

Globalisation



in our daily lives

**Looking at globalisation in blogs:
our thoughts, hopes and concerns**

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might appear superficial.

Nevertheless, I think, the students have
done an awesome job and - most
importantly - have learned and
understood a lot!

We need to get active - now! We should
take advantage of the opportunities
globalisation provides to deal with the
challenges that go with this unstoppable
process.

So though the students of course
received a commented and corrected
version of their blogs, let us not focus on
language mistakes but on contents.

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Chapter 1

**individual blogs and
comments**

GLOBALISATION

Today I would like to talk about globalisation...

I know, I know, It's already all over the media and you might be sick and tired of reading about it, but let's be honest... Do we actually know what exactly globalisation is ?

Well I did not, until I researched a little bit and while doing so I came across the following definition:



Globalisation is a situation in which available goods and services, or social and cultural influences gradually become similar in all parts of the world.

So the world keeps getting more interweaved everyday in various aspects and I'm not sure what to think about it. You see I'm aware that there are always pros and cons for every topic but when I hear globalisation I can only see the negative consequences of it...

Of course becoming more similar to each other helps understanding people from other culture circles than you own.

Naturally information and technology spread more easily, as we are all connected.

Yes, there is a global market that enables lower prices for the stuff we buy, higher profit for companies and more job opportunities for us.

I see all of that, I even love the entertainment part of globalisation. For example there are so many American movies I enjoy watching while stuffing my mouth with popcorn, especially the cheesy high school one with cheerleaders, football players, nerds and the so called ugly ducklings.

**BUT IT IS DANGEROUS!
GLOBALISATION HONESTLY SCARES ME.
HAVE YOU ACTUALLY THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WE LOSE ?!
WE ARE LOSING OUR CULTURAL IDENTITIES, OUR PRIVACY, OUR HUMANITY, OUR PLANET...
THIS MIGHT HAVE COME ACROSS TOO STRONG, SO ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN MY OPINION TO YOU:**



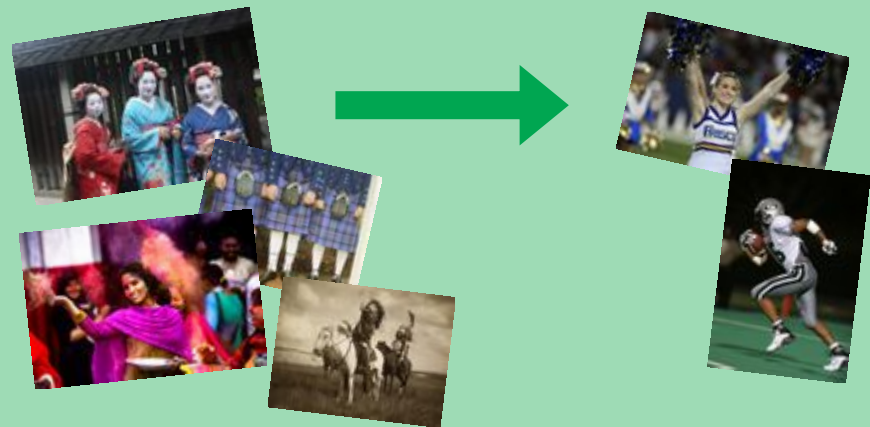
Name: Léonie

We will lose our various cultural identities through westernization; Western culture serves as an example for many countries, especially through the entertainment industry, for example movies.

A study by Michelle C. Pautz, an associate professor of political science at the University of Dayton (US), suggests films can act as an influence. In this case test subjects were asked to fill out a questionnaire regarding their views on government before and after viewing movies that illustrate a positive image of the American government. The study has shown about 25 % of the participants changed their opinion towards their government— and generally more favorably.

But it's not only about politics, but also the high school movies I love so much, may influence our mindset as far as taking the pretty cheerleader or the strong quarterback as a role model. We might even identify with the "outcast" that is usually smart, has a great personality and gets their love interest in the end. But truth to be told It would be really sad if we all run around in mini skirts, while swinging pompons around. If that were to come true, were would our cultural essence go ?

(<https://op-talk.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/02/04/how-movies-can-change-our-minds/>)



Our privacy is lost by simply using social media and the internet that connects us all. I mean who doesn't know it; when you "google" places to go to for your vacation, the next ad you'll get is from a travel agency. Google collects the data it receives from us, which means our personal data must be saved somewhere on a server, but what if this one gets hacked ?

Our personal data would be available for someone or worse more people, who we did not want to share these information with.

Not that this really matters, as we already give our data away ourselves. As the nosy person I am, of course I have looked up one or two persons before. Everybody does that, so why not ? In the case of my host mother I looked up before an exchange year in the US, even her address could be found after thoroughly searching, which was really scary to me. See what social media platforms like Facebook or Instagram etc. are able to do to us ?



Name: Léonie

Our humanity is lost by buying, buying and even more buying: Economic Globalisation. Logically we as consumers compare different prices of the same goods to find the most low priced ones. Who offers these cheap products? Yes global players do. These are large international corporations, that produce their goods in other countries, where the procedure is less expensive.

Look inside the tags of your clothes for example...

What does it say? "Made in China"? "Made in Indonesia"? or "Made in Bangladesh"? Sure, producing there is convenient for large companies, but this often leads to horrendous working conditions, with many workers still not being able to afford basic essentials, and the use of child labour.

For instance in 2014, 1,138 garment workers lost their lives in the collapse of the Rana Plaza factory complex in Bangladesh. Pressure to improve terms and conditions there was immense and as wages rose in Bangladesh, companies looked elsewhere to keep costs down.

In Ethiopia, for instance, wages average just a third of the rates paid in Bangladesh. Rates of less than \$7 (6,29€) per week are typical.

The scary part that makes us lose our humanity is the fact that we all know that things like this are happening, but we still do not change our lifestyles.

