

Wallerstein's World System Theory Model

Global Inequality

Lecture

Who does Skocpol (1977) critique?

- a) Marx
- b) Weber
- c) Wallerstein

By applying Wallerstein's terminology, the United States is a _____.

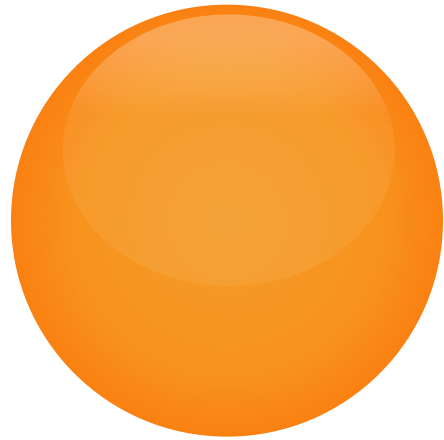
- a) Core Nation
- b) Semiperiphery Nation
- c) Periphery Nation

What type of methods did Skocpol (1977) employ?

- a) Qualitative
- b) Quantitative

Lecture Learning Outcomes



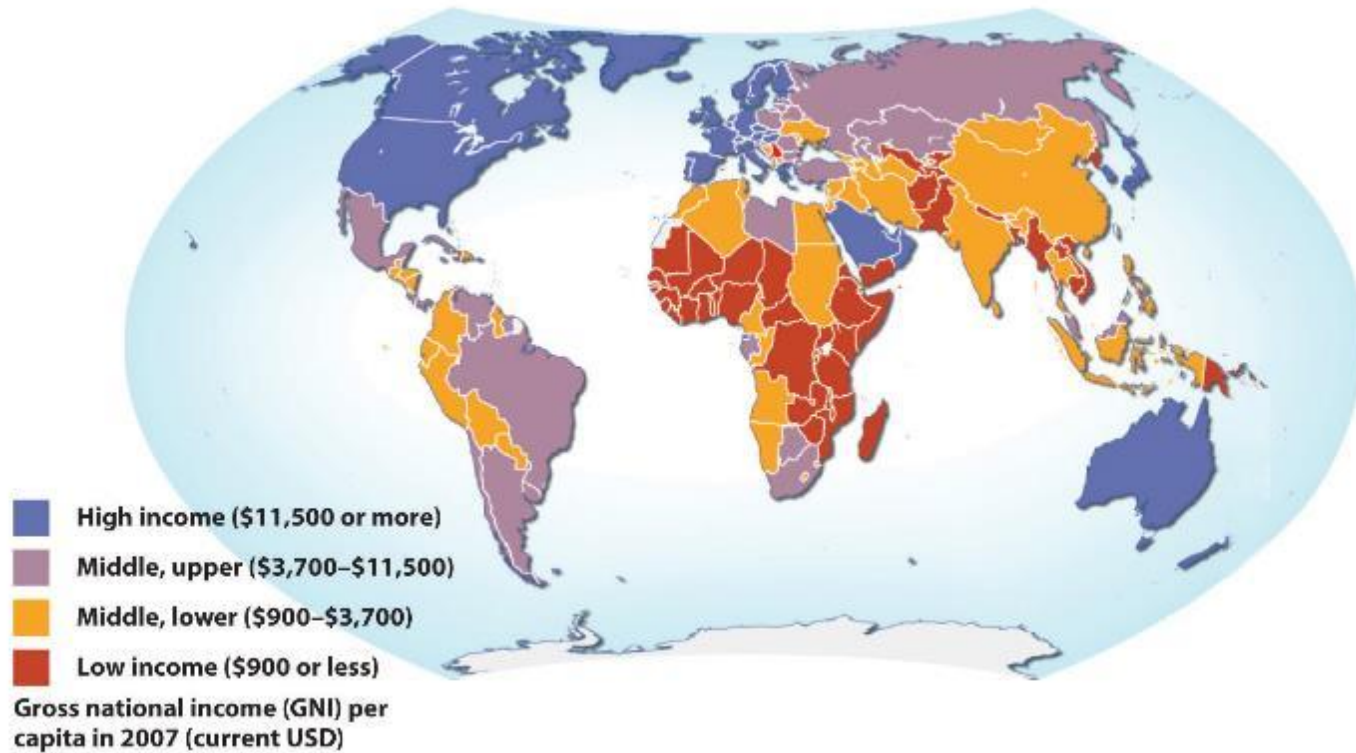


**WHAT IS GLOBAL INEQUALITY?
HOW ARE NATIONS STRATIFIED?**



Global Stratification

- Global Stratification- National differences in power, wealth and prestige
- Residual Poverty- Poverty concentrated in the minority of the population
- Mass Poverty- A majority of the citizens are considered poor
- Different Experiences of Poverty



