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Thesis Statement

American values have a major impact on global inequality

Key Terms and Phrases

Global Inequality refers to "signaling the systematic inequalities that exist between countries, allowing for the simultaneous existence of inequalities within countries."

Modernization-"To make modern"

Multinational corporations are "A corporation that has its facilities and other assets in at least one country other than its home country."

Worldwide poverty refers to the amount of poverty that is being spread over the world.

American Values Definitions

Achievement and Success:

Stress is placed on achievements in our competitive society.
Accomplishments measure the success that we have. Rewards are emphasized by success.

Equality:

"Our history has stressed the equality of opportunity, especially economic opportunity. We feel guilt, shame, or ego deflation when inequalitarianism appears. While discrimination exists, much lip service is paid to formal rights, legal rights. Equality is not a pure concept but is largely two-sided: social rights and equality of opportunity."

Material Comfort:

"Americans enjoy passive gratification – drink this, chew that, take a vacation. We enjoy happy endings in movies. We enjoy consumption, and our heroes before 1920 were more from social, commercial, and cultural worlds of production. After the 1920s the heroes came more from the leisure-time activities of sports and entertainment. Yet Americans also enjoy culture and engage in do-it-yourself hobbies and vacations."

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