I'm not doing it either, because I am not feeling the consequences yet, when I'm standing in the supermarket, simply buying the cheaper chocolate bar.

(<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-17243927>)

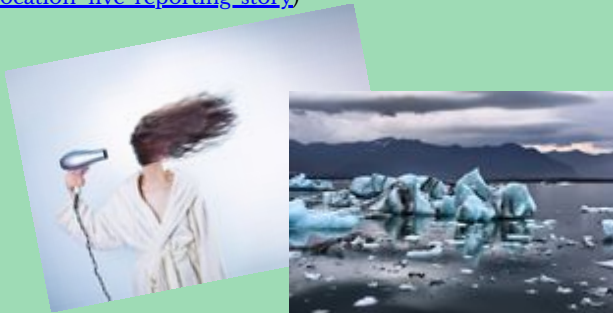
Something that let's us already feel its aftermath is ecological globalisation. Remember we are in the process of losing our planet and a very prominent example is obviously the climate change and the pollution of our earth.

The environment is a stake and still, economic seems to be more important. Greenland's massive ice sheet may have melted by a record amount this year, scientists have warned. During 2019 alone, it lost enough ice to raise the average global sea level by more than a millimetre. Researchers say they're "astounded" by the acceleration in melting and fear for the future of cities on coasts around the world. One glacier in southern Greenland has thinned by as much as 100 metres since it was last filmed on it back in 2004.

Our wasteful lifestyle of us lets the glaciers slowly melt, which will ultimately drown us. Less space to live on for a steadily growing population is awesome, don't you agree?

(<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-49483580>)

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Name: Léonie

Furthermore we support the environmental downhill by polluting the earth. Take the ocean for example. The plastic we throw away might end up in it someday, and there it is going to turn into micro plastics by decomposing slowly. The tiny plastic particles are incredibly damaging to the sea life.

What also happens is a lot of animals dying by filling their stomach with plastic. There are enough pictures to prove that and I'm sure there are already some in your head...

(<https://www.wwf.org.uk/updates/how-does-plastic-end-ocean>)



OF COURSE I'M NOT ATTEMPTING TO GENERALIZE, SURELY WE ARE ALL TRYING TO FIGHT THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF GLOBALISATION IN OUR OWN WAY, BUT I AM STILL SUGGESTING THAT THIS IS NOT ENOUGH, SO WE ALL NEED TO START CHANGING OUR MENTALITY FIRST. ALL I HOPE IS THAT MY BLOG IS GOING TO BE AN IMPULSE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, ESPECIALLY FOR MYSELF TOO.

Thank you, for reading until the end

Name: Léonie



Globalisation From A Student's POV

The phenomenon of **westernisation** is summed up and becomes very vivid in this short story about a butterfly:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QeXvtz0_Ex0

As opposed to the negative aspects of this process, I'm certain that at the same time aspects like knowledge, (cultural) exchange and innovations are the key to solving environmental problems.



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My fears and hopes are probably not far off from anyone else's..

I think it is good that we people always have something to strive towards -new goals and dreams- for centuries we've been situated in a constant state of development. And globalisation allows us to do so.

Without it, cultural exchange e.g. in form of a semester abroad never would have been possible for me. Thanks to technological advance I'm able to stay in touch with friends from all over the globe.



Name: Sara



***What I'm concerned about** is what our future on this planet looks like if its pollution and destruction caused by our capitalism and consumerism continue to grow*



AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED,
GLOBALISATION CANNOT BE
STOPPED, SO WE SHOULD TRY
AND MAKE THE BEST OF IT
INSTEAD OF MAINLY CAUSING
HARM TO THE WORLD AND ITS
INHABITANTS

Name: Sara

Globalisation is a good idea of people getting in touch with each other all over the world, sharing their cultures and benefitting from each other to have a better life. But the truth is: it is all about the money.

The only aspect of globalisation, leaders are interested in, seems to be the economy. The problem is, that in a globalized world, every country has a different economy, with different rules. That leaves space to abuse these rules.

Rich companies abuse the rules of poor countries, and the distress of the people living there, to get more money out of their product in the end, since they don't have to pay as much to an Indian worker as to a German.

And since these companies can semi-legally pay taxes wherever they want, they don't even have to pay high taxes.

So in the end poor countries get abused, and can't develop because they don't get any money out of it, and these companies get richer.

That needs to change, every country has to have similar working conditions, and companies need to give away a bit of their power.



Name: Lars _____



My thoughts about globalisation...a quick overview...



I think we all heard about this topic...

We had it in school, in college and maybe also at work. But this topic may never really stuck to your head, so here is a little summary of all the important aspects we should know and not try to forget about it ;)

Globalisation is a really big topic...when I first heard of it I did not really know whether it is positive or negative. I can imagine that the most of you also were struggling with it. When Globalisation comes to my mind, our globe=the only earth we have, also pops up in my head. This made me think, does the globalisation destroy or benefit our planet?!



Well, of course there are pros and cons about globalisation.



All the words in the picture above are positive and maybe are our first associations with globalisation. If we think about our culture there are many things we profit from, e.g.: the exchange of knowledge, cultural awareness and so on. The food is also a big topic and the globalisation brought us from North America the McDonalds for instance or Sushi and Gyros from Japan and Greece. By this trade of food I myself have profited in my exchange year in Latin-America. I could eat products from the U.S.A and there were even products from Germany like whip cream and bread. I felt a little bit closer to my home and by the cultural awareness we receive these days my "family" understood me and responded to me in a positive way.

Name: Amira

But...

All these positive impacts have a negative side

For our environment for example. Because of the power of the big companies also called global players we can't control the protection of our rainforests or the oceans. But not just the companies use way too much resources, every single individual is also responsible for the world wide plastic consumption and the ongoing climate change. The oceans are full with plastic and other dangerous materials threatening the fish and other sea animals. They die because they can't differentiate food from plastic and at the end they die because of our plastic consumption... We don't want our seas or at the end ourselves to drown in plastic do we?



