father owns a large sustainable energy company. He explained to me that large companies are building factories in other countries to create employment and more job opportunities. This is getting people out of poverty and providing countries with energy to develop further.

It's true, things aren't perfect. I believe what is needed is more leadership from politicians and big businesses. They need to think about the benefits of their actions for the whole world, rather than about remaining in power or just increasing their profits.

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