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GA4: Special Political and Decolonisation

The question of fall of globalism in MEDCs

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Introduction and key terms:

The term 'globalism' is the idea of operating or planning economic and foreign policy on a global basis, not only limited to a particular country. People and goods are able to move freely between nations. Additionally, it is the attempt to understand inter-connections of the modern world.

N.B it is different to globalisation, it in contrast refers to the increase and decrease of globalism in terms of speed, dynamics etc.

Types of globalism:

1. Economic globalism
 - a. Free flow of goods, services and capital and information of the market exchange
2. Environmental globalism
 - a. Transport of materials in the atmosphere, oceans or biological substances (e.g. pathogens) that can affect the health or well-being of an individual
3. Military globalism
 - a. Long-distance force or threats of use of force are deployed e.g. cold war between US and USSR
4. Social and cultural globalism
 - a. Movement of ideas, information, images and people whose goal is to exchange ideas and information

Main MEDCs to consider

1. United States
2. United Kingdom
3. Germany
4. France
5. Canada

Recent cases of the fall of globalism in MEDCs

In 2018, Donald Trump publicly denounced globalism through a speech at the United Nations General Assembly. He declared: "We reject the ideology of globalism and embrace the doctrine of patriotism." This claim was made as he believed that his Administration was more accomplished compared to any other in US history. During his speech, he denounced the values of the UN: globalism, respect for international institutions and international law. His speech was a clear rejection of the foundations established after the atrocities of the second world war. He expressed the idea that all nations should also acquire a foreign policy approach that meant that their country took precedence over any other. He continued to criticise agreements that supposedly exploited/ took over America. He also rejected 'bad' trade deals and rebuked unsupportive allies. Trump also said: "The U.S. will always choose independence and cooperation over global governance, control and domination" in order to justify his administration's retreat from UN organisations like the International Criminal Court (ICC), Human Rights Council etc. Trump is promoting nationalism through rejecting globalism which could be potentially economically destructive and politically dangerous.

Additionally, Trump's objective to restrict illegal immigrants from entering into America is a form of the fall of globalism. Trump has been trying to getting border wall funding to reach his objective. This is an example of the fall of social and cultural globalism as it is preventing a spread of ideas from one country to another.

Useful websites:

<https://www.theglobalist.com/globalism-versus-globalization/>

<http://time.com/5406130/we-reject-globalism-president-trump-took-america-first-to-the-united-nations/>

<https://www.ft.com/content/e4593f96-d937-11e8-ab8e-6be0dcf18713>

<http://time.com/5423393/emmanuel-macron-globalism-champion-failing/>

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/2016-12-09/end-globalism>