You should read this article to understand more of the negative impacts of the globalisation...



Globalisation - Re...

by the shipping we do all around the world to get our goods, the CO2 emission rises unstoppable. Now, one can say it is good to trade with products from all different countries and to bring the westernization to the underdeveloped countries...but the companies only have their profit in their mind.

Name:Amira

Thank you for reading my blog:)



Globalisation- hopes and concerns?

I would like to comment on two up to date topics of globalisation, just because of the many pro and contra arguments of this topic.

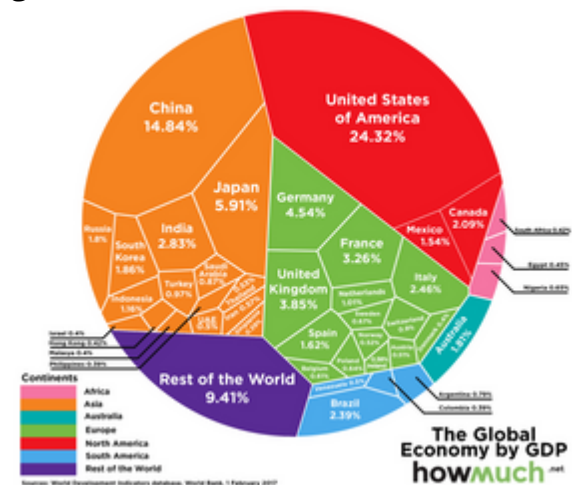
In my opinion you can not say globalisation is good or bad. That would be too easy. For example for the economic terms, globalisation is to be welcomed.

The world wide trade enables a division of labor which allows poorer countries to increase their economic performance. My hope is that the poverty in the poor countries will get less.

I think a big problem is the mutual dependence of each country. Strong economic nations could use their influence for their own benefits. Look at the current fight between the USA and China. There is a trade war what is comparable to an extortion. But on the other hand, an extortion could be have an positive benefit. There is a chance for the continuance of the rain forrest when Europe and the world stops the import of Brazilian beef!



Name: Leo Marquardt

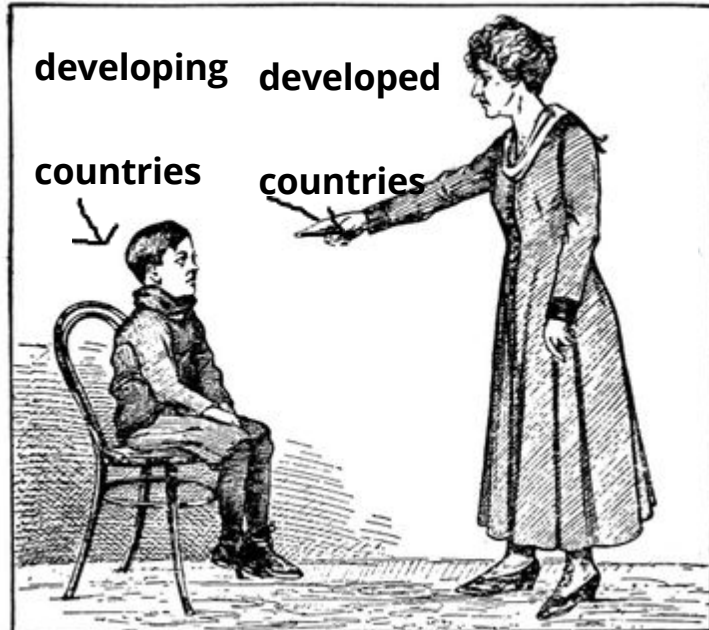


GLOBALISATION

Who you are tomorrow begins with what you do today...

Work ?

Do you know what work has to do with globalisation? If not, let me tell you some facts and points, where you clearly can see that it is a big part of globalisation. First of all there are a lot of benefits we have. As a developed country we have profits from outsourcing, because it leads to cheap goods and low production costs. Besides we have access to the global market area. Another aspect are jobs especially for developing countries. As far as you know the globalisation offers innovation and commerce and this also guides to new jobs.



Name: Vildan



But it is wrong to see only the chances because globalisation also has challenges. It is important to know that developing countries suffer from the exploitation of developed countries. On the one hand it is very good that they have access to work but on the other hand they have bad working conditions, like long working hours and low wages. Also for smaller companies it is hard to keep up with global players. We should also discuss what this means for our environment. The logical consequence would be pollution, which needs to be stopped. To sum up one can say that globalisation affects the work in a positive and negative way. That's why we should improve more and more but without destroying our environment and treat people unfair. Don't behave like we have no limits and let's try to emphasise this important theme all over the world...

Thank you for reading my blog :)

Name: Vildan

Globalisation to me as a student

Globalisation: for some people it is only a word, but in the reality, there are way more things to mention about this word

We, the citizens of the industrial world may only see and experience the "good" side of Globalisation.

Globalisation has completely changed the world on it's hole level

But on the other hand, Globalisation has also a "negative" side, mostly not for us, but for the developing countries like China, Bangladesh, etc....

Because of the "global players" (e.g.: Multinational companies) there's a constant pressure (in the developing countries) on cutting the costs, which causes longer working hours (up to 16h), stress, fewer holidays, pollution (due to shipping, factories), bad working conditions

Furthermore this kind of westernisation (american/europ. food/clothes/brands) can cause the loss of different cultures

I mean everybody likes the fast deliveries, cheap products (e.g: clothes,phones,furnitures), hyper fast internet connections and cheap vacations right??!

Where's my beautiful old culture?



Can somebody explain to me why my daughter is working the whole day long??!

Name: Krisztián Zentai

Globalisation and how it affects us everyday - in good and bad ways...

Obviously, Globalisation has its good aspects, such as much more communication or easier travelling around the world. But where there are good things, there are bad ones, and these are enormous.

Of course I am benefitting from Globalisation, most people in the western world do actually. We can buy cheap clothes because the production was outsourced to India or Bangladesh and eat food from China and we are travelling around the world with ease.