World Bank Country Classifications

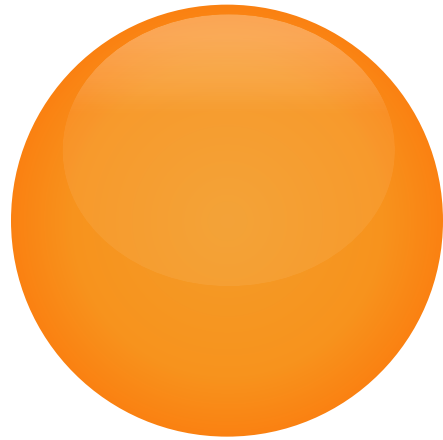
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Wallerstein's World System Theory

- A Critique of Modernization Theory
- Capitalism and Globalization
- Erosion of the Nation-State
- World System
 - Core Nations
 - Semi Periphery Nations
 - Periphery Nations
- Hegemons

Skocpol (1977) Summary

- Research Question: What are the problems of Wallerstein's world system theory?
- Key Concepts: modernization theory, world economic system, core nations, semiperiphery nations and periphery nations
- Research Methods: Qualitative review with historical evidence
- Findings: 1. He fails to explain changes between economic systems 2. While drawing from Marx he fails to account for the social relations of production. 3. He fails to account for the influence of characteristics associated with the nation-state



HOW DOES GLOBAL INEQUALITY EFFECT INDIVIDUALS IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH?

Class Discussion 



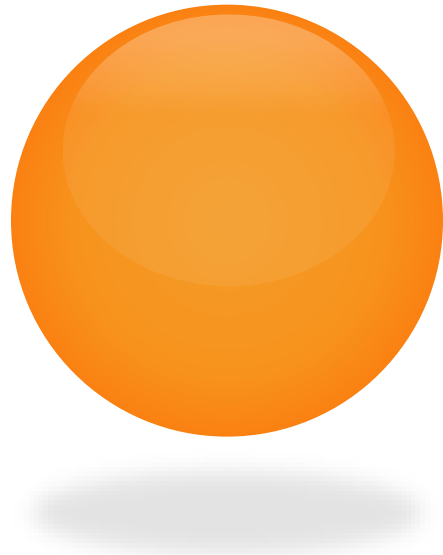
Trends in Global Inequality

- Child Poverty
 - Literacy
 - Female educational attainment
 - Prevalence of contraceptives
- Food/Water Access
 - Political Stability
 - Industrial Development
 - Responding to Environmental Disasters

Life on the Periphery

- Domination
 - Transnational Corporations and the World Bank
 - Local Elite
- Lack of Economic Diversity
 - Banana Republic
- Instability of the State
- High Levels of Inequality





**HOW DOES GLOBAL CAPITALISM
EFFECT INDIGENOUS
COMMUNITIES? IS IT GOOD OR
BAD? HOW CAN WE ALLEVIATE THE
NEGATIVE ASPECTS?**

Class Discussion 



Video-

“Dreams from Endangered
Cultures”

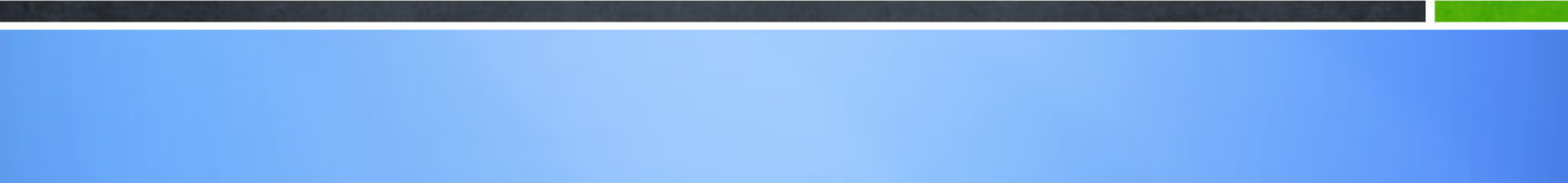
-Wade Davis

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Small Group Discussion-

Evaluate Wade Davis's Claims

- What is the social problem Dr. Davis is describing?
 - What is his central claim?
 - How can world systems theory add to his claim?
 - Can his claim be tested? How?
 - If his perspective is correct, what are the implications?
 - What does he do to help with the problem?
 - What are other ways to help?
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Questions...

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” -Nelson Mandela