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4th Quarter Globalization Benchmark



Health:

This is a picture of my neighborhood hospital. In just about any country in the world, there is some form of a hospital in varying degrees of sophistication. Of course one in Zimbabwe won't be as fancy and well-made as one in Switzerland, but they both mean the same thing to their societies: They are safe havens for the ill and injured in countries all across the world.

It is amazing to think that wherever you go in the world, there is the same basic system to maintain one's health: If you're sick, you go to the hospital, or go to see a doctor. The power of globalization reflects the habits of us as human being, what we need to feel safe and secure. And, hospitals are prime examples of that.



Migration:

I took a picture of myself for migration because I myself am an example of it. My family came here in June of 1998 when I was only four years old. I am from a Muslim country located in Northern Africa called Algeria. The environment I'm from is so radically different from where I am now that there is little connection between the two. The people there however adore American culture, and in my lifetime I've observed my own people becoming more and more "American" in the way they live and the activities they engage in. American television is now widely available, fast food is prevalent, and religious customs are much looser than they used to be.

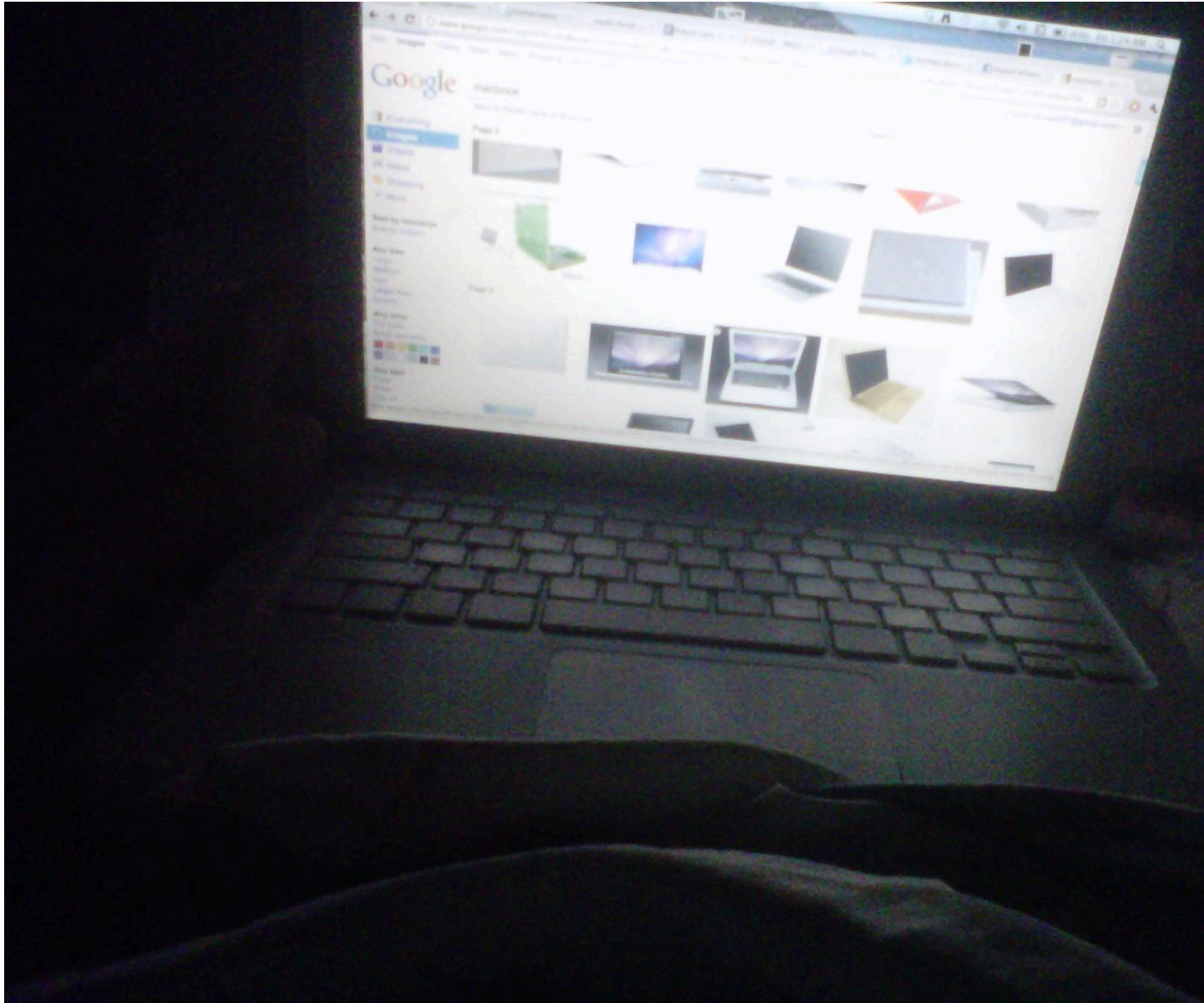
My migration is an example of globalization because there are many people like me all over the world. Millions of immigrants flock to different countries all over the world for different specific reasons but one common goal: An opportunity that was either scarce or not readily available to them in their own country. With each immigrant comes a new piece of culture that helps redefine the welcoming country. For example, That is why in the U.S. today you can find just about any different type of cuisine known to man.