But there are bad aspects too. As I already mentioned, the people living in the western world are benefitting most from Globalisation, developing countries are often being exploited. And even worse: travelling and mass production to satisfy everyone's needs and greed are destroying our planet.

everyone is connected...



Name: Hendrik

Coming to my hopes...

My hopes are that not only western countries are benefiting from globalisation but also developing countries.

That while the world is becoming more and more connected, travelling becoming easier and cheaper and products cheaper and more complex, nobody is forgetting our planet and its limited resources. **I hope** that people are using the benefits from globalisation such as easy communication around the planet in no time at all and new tech being developed at record breaking speed to fight climate change and find solutions for a sustainable but still modern live.

If everyone is working together we can build a truly better world!



Name: Hendrik

Hello my beautiful people!
GLOBALISATION! GLOBALISATION IS GOOD!
GLOBALISATION IS BAD!

So I thought, today is a perfect day to tell you all something about the globalisation. Of course do not expect 100 pages long book from me :D
I'll tell you about aspects that interest me.



• The development of industry in the world is increasing the threat to the climate and increasing the exploitation of natural resources. To make everything bigger and better.

But why did it even happen!?

Isn't it cool that we became such a powerful "animals"? We have huuuuge buildings and from their roofs we almost can see whole earth, a looot of money, with which we can have everything we want from every place on the planet, we can travel all around the world and see everything we ever wanted....

Earth? Planet? World? Home?

We all forgot about it. We have only one planet, our home where we can live.

We all know... CO2, footprint, planes are bad, AC is bad, not enough water, beef is bad, avoid plastic, pollution everywhere...

• We want and need products from all around the world on a daily basis, so it needs to be transported somehow to our houses and because as I said we want more and more it won't stop. With it I don't mean only the process of shopping but especially, how those products were made and how much water, energy and work needs to be put in even a basic T-shirt...

Did you enjoy eating your burger? Did you ever heard how much CO2 was produced to let you eat it? How much water the cows needed? Probably not...

I could talk and talk... And then start over to see if you've understood, but the only thing that I want to achieve, is you starting to think. Please do not understand me wrong, I'm not perfect and no one is, but trying to make world be better again is already a huge step. And very important issue. Globalisation is not bad, but it's also not good in 100%. We see good side of globalisation every day. Digital devices, internet, multiculturalism, access to everything you want. I want you to see that though it sounds to be positive, everything has two sides and infinity of points of view. Name: Aleksandra

GLOBALISATION AFFECTS OUR DAILY LIFE

Dear readers,
Today I would like to talk with you about globalisation and its effect on our daily life. But first of all let us define the strange word in this caption:

GLOBALISATION.

Do you know what ~~the~~ globalisation means? First of all globalisation is the summary of all modern issues - it affects our daily life almost completely. Look carefully at things around you. Almost everything, each component is from a different part of world, is created not even at your continent. Clothes that you wear, were produced in Bangladesh or Vietnam. Your coffee cup or your mobile phone comes from a factory in China or India. Bananas or pineapples were grown in South Africa or Brazil. Because of the globalisation we can enjoy these goods here in Germany. Globalisation pushes worldwide trade forwards - it allows us to sell and offer local products to people all over the world. It works in another way too - people can offer their products to us. With modern logistic solutions we can ship a package from Alaska to Cape Town just in one week. Due to the globalisation companies can spread all over the world and have there their local institutions to offer better customer service in another country.



Pictures illustrating globalisation



As in all situations of life - there is always a winner and a loser. In our case the losers are poor and developing countries and environment. Because of the cheap workforce global players (companies that are spread all over the world) tend to exploit indigenous people. Global player can save money because of cheap workforce (and child labour) and that's why it's profitable for them. Another important aspect is the environment. Because of no laws about the environment in a variety of countries, global players decide to place there their factories. As a result we have a pile of trash that can't be recycled, contaminated rivers and seas and cutting down trees. This is just a half of the problem. To transport their goods from A to B they often use ships or planes - these type of logistics takes in account high CO₂ emissions.

Because there are not enough laws to protect environment in developing countries global players can place their factories there and profit. produces a lot of CO₂

You as a normal customer can change a lot of. You can start buying regional products - in this way you can reduce the CO₂-emissions drastically and support your local economy. Before buying a T-shirt you can search for some Fairtrade alternatives. Fairtrade supports workers in developing countries by providing them with fair wages. In this way you can improve your own life (because fair trade produced clothes are mostly more natural and ecological) and a life of somebody living on other part of the world.

Roderick Palamar

Globalisation

Hello People,

As Globalisation is a topic that grows bigger and bigger. Not only even in the real world but also in the media, i feel like its my time to talk about it aswell.

But first there is one question that needs to be answered.

Is there even such a thing like Globalisation?

I mean why cant we just ignore the fact that some things are changing in our beautiful world, just like Donald Trump ignores the climate changes and says that it´s all a lie and not real?

Well, clearly there must be such a thing like climate change or Globalisation If everybody is talking about it. But what exactly makes that topic that big, that not even our friend Donald cant say anything against it? I think it´s the fact that Globalisation gives us the chance to increase our options and living statuses by helping us to connect with each other, to learn, and to grow.

Just the little things, like scrolling down your instagram timeline after a long day of work just to check on your friends or so, has even to do with Globalisation.

And thats why it´s so important to TALK about that topic. To be AWARE of the goods and the bads. Of the challenges and the chances.

Talking about climate change, wich is I think one of the biggest challenges, we have to face while Globalisation is increasing. Obviously the Globe is changing every day. And just to make that clear: I do NOT agree with Trump. I assume climate change as a real thing, that we can obviously see if we look out of our windows.. or google how the polarbears have been in the last couple years. I bet they haven´t been freezing.



