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## Part (A)

Has the era of deglobalization begun?

Between USA and India, what do I find in common, except for the fact that both are democracies, the former being the first and the latter being the largest. Nothing much! one would think from political structure to economic system, from lifestyle to cultural values, history and from geographic position on the face of the "tiny blue planet", USA and India are very different from each other. But what we do find in common from Boston to Bangalore, from New York to New Delhi and from San Francisco to Saharanpur.



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is the growing rhetoric of  
"Making America Great Again" and  
"Atmanirbhar Bharat".

While the semantics  
are different, the meaning behind  
these words converge to a great  
extent i.e. "putting the economic  
interests of the country first  
and protecting indigenous industries".

This rhetoric is symptomatic  
of an underlying trend we  
witness today worldwide, the  
trend of "DEGLOBALISATION".

Where do we  
see the world deglobalizing?  
What are the reasons behind  
it? Is it the end of globali-  
zation or will globalization  
survive and how? lets find out.  
But first understand what

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globalization and deglobalisation are.

Globalization means the interconnectedness, interdependence and integration of countries, societies and economies to such a great extent that any change in one part of the globe affects has effects worldwide.

Deglobalization, on the other hand, talks about reversal of this interconnectedness & interdependence and isolate countries, societies and economies <sup>of nations</sup> from each other. This ideology is gaining traction worldwide especially in recent years.

Deglobalization : at vogue today

A seething demand of deglobalizing the world is

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being witnessed around the  
~~world~~ <sup>globe</sup>, even more so in the  
west. USA under the ~~term~~  
Trump regime was at the  
forefront of this demand. Hiking  
tariffs on imports, to fighting  
a trade war with China, USA  
is adopting protectionist measures  
unabashedly.

Similarly, European  
countries like Germany, and Britain  
have been the forerunners in  
imposing immigration bans. Seeking  
to limit the influx of foreign  
workers, Australia and New Zealand  
tweaked their visa norms too.

WTO, the protector  
of free trade and labour movement  
around the world is in shambles  
too. Caught in the crossfire

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between developed and developing countries, it has been unable to reverse the rising protectionism, indirectly lubricating the fall of globalization.

Closer home, the slogans of "Vocal for local" and "Make in India" ~~are~~ also resonate with this trend. It leads one to wonder why the romanticism once attached greatly with globalization is wearing away fast?

Deglobalization: The corrective Factors

The rising anger against globalization and the rising affinity with its reversal, has to do with the way globalized world order has emerged.

First, glot the benefits of globalization have



not been reaped equally and equitably by the countries, economies and societies worldwide. While the ~~west~~ <sup>global north</sup> has been able to ride on the swelling tides, the global south still faces <sup>the</sup> rough seas. USA, for instance increased its GDP more than twenty times since the end of World War II, the countries like Nigeria, Ecuador, Honduras etc. have seen virtually no improvement in their incomes.

Within the countries too, the distribution of benefits of globalization hasn't been equal.

As per Oxfam International, top 10% of American population holds about 85% of US's wealth. This has led the middle class of the developed world to hit the streets against globalization,

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Similarly, the flight of jobs to countries like China & Vietnam - owing to their cheaper wages has strengthened the calls for deglobalization.

Further, the cultural clash that globalization brings has triggered xenophobia and securitization in the countries and societies, pushing them towards deglobalization.

As if ~~it~~ this were not enough, the pandemic of COVID-19, gave further impetus to deglobalization. Disruption of supply chains heavily relying on Chinese suppliers, fast spread of <sup>the</sup> virus from Wuhan to the world and ~~non-~~ shutting down of borders gave the world a template of the ultimate "dooms day" scenario.

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## Endgame for Globalization?

While, this certainly is a moment of reckoning for ~~the~~ globalization, pronouncing a death for it would be something very farfetched.

Though, the virus spread rapidly ~~a~~ scolding on globalization, it would be pertinent to note that, it was globalization alone that ensured that the pandemic is controlled. Without the global effort of vaccine development, the world would still be facing the wrath of this deadly disease.

Further, no country today is totally self sufficient. ~~In the~~ <sup>for instance</sup> ~~a~~ 'while China maybe a rising power in the

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field of manufacturing and technology, it still relies on the oil from Russia and middle east to keep itself running. In the absence of globalization its economy and the economies of global north and south would fall down like a tower of cards.

As Hans Rosling in his book "Factfulness" puts it eloquently, ~~it~~ we live in the best of the times, there has been peace and prosperity for the humanity. The prosperity of today's world is unprecedented, and this would not have been possible without globalization.

Globalization: The New Avatar

That being said, the status quo can't persist for long. The cracks in the armour

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of present ways are clearly  
visible.

To reverse and to  
save humanity in 21<sup>st</sup> century,  
the globalization, must become  
more equitable and sustainable.  
Strong global institutions enforcing  
redistribution among the nations  
and national governments ensuring  
social justice are essential for  
globalization to reverse and  
thrive.

further, countries  
may also resort to "strategic  
decoupling" - ~~separate~~ becoming self  
reliant on matters of strategic  
& importance and interest. This  
would result in greater coop-  
eration and lesser conflicts.

To conclude, the  
calls for deglobalization are  
rising worldwide. Inequitable

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and unsustainable nature of present  
global system of globalization is  
a major reason behind it.

while the pandemic  
has given a boost to such demands,  
the world can not live with  
deglobalization. The present system  
must be reformed to fit the  
needs of 21st century instead of  
resorting to total isolation.

