Post one

This assignment is to reply to my classmate weekly post.

Please read this post and give me your suggestions and opinions on the topic/content of this post. I'd like the response to be at least 250 words.

Please do not critique the content, but give your thought about the topic

To give my opinion to this week’s response to the forum discussion, I do not believe that globalization will cause the “erosion of the state”theory that was introduced in this week’s reading by Susan Strange.  This is because while I do believe that globalization is bigger now than it ever was before, I do not believe that it will cause the so called erosion of the states. The reason for this is for there to be an erosion of state there would have to be some sort of relinquishment of the states sovereignty and this would in turn lead to a loss of identity. Even though globalization is on an up rise, and even though many countries may participate in international organizations in which many other countries participate and it may look as if they become one big organization, the states that make up the members of these organizations will still hold on to their identity that makes them a state.

    This was pointed out in the beginning of the article of “The Erosion of State”, The view of globalization did not concern them because in their opinion: “their state still existed, because their enterprises still belonged to them, their headquarters were still in their state, their directors were people of their national origin and their corporate culture was marketed differently from other national firms”. To me these was a strong statement, because I feel that most states entering the global market or international organization will hold this type of mentality. Basically, yes they are part of large organization, but it does not erase the state that they are, their culture, language, and forms of lifestyle will still set them apart from other states. A good example of this is the European Union, all though they are joined by one financial system where they all use the same Euros, and benefit from trade tariffs, and lenient travel rules, they still maintain their identity. They are still separate states and still have control over their stats.

      In analyzing the three dilemmas, these are dilemmas that I feel will also be an obstacle for globalization. The first thing to be evaluate is economy, apart from the case made in the article where the financial institutions will need financial security and a state to hold accountable, institutions such as stock exchange where there is roller coaster with global finances, States will also want keep a hand on their finances. The state’s economy is after all their main resource, the way a states survives. The second is environmental, while globalization has caused for much of the deforestation for new firms being built which provide financial security, I believe that many people and countries have broken away from this, While of course it still does and is happening, many are now more in tune to preservation of their states rather than destroying them for globalization and financial benefit. The third which is political of course is the strongest I don not believe that states will easily give up their political power so easily. Things change, new governments, presidents, and dictators come into power, they may change the rules that the previous heads of states once agree too.

While I do see how the vision of globalization can be seen as a threat, take the United Nations for instance, there are many views to this organization. While many see them as an international union that is in power for the greater good, they are to be viewed as an organization that is maintain peace in the world and assist with conflict. Others see them in a totally different view, as bullies that push other nations around trying to force them to abide by their rules, questioning why do we have to abide by your rules? Also, this concept will work only if all the members will abide by the rules and regulations, for example the United States has many times broken the rules or advice of the UN, with going to war or maintaining embargos. This is why I do not believe that globalizations is a threat, because globalization exists only because of self-interest. With globalizing many states and unions join forces because there is a benefit, once there is no more benefit for the unions, the theory of globalization is out the door.

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