Name: Anneli Brück

Globalisation is one of the triggers of climate change, because traveling around the world with cars or planes, or world wide trade, produces CO2 what is the trigger of global warming.

On the other hand Globalisation helps to deal with problems and challenges that are coming with the climate change. We have to connect with each other and to work together to fight the global warming.

Without Globalisation we would not be able to connect with each other in that kind of way, we are able to today.



But as i mentioned above, Globalisation also brings SO many positive aspects with it. The connections to others helps us so much to increase ourselves, our countrys, to develop technology, and so much more.

There are so much more aspects i have to think about when i think about Globalisation. Actually to many to mention them in the post today.. but for me it was important to bring up the climate topic because in my opinion it is the one negative aspect that effects us the most.

I hope I was able to make somebody think about it.

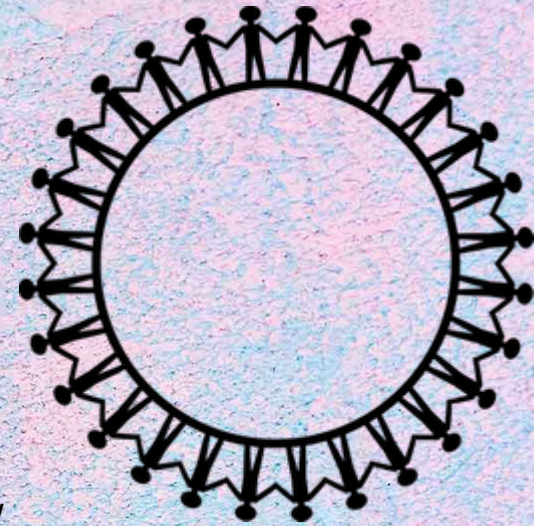
Thank you to those who stayed till the end and continued reading one of thousands posts about Globalisation. :)

Name: Anneli Brück

Hello guys,
today I want to talk about a topic that I can't stop thinking about...
But let me first introduce you to my thoughts.

What do you think when you hear the word "globalisation". What's your first idea about this topic?

A week ago I directly thought about all the opportunities we have today. We have for example access to the global market. I mean no matter what you want, you can get it. You only need to open your laptop and after a few clicks you can see billions of things you can buy. And you can eat all the delicious fruits from all countries of the world. This global "togetherness" allows us to experience different food, cultures, religions, lifestyles.



...BUT!

After learning more and more about globalisation I can't see it as good as before...

What do you think why it is so cheap to buy clothes in shops like for example h&m?

I will give you the answer!

Have you heard about Outsourcing?

Big companies relocate their factories to developing countries and as a result we have those cheap goods in our shops. But why?

In those countries are the cheapest labour and the people are less protected from exploitation.

The people there have no money and they hope that their living standards will rise through the work and that they don't need to live in poverty anymore. But this is not what really happens!

They have very long working hours, low wages and poor working conditions.

We are living our best life at the expense of those people who live in poverty and hunger. That's exploitation!

Where is the global "togetherness" now?



Thanks for
reading!
Philine

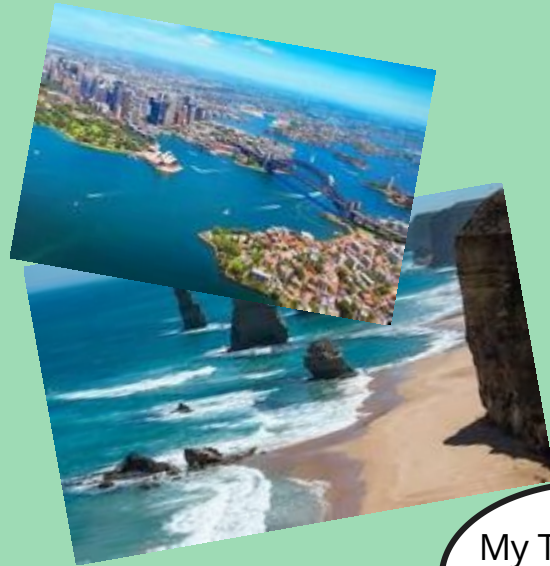
Isabella

You face timed
your hostsister
from Canada
yesterday ?



I spent my summer in Australia !

Globalisation- Blessing Or Curse ?



My T-shirt was
made in China



Mc Donalds or
Bratwurst ?

Hey you ! Yes, I mean you over there from America and yes, you right here from Europe... I mean everyone from all over the world, because THIS IS GLOBALISATION !!!! We`re all connected and I want to use this benefit to talk a bit about the chances and challenges which are created by globalisation...

Isabella

Honestly, when I heard Globalisation for the first time I thought it means just positive effects for the whole world.... but no, for me who is living in a developed country there are RIGHT NOW a lot of chances.... but did you think about the people in the developing countries ? Exploitation ? Environment ? Unfortunately we think way too less about things like this. So I hope I can change your mind, even if it will be a small change and you will stop for a second the next time you want to buy a T-shirt made in China and remember the following information :

The fact that you can read this right now is a consequence of globalisation and there much more... Not you and me share a connection right now, the whole world is connected. We can trade with each other and exchange our knowledge. We can create social equality by spreading cultural awareness... also we can work together on problems. And this is where my hopes start : We should not concentrate just on our profit, we should focus more on how we can use our connection in order to eliminate the challenges.... because I`m concered about our future ! The question is for how long can we profit from globalisation without start acting ? ...

To my mind sometimes it`s really hard to clearly sepearte chances and challenges

travel

new cultures, different places

CO2

... Do you want that our earth will look like this ?

Because of the global players and the global trade, environment got pushed to the side to make space for the competition on costs of our globe ! Climate change is a challenge that we have to face in this moment and in the future ! But there is not just the nature that is suffering, there are a lot of people as well. People are working in bad working conditions and for low wages just to satisfy our consumerism. Other people are trying to fit in western patterns and as a consequence they are losing their culture... I don't want a future where everyone looks the same and is doing the same things everyday !!!

