



ANTI- GLOBALIZATION MOVEMENT : AN OVERVIEW

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Abstract:

Globalization is the process of interaction interrogations among the different peoples, companies in the world. Globalization as an phenomena has rise because of the advances in transportation and communication technologies. The philosophy behind the globalization is neoliberalism.. The old liberalism says that the state should not interfere in the economic activities whereas the neoliberalism advocated that the state should withdraw from all economic and welfare activities and leave the people free. Anti -globalization or counter globalization is a social movement critical of economic globalization. It is an effort to counter the effects of globalization in the Contemporary period. This movement is opposed to neoliberalism and the institution that promotes new liberalism like World Bank, International Monetary Fund. This movement is commonly referred to as the global justice movement. Opponents of globalization argue that power and respect in terms of international trade between the developed and underdeveloped countries of the world are unequally distributed The groups that involved in this movements are the trade unionist environmentalist, Organizations promoting human rights, Opponents of privatization etc.This Article tries to explain the origin & development & role and impact of anti globalization movement as a social movement.

Keywords- Anti-globalization, neo liberalism, movement, Word bank, privatization

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Introduction:

The origin of anti globalization movement is trace back in the 1980s with the development of the other social movement like, The feminist movement, The non aligned movement, The First United nations environment summit in Stockholm in 1972. 1980s that showed the first beginning of the anti globalization movements when the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund was the

focus of large protest. The World Bank and IMF projects like Narmada dam projects in India, Trans migration project of the Suharto regime was the targets of anti globalization movement. The Nature of anti globalization movement is diverse and there exist a great degree of disagreement regarding the name of the movement . Many social scientists says that Anti globalization movement tag is a media driven label.This movement is also referred to as the anti capitalist movement ,global justice movement, civil society movement, Or alternative globalization movement. The anti globalization movement does not object with the concept of globalization rather it is the against the way of globalization develops. The anti globalization activists said that the practice of globalization has resulted in unfair and devastating condition in many nations. They point out that globalization has led many corporations to hire low-wage workers in developing nations, taking jobs away from people in industrialized countries. Environmental protection has also been sacrificed in the name of globalization, according to opponents. Some critics also argue that, in addition to exporting goods to other countries, powerful Western nations have exported their cultures as well, imposing their ways on distant lands and eroding native cultures, languages, and practices.

Characteristics of Anti-Globalization Movement :

- The activists of anti globalization movements said that the practices of globalizationsn resulted in unhealthy and devastating condition in many nations.
- This movement is a grassroots' level movement and also has the support of the intellectual elites.
- This movement is particularly against the capitalist globalization. So this movement is also known as anti capitalist movement or anti corporate movement.
- The movement is heterogeneous in nature. It includes diverse and at times even opposing perceptions of the globalization process, the visions, strategies, and tactics.
- The participant of this movement is mostly linked to Indigenous people, human rights environmentalist movement.

Reasons for the Rise of Anti-Globalization Movement :

1.Global Institutions: The World Trade organization's International Monetary Fund and World Bank Have developed the greater powers And have used them to accelerate the globalization process.

2.Changing structure of work: Globalization processes favored "flexible" workers. Flexible" jobs are often casual, part-time and temporary, with few if any benefits beyond the wages offered. Flexibilization" showed itself with the deterioration of the working conditions, especially for less skilled labor, and increased insecurity in the workplace. This has also resulted in rising unemployment and stagnation or declining growth rates in developing world.

3.Neoliberal ideology and policies: globalization has been accompanied by a new liberal ideology which believes that markets are efficient and government intervention in the market's always unwanted and has negative consequences the anti globalization movement is rise against this new liberal ideology of the globalization.

4.Neo-imperialism

globalization has Taken the power of economic policies from the Nation states specially from the third world countries and hand it over it the. Capital. This has increased the economic competitions the among the rich countries and also resulted in economic interdependence of the third world countries. Against this the anti globalization movements has rise.

5.Cultural homogenization: Globalization has undermined the economic base of diverse local and indigenous communities all over the world. Growing domination of global media based in a few dominant countries and companies has led to an increasingly uniform culture.

6.Destruction to the Environment- globalization has resulted in aggravated pollution, global warming, losses in biodiversity and species extinction. another major concern of the anti globalists is how the developed countries export hazardous waste to third world countries.

Major Concerns And Impact Of Anti Globalization Movement

The anti globalization movement Tries to protect the democratic control of the ordinary people and says that the new liberal policies of the free trade open market should leave to the democratic disposals Of the developing countries and should not be forced by the rich countries.This movement is also concerned for the human rights for laborers for communities in their own environment Especially the indigenous people who face the power of the Big states.The anti globalization movement also concerned with the issues of health food security Privatization of water etc.This movement is also concerned with the issues of development especially in the developing countries like India and Vietnam.

Impacts of anti globalization movement:

The anti globalization movement has been quite successful in achieving its aims objectives.For example many countries in the contemporary. Is low longer depends upon the loans of the IMF.Citizens' groups in Bolivia successfully prevented corporate and government attempts to privatize the water supply. The World Social Forum emerged as a response to the growing anti globalization movements against neo liberalization and the effects of neoliberal economic policies prevalent in most of the countries.

Conclusion:

Those in the anti- globalization movement generally try to promote awareness for human rights NGOs, advocate socialist or social democratic alternatives to capitalism, and seek to protect the public interest and the world's ecosystem from what they believe to be the damaging effects of globalization. Anti-globalization calls have gained a significant momentum in the developed world.

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