Greater power to  
global institutions, social justice  
driven policies and equitable  
redistribution are need of the  
hour.

while globalization is  
here to stay, combining it with  
Indian ideal of 'Vasudhaiva  
Kutumbakam' i.e. the world is a  
family is essential to spread  
peace & prosperity -

"From Boston to Bangalore  
& New York to New Delhi  
& San Francisco to Saharapur,

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Consideration for others is the basis of a good life and a good society

"What's a good life?", this is a question which has bothered humanity since ages. Our uncivilized ancestors from 10000 BC might have thought about it, and so would have our civilized ones.

from western philosophers like Aristotle's "Eudaimonia" to vedic philosophy of "Arya Jeevan", all ~~carry~~ convey the basic tenet of a good life, eloquently conveyed by the song of <sup>a</sup> Raj Kapoor classic

"Kisi ki Muskurahat pe ho nisaar,  
Kisi ke dard mil sake toh le  
udhaar,  
Kisi ke ~~vasaete~~ ho tere dil



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मे प्यार,  
Teena il ka naam hai".

love - meaning thereby - a  
life spent for happiness of others,  
a life spreading love and sharing  
burdens of others - is a good life".

A question not a bit less  
intriguing, has been ~~also~~ that, what  
is a "good society"? While an  
abstract thought in itself,  
it would mean, to most of us,  
a society where justice, love,  
peace and happiness prevails. Where  
people are not at war with each  
other but feel satisfied in helping  
all. A society which conceives  
Tagore longed for, where "mind is  
without fear" and each citizen  
can "hold his head high".

Consideration for others or  
compassion" is the binding thread

between a good life and a good society, as visible from the above discussion.

Now that we have a fair idea about what a good life and a good society is, let's delve deeper into what ~~is~~ are compassion and empathy? How are they essential for a fulfilling life and a peaceful society? What are the contrarian views to it? What is the relevance of this idea today?

Consideration for others: Compassion and Empathy

Empathy is the profound quality of feeling the pain and agency of others. It means walking into the shoes of others and viewing the world from their point of view.

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Compassion is a value which goes a step ahead of empathy. It means not only feeling the pain of others but also feeling an urge to act to alleviate their pain. It means walking in the shoes of others and fixing the shoe where it pinches.

Why are they basic of a good life and a good society?

Yuval Noah Harari in his famous book "Sapiens" writes that the reason for the success of Homo sapiens as a species is the quality of humans to cooperate and work together. Compassion & empathy in our individual and collective life have ensured that we form relations and live & work in tandem to ~~ex~~ thrive.

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Similarly constructivist thought of human evolution as put forward by Richard Dawkins, puts the human value of love and care for each other as the reason for human societies to persist in the "ice age" when apes species like Mamaths & saber-tooths got wiped away.

In metaphysical realm, too, sensitivity to others has been seen as prerequisite for a fulfilling life. Lord Krishna in Bhagavad Gita states compassion to be the highest dharma which leads a human to the ultimate truth of "Moksha".

Similarly, Swami Vivekananda also put helpfulness and care for fellow humans as equivalent to worship of the almighty.

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He said "Yatra Teeva, Tatra Shiva" meaning thereby, serve humanity to serve the divinity,

Philosophers like Emanuel Kant too, have professed to put dignity of all living beings at the highest pedestal. He calls it one's "categorical imperative" i.e. the highest duty. Fulfilling this duty one becomes a member of "Kingdom of ends" or the most virtuous and righteous society.

The contrarian view

Philosophers like Ayan Rand belonging to the school of "Ethical Egoism" oppose this view. They advocate following self interest as the means of achieving a good life.

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While, this maybe  
an extreme view to take, "conside-  
ration for others" does not mean  
foregoing the "consideration for own  
self" completely. As Gandhiji  
said "You can't love others, unless  
you love yourself".

This thought is  
attested too by Abraham Maslow  
in his "Need hierarchy theory". While  
he puts self actualization need &  
which includes the need for helping  
others, at the top the hierarchy,  
he says that without fulfilling  
one's basic needs at the bottom,  
one can't reach the pinnacle of the  
pyramid.

Thus, synthesizing  
both the needs, one must  
serve others while serving his

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enlightened self interest as well.

Relevance of this idea today

Perhaps at no point  
in human history, <sup>has</sup> the need for  
Compassion & empathy, been so  
evident and so pertinent, than today.  
We witness their need in all the  
spheres of ~~our~~ our lives from  
~~to~~ ecology to economy.

rising economic  
inequalities and poverty are the  
evidence of lack of consideration  
for others in forming of economic  
policies. In India, during the  
pandemic 130000 ~~no~~ workers lost  
their jobs per hour, while the  
top 10 billionaires added 24% more  
to the wealth.

Similarly, rising  
social strife, intolerance, gender  
discrimination etc. show lack of

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Compassion in our lives and our societies.

To solve these problems, empathy, love, sensitivity and care are essential. Social justice mixed with compassionate capitalism, would ensure not only fulfilling lives of the downtrodden but also the creation of the just & equitable society, the world needs today.

Similarly, the crisis of climate change and loss of biodiversity, needs us to put the interest of all the life forms before our own, to ensure we as the residents of planet earth "the largest society", survive and thrive.



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To conclude, a good life and a good society are created on the edifice of love, empathy and compassion. Scientific, religious and philosophical evidences attest to this view. The consideration for other needs to be moderated with enlightened self interest.

To face the present problems of social-economic inequality and ecological problems alike, the values of compassion & empathy are essential.

To be guided on this path, one need not look outside but inside one's own heart and remember what Raj Kapoor sang  
"Kisi ke vaaste ho tera dil mein  
Mera,  
Jeena isi ka Naam hai!"

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