So we can't just walk around and focus on ourselves by giving the global players a platform to make us happy, we need to be open minded and face the truth !



Isabella



WE ALL HAVE TO
WORK TOGETHER
BECAUSE
GLOBALISATION IS
UNSTOPPABLE ! WE
JUST HAVE ONE
EARTH ! SO START
THINKING AND
ACTING RIGHT NOW
AND NOT
TOMORROW !

This song summarizes all my points and I hope with music it can stay a bit longer in your mind, so just give it a try ! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z0xchvmht-A>

Thank You !



Hello you,

I think you came to this website the same way I did. For school... you have to search for globalization. At first a topic where you think about shipping many goods like clothes, food, cars and much more. But you have to think in detail! We all have to!

While reaserching, I started getting interested to look behind the scenes. What is going on in the production of all the goods?

Are the working conditions as benficial and beautiful as the whole globalization seems to be? Complicated question, simple answer: No!



When you are living in a developed country you can benefit from the goods that all countries of the world are shipping, but behind the scenes there are the developing countries. They have to work. They suffer from the chemicals they have to work with. And of course they can not benefit from the goods. They get nothing.

In general we have chances and challenges...

The main chance is that the developed countries are connected all over the world.

They have goods from different countries.

They have jobs for workers.



But there are also challenges. Huge challenges.

The developing countries get exploited and outsourced.

The poor can not afford expensive goods, they have to work in the worst conditions: low wages, lethal chemicals, bad and too long working hours.

Both are shipping all over the world and working with for example chemicals is bad for this:

our



Planet

Has globalization gone too far – or not far enough?

There are somethings we all do. Walking into the supermarket, buying clothes, eating Chinese Italian or fast food. Some of us might also have learned a foreign language. But have you ever walked into a supermarket and looked around where all the products come from? Have you ever noticed you many people you meet every day that are once immigrated here? Have you ever thought about, who much possibilities you have to meat another culture in your own home country? But even traveling is a result of it: It's all because we are living in a globalized world. It influences us every day – even without noticing. It is unstoppable. We all contribute our share, even when you only buy a banana from Africa or strawberries from Spain.

When you google a definition for Globalization you will find:

"Globalization or globalisation is the process of interaction and integration among people, companies, and governments worldwide."



Sounds very easy, but there is much more behind it. There are so many Consequences going with it. So, what does it really mean for our world and for me?

First, it gives you so many possibilities. The digital advices you are reading this with is probably made in Asia. The Internet it relates to, connects you with million other people out of hundred countries. You see where I'm trying to get right? Globalization allows you to gain from products and inventions from all over the world. But not only that also cultural aspects can be shared, like for example Traditions. For example, the old well-known advent calendar is for more and more people all over the world a popular Christmas tradition- even if it has it's roots in the German history. It also has a



great aspect for the world – countries can work together to solve environmental problems, by sharing ideas in political conferences for example. All in all, globalization allows us a lot and we all are developing by it. Only take the human rights a big goal for the world, that wouldn't be reached in so many countries without Globalization.



But does it only have goods sides? Some of you might already be mistrustful because nothing has only good sides and Globalization isn't an exception. You might have noticed, that in the last years more and more products are imported, that might be good for the prices, but local producer suffers from it. Also, there are companies who rule the market. Did you know for example that 2/3 of international trade is accounted for by just 500 corporations? Brands like Coca Cola Adidas or Nestle are everywhere, this limits the individuality and uniqueness of the countries, they get westernized and it also gives these companies to much power over the market. We also must think about the Environment, the whole import and export pollutes the air and water – Climate change is a huge problem which rises with the rising globalization. Also, a big problem a lot of people forget in their daily lives, while going shopping for example is that a lot of these products are produced very cheap. This means that mostly children or woman get exploit to produce products for a bad payment. Also, they suffer a lot under these conditions, children can't go to school and their physical a mental health is in a poor condition.



If globalization is all in all or good or a bad thing and if they are bigger challenges or chances this is always discussed. But one thing is clear we all are the Globalization and we decided in which way it will develop. Let me know what you think about it: Should the process rise up or are we already globalized enough?

Globalisation: economic, political and social issues

Blessing

We hear the word globalisation almost everyday, but many do not understand what it means and how it affects our daily life.

"Where globalisation 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

Globalisation means the worldwide change on an economic, technological and cultural level.

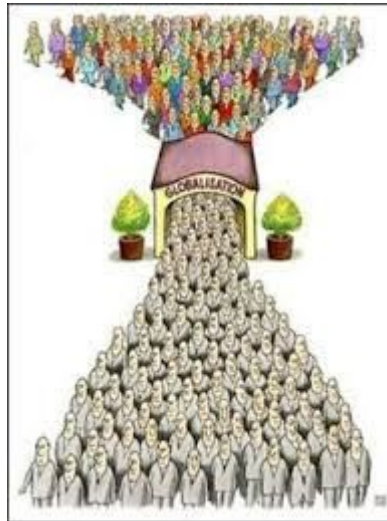
This phenomenon has not only spread democracy, freedom and human rights but has also led to a better understanding between people from all over the world. Some say this has brought peace, economic prosperity and ecological stability. Because of globalisation values and traditions can be shared. Globalisation is aimed at creating a free trade and open economic. Free trade and open economic has secure jobs, livelihoods and economic, since customers and companies have access to cheaper materials. Global trade supports poorer communities especially in developing countries.

If globalisation is this positive, why are so many people protesting against it? Although globalisation has brought some positive effects in our daily lives, I fear it will be our downfall if we do not stop it.

This phenomenon has not only created a bigger gap between rich and poor but has also brought damages to our environment. Increased trade results in increased transport, which uses fossil fuels, plastic dirt which lands in the ocean. As a result, pollution has increased, leading to climate change. The changes in climate are now a threat to humanity and the future of the world.