Environment:



BigBelly Solar is one of the leading providers in the global waste manage industry. Waste management is a common problem in big and heavily populated cities like Philadelphia all throughout the world. It does not matter where you are, wherever there are many people, large amounts of waste is the result. These trash compactors are currently utilized in the United States and 30 other countries.

These trashcans can are easily a great solution; Powered by solar energy they can compact trash and make recycling for the average person a lot easier on a daily basis with their presence all throughout world cities. Someone in Cape Town, can recycle just as easily as someone in Philadelphia. They can also be used in developing countries because of their economic potential. According to the [company's site](#), they can reduce operating costs associated with collection by up to 80%.



Technology:

This is the laptop with which I have accomplish all of my schoolwork these past 4 years. I never thought it could be an aspect of globalization in itself. To get into my hands, this laptop was designed by Apple in California and assembled in China, consisting of metals and plastics from different places all around the world. Many products today are aspects of globalization because they are made from materials that come from many different countries.

This laptop is also a portal to globalization because with it and the Internet, one can discover and interact with different cultures and people throughout the entire world. As best explained in this [article](#), the Internet has revolutionized globalization and made it much easier than ever before. I can go look up right now what the current situation is in Uganda and what it's

like living there, or read about the current situation in Libya, or talk to somebody from England, etc.



Economy/Trade:

I took a picture of this Fiat 500 I saw around the corner from my house. It struck me as soon as I saw it not only because of its exotic features, but because I had seen it before, 3000 miles away from my home in Philadelphia in my home country of Algeria. Fiat is an Italian car company that hasn't been operating in the U.S. since the early 90's when it and its subsidiary Alfa Romeo discontinued sales in the U.S. due to lack of sales. Fiat is back again in the U.S. because it has now bought the bankrupt Chrysler, and in a way it has rescued it.

This relates to globalization because many markets as large as the automotive industry are

world markets. They do not belong to one country. The example of [Fiat buying Chrysler](#) demonstrates that because a year ago, we did not have Italian Cars on our soil, but as soon as the American automotive industry collapsed, foreign cars were there for the rescue and helped save a big part of the American economy.

