



Exploring globalization's impacts on Rohinton Mistry's "A fine balance"

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Abstract

This topic Globalization was especially relevant as the concept of so-called 'social capital' and its contribution to capacity-building and lifelong learning is better understood. Just as important as the discussion of issues of globalization community and adult learning is a reflection on the very notion of using the study of fiction as a springboard for learning about contemporary social cultural and global issues. The article's discussion therefore deals with both content and the approach or method behind the content.

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Introduction

Globalization's contrary forces Glidden's believe create opportunities for both individuals and communities. While he acknowledge that the freedom to move capital and structure worldwide firms globally portends local economies especially sustenance economies in poor nations he remains influenced that globalization was both irresistible and the source of new force that when shared with traditional social values will move humanity beyond obsolete economic social and political system. The interpretation of community was another of globalization's outcomes. Globalization was challenging the structures boundaries values and practices of traditional communities as it bring individuals into new contact with one another. While survey and founding have brought disconnected communities together for centuries and changed them continually more the drifts and projects of late twentieth century globalization have triggered in new forms and sources of community.

It was still an important fact but many communities are much more fluid and some are places. It was one thing to acknowledge the diminishing importance of locality as the source of community the late twentieth century notion of a so-called 'global community' was quite another. Globalization may well touch every human inhabitant of this planet but it no more brings us into a single community than does the fact that we are all oxygen-dependent. The word community was used interchangeably to define both the social bodies and the relationships among entities within those bodies. Frazer concludes that the suggestion that an entity has to consist of human individuals united or related in a specific way suggests that community more appropriately refers not to the entity as such but to the set of relations that start it. She goes on to explain that community involve both the allocation of a characteristic that contribute to the creation of identity and a connectedness that is deep enough to be expressive to its members lives. At the same time as the value of community

and social capital are increasingly acknowledged, Callinicos asks rhetorically. As the novel *A Fine Balance* progresses and the lives of these three characters are progressively tangled the promise of this supposed chance is broken in terrible ways. Ishvar and Omprakash cannot escape the constrictions of their caste. After suffering a series of penuries including having their shanty devastated and joining the ranks of the homeless, they are taken into care one day while shopping at a market place and dragged off to one of the notorious 'family planning' surgical procedure in the country side. There they are both compulsorily treated and familiar by an official whom he had formerly offended Omprakash is castrated. They reoccurrence to the city Omprakash clearly unable to marry and Ishvar impotent to work as both his legs have been severed because of the contagion that sets in after his sterilization operation. For them the mutual forces of change and tradition lead not to a step upwards with the successful return to their village but to a drop downhill with their final days lived as beggars on the streets of the big city. Rohinton Mistry's characters of *A Fine Balance* three tailors come from different social stations at the same time as they share struggles against discrimination and inequality within their original communities. Their stories retell us that community was not always sympathetic. As we meet them they are loyal to moving beyond the difficult conditions unwavering by their communities and community institutions. Globalization at the start appears to offer them a way onward an occasion that they dare to take as they work together to grow and reinvent their community.

Globalization after all was concerned with the advance of financial capital not the advance of humanity. In fact globalization might be instigating a widening of the income gap between people in developed and developing nations, because as Cornia explains, In a world of mobile capital may engage in downward bidding. In addition globalization leads to the in formalization of the economy through outsourcing

and subcontracting by large corporations. More striking is evidence that contrasts with the rhetoric around globalization's extension of opportunities for individual progress. Globalization then touches all individuals and communities whether or not they dare to seize its apparent opportunities rising to the challenge posed by globalization proponents like Giddens. More accurate rhetoric around this theme would be opportunity for those who dare and are awfully lucky.

While globalization might offer these people an occasion to earn adequate funds for themselves and often expenditures to family at home it also removes them from community. These individuals are especially aggrieved by globalization the cargoes of poverty and discernment that they face in their home societies and communities are compounded by social separation and emotional and physical powerlessness. Rohinton Mistry's characters undoubtedly develop human capital through their learning. At the same time their experiences suggest that human capital might not have the same value as other asserts. Despite globalization's rhetoric of universality fictional and non-fictional accounts suggests that the equation determining the return on investment in human capital includes the variable of privilege. Beyond the concept of human capital is the newer concept of social capital increasingly recognized for its contribution to learning in formal and informal educational settings? Despite widespread recognition of the important benefits created by social capital its purposeful creation remains an elusive pursuit. Wilson contends that its creation will become a vital learning objective in academic programmes. Increasingly she sees that programmes will strive to provide professional education that aims to support students in building the interpersonal and group process skills and the values and virtues consistent with social capital. Such programmes will enable professionals to work effectively within their communities and will enable communities to respond effectively to globalization. To the extent that globalization actually widens rather than bridges the divide between the privileged and the oppressed and destabilizes struggling communities it also depletes existing social capital and undermines the development of new social capital for certain communities. As social capital was eroded so the capacity to engage in and act on learning. The stories of Rohinton Mistry's four main characters exemplify in different ways how the poverties of community and social capital undermines individuals abilities to move onward to speechless difficulties to challenge prejudice and for some people to face life ruggedness and simply go on existing. This was one of the dilemmas for the individuals and communities living through the globalization project, and this was one of the relevant implications of globalization's impact on the individual in community.

Conclusion

At the conclusion of this exploration, Identity was important that was true however coming to a critical understanding of globalization is about far more than preserving traditional identity. For some and an apparently growing number it is about countering overwhelming alienation and purposelessness and undertaking a desperate battle for physical survival. In this light Friedman's and Giddens's

analyses seem like glib commentary the rhetoric of globalization was exposed and the real human need for community was confirmed.

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