Most of the time the richest countries, which keep dominating the world trade at the expense of developing countries profit the most from globalisation. Due to the absence of stricter international laws, developed countries can operate in developing countries the way which they might not in their own countries. They may pollute the environment, impose bad working conditions and low wages on local workers. Globalisation is a risk to the world's cultural diversity. Many local economies, traditions and languages get lost (e.g. Westernisation).

***Pictures illustrating certain aspects of globalisation , which are mentioned in my blog
(Blessing)***



Globalisation

Technology is also a really important factor to consider. Thirty years ago nobody would know what we are able to do nowadays with the technology. It was not possible to talk to people through computers or cellphones. They have changed our living conditions. It is impressive that we can communicate so fast. Although I realize that we spend so much time on our cellphones. It is shocking how much we depend on them. Once, I paid attention at the bus station and I observed that the majority were on their cellphones. This could lead to distraction. There are a lot of things that we can not do with our a cellphone like buy clothes from other countries, listen to music in different kind of languages and much more.



Globalisation is a complex word. There are a lot of aspects to consider that helps our society. It has clearly shown that globalization has changed our economy, technology and our society itself. But I believe that globalization change also our way of thinking. It goes much deeper than we really realize. Watching movies from different countries, eat other kind of food and learn other traditions has changed our personalities. We start to learn stuff that might be out of our confort zone. It is really amazing because it shows that most of the societies are open for new things.



Carolina

Chapter 2

**at #ALLE FÜRSKLIMA
in Bonn on September 20
we met some people
and talked to them.
Here is what they have to say...**

Also check out and use our padlet...



Interviews of FFF

Lilly (18) Bonn,
wants that something changes. She hopes that we can see snow in winter even in thirty years and is scared that everything gets scarce .

Luca (21) Bonn,
wants to support the protection of climate change. He is scared that his children will live in a horrible world instead of a beautiful an peaceful world.

Sabine (40) with her three daughters (8), (13) and (17) Bonn,
her reason to protest are her daughters. She wants to fight for the future of her children and tries to protect the environment because if nobody helps it will be a uncomfortable world for the next generation. She hopes that she can influence politician.

Kristine (20) and Anna (19) Köln,
protest for the attention of the politician and an important theme like our environment. They want less pollution and consume of animals. They are scared that the weather changes that much that more and more people flee.

Fridays for Future - meeting people (not from all over the world though...)

I would absolutley hate to live in a polluted and destroyed world.
- Sarah (18), Bonn

Today my children are dressed up as polar bears to stress that the living environment of these animals is endangered.
- mother of two (3 and 5),
Königswinter

It is very surprising to see so many different people taking part in a peaceful demonstration.
- Thomas (16), Bonn



My parents showed me how important it to care about the environment and the planet we live on, since a very early age.
- Layana (18), Bonn

FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE, INTERVIEWS- ANNELI BRÜCK, LEO MARQUARDT

On friday the 20th of september 2019 we went to a big FfF event, and talked to several people, these are my results:

First we talked to a boy, who happened to be Annelis little brother, he is 12 years old and still in school.

He went to #ALLEFÜRSKLIMA to protest for climate protection, and to save the earth. We also talked about global warming and how sad it is that all the polar bears may die in the future.

For us it was especially interesting, that boys and girls as young as he is, already have to worry about their future.

Than we talked to another Boy his age and he told us a lot about climate change and that he think's it's important to fight for our planet. He also mentioned that the ozon layer in Australia is already destroyed.

Afterwards we talked to a married couple (34,41) They thought that climate change is an important topic, and they also wanted to fight for their childrens future. We also talked about, what they wished to happen for so long finally happens now, that it's like a dream come true for both of them to see people acting.

The last person we talked to was a girl who was 18 years old. She wanted to show the policy that they have to act and to care as much teenagers do. She also had a poster with the slogan: The Titanic would have no problem today, on it.

I am angry at the politicians for not paying much attention to our climate. I think globalisation is damaging to the global system but because of globalisation countries can come together.
To stop climate change, we need to change our unsustainable lifestyle.

31, New Zealand student

I came here with my mother because we want a better world. we can change the current situation by eating less meat and using more public transport.

10, Student, German

I am here to challenge politicians and to support our children in fighting for a better future. We can't keep living in fear. We must forbid plastic packaging, we have to stop unnecessary transport of goods and we need to change our selfish lifestyle
48, Congo, Nurse

Fridays for Future

I am afraid of climate change. I am afraid of species mortality. I do not need the products from France if I can buy the same product in Germany.

63 from Mexico

Blessing
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Evaluation of the "#AlleFürsKlima" survey

Asking several people about globalization and global challenges at the #AlleFürsKlima demo I can say with certainty, that everyone agrees with the fact that it is time to rise and change something now.

It has been said by students as well as grownups that we have to change our mindsets and our behavior in favor of our environment and climate. In terms of globalisation, some think about it as a positive development connecting people worldwide while others think it is crazy and feel like more boundaries need to be set to this irreversible process.

Their reasons for being there reach from wanting more protection of the environment over the demand for increasing political action to just wanting to raise awareness. I also got a few tips on how each individual can contribute to a positive change only by doing small things like consuming less meat, turning off your phone at night, using more public transport and shopping environmentally conscious by for example keeping an eye out for seals/logos such as "Grüner Knopf", which ensure a reasonable manufacturing process.

Fridays for future - What the people had to say.

At the Fridays for future demo I asked some people why they were demonstrating and this is what they had to say.

The overall opinion has obviously been that the climate change is bad and that they all want to do something against it.

For example, it has been said that the e-scooters that are now everywhere in every city are not as good as believed.

They only run about 1000 charging cycles before being sorted out and the energy for the batteries does not always come from renewable sources.

Another interesting thing one woman has said is that although she was already 69 years old, she was still protesting because she wants a better world for her children and that the climate is not bad for a few years but for over 20 years now, there was just little to no media coverage.