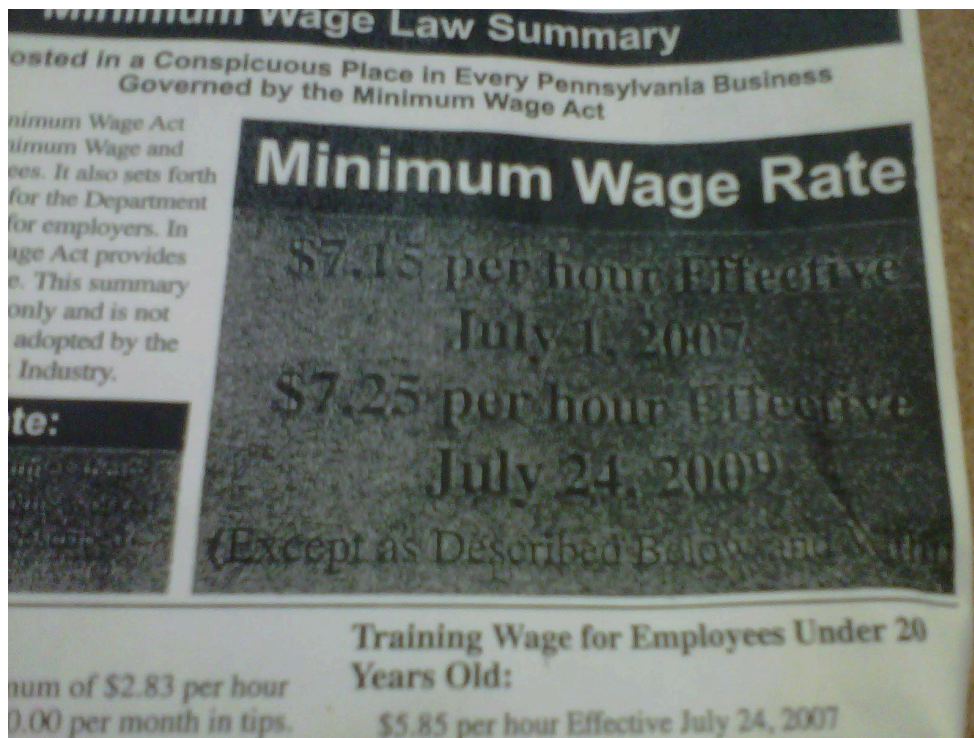


Security:

I saw a Homeland Security vehicle the other day when I was in the car with my brother. And, when I pulled out my phone, my brother said that it wouldn't be a good idea to go up to a Homeland Security vehicle and take a picture being the ethnicity that I am. So I had to get a picture from the internet. Anyway, this picture relates to Globalization because when you think about it, in every country there is some sort of organization that defends the country.

If a country doesn't have any security system, they are open to attacks or invasion which is why you find that every around the globe there are organization set up by governments to gather intelligence of any possible threat to keep the country and it's people safe. It is a necessity just like an Military, because it is able to infiltrate and stop attacks within the normal function of a country which the military cannot do. Just take a look at the [white house website on Homeland Security](#).

Human Rights:



This is hung up at my workplace. I work at Wendy's. This informs me of the current minimum wage that I have the right to as a worker in this country. It is currently \$7.25. I often get frustrated at how little that does for me. But, you will find as you look at countries around that minimum wage is astonishingly low. In Algeria, where I am from, the minimum wage is \$146 a month. In other places in Africa such as Central African Republic, it is as low as 12 euros a month. It is non-existent in other countries.

Minimum wage is supposed to be a reasonable amount of money you are owed for any sort of labor as a human being. But in some countries, it is barely even enough to survive one day in this country, or in that country for that matter. I know that in Algeria many people live on less than 2 dollars a day. Here is the [full list](#) of the minimum wage for 197 countries around the globe.



Culture:

I was working the other day and this lady was kind enough to let me take a picture of her card when I explained to her that it was for my project. Her card, as you can obviously see, has a picture of Hello Kitty on it. It made me think about culture. Hello Kitty is a Japanese cartoon character that has now become ubiquitous in the U.S. As a people, we always live something different, and we love welcoming that into our culture. This is [Integration of culture through globalization](#).

In Algeria, having any American channels is considered beyond a luxury. A peek into American entertainment there allows them to view American culture, and I've seen with my own eyes my country becoming more Americanized since the dawn of the Internet with the many social networks available now that allow people from all over the world to connect. I think that we as humans despite some setbacks in history, love what is different from us. It always us to see different perspectives and see how other humans just like us tackle and live their lives.

Politics:



You might be thinking: How unoriginal, he took a picture of city hall for politics. But, everywhere I have been in there world there has been something like a city hall. And, I've been to a diverse amount of places. In France and Algeria, city halls are still used by the mayor and other city politicians to make decisions for the betterment of the provinces of said countries.

Although City Hall in Philadelphia today is more of a monument than anything, it was also once the center for politics in Philadelphia. The places represent the decisions of the people that the people elect.