What is interesting is the fact that a lot of people have answered that they are aware of the climate change because of Greta Thunberg, who has also motivated them to go on the streets to fight climate change.

"Be a part of the
SOLUTION not a part
of the POLLUTION"

"I am so
angry I even
got a poster"

"The Snow
must go on"

"I want a HOT date,
not a HOT planet"

"Fischers Fritz
fishes plastic"

Impressions of FFF

"We are young and
need the ~~money~~ the
world"

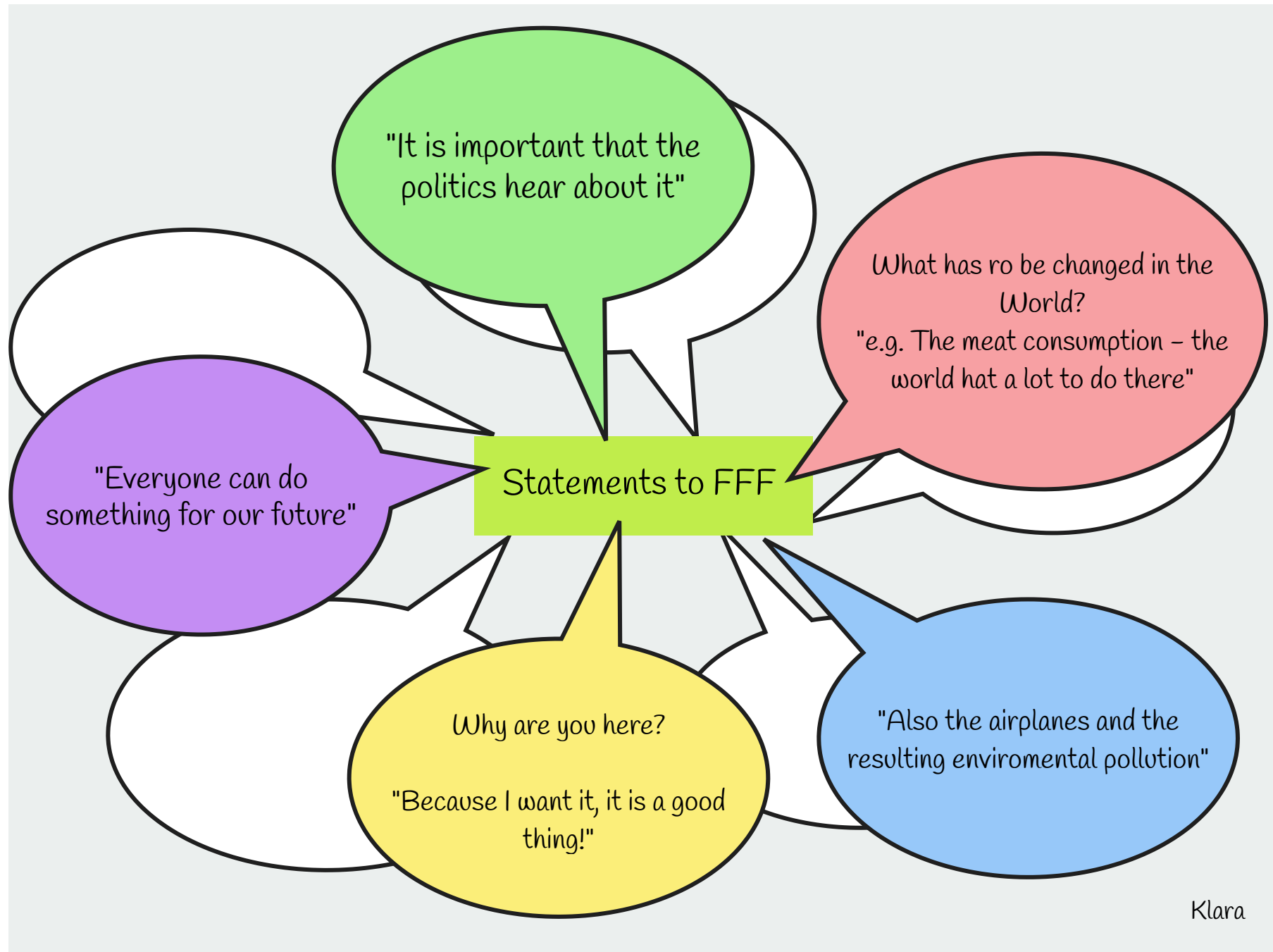
"The climate is more
hopeless than our high
school graduation"

"There is no
planet B"

"Granny, what is a
snowman?"

"Make the world
green again"

Klara



My experience at the Fridays for Future demonstration

My class and I had the chance to participate at the Fridays for Future demonstration. The demonstration is a global movement that is mostly running by students. It is quite new.

It was quite an experience. Sara, Blessing and I took the chance to interview a lot of people and asked them out their opinions. We asked them about how globalization is affecting us, and what can we do to prevent it and the reasons they are demonstrating. We took the chance and spoke to ca.11 people. What was quite impressive is that they were people from different countries. The most impressive for myself was that I met a woman from Mexico where I actually come from. We spoke also to a guy that was from Newseelandans to a women from Kongo. That was really cool.

Their reasons to demonstrate were that they are angry about the politics, they want to have the attention from the goverment, they want to have a change, they fight for their children and support them. WE talked about a lot of topics like the poverty, the injustice of a lot of politics in different countries and of course about the clima change. By speaking to all this people I came to the conclusion that a lot of people are afraid of the future and the consequences. The interview with the Mexican women interested me most. She is 63 years old and lives more than 13 years in Bonn. Also she mentioned that she fears about the clima change and fears also about the animals that suffers because of it. We talked about a lot of things but what was interesting is that she demonstrates about the responsibility of the governments. She claimed that they do not really do something to prevent all the consequences we will face in the future. I asked her about possibilities to prevent clima change and she responded that we could use less plastic and provide microlastic, to eat less meat and to use less energy. All in all I appreciate that they were willing to talk to us.

It was an amazing experience.

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