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**Introduction and Student responses to the "Globalization" Questionnaire
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Students in our class defined "globalization" in a number of ways, some of which included:

- increasing processes of cultural diversity, migration and fusion of people
- growing interaction between countries and cultures concerning traditions, values, behavior, attitudes
- growing economic, political, and ecological interdependence

Students named the following reasons for their interests in studying globalization:

- minor in globalization
- getting to know more about world politics and the spread of cultural diversity
- facts about how nations are interconnected and how they function.
- usefulness of knowledge for other degrees, such as law

Students gave the following examples of how globalization is changing the world and their lives:

- effects of global technologies (internet)
- war and terrorism
- immigration and its impact on the loss or acquisition of cultures and traditions
- consumption patterns resulting from international trade
- growing inequality
- mix and creation of (sub)cultures

The following pro's and con's of globalization were mentioned:

- + supports peaceful and good relations between countries and its people
- + allows us to learn from other cultures
- + trade benefits everyone involved, rise the standard of living and human unity
- + new information technologies enhance education and increase information
- wars and terrorism exist now on a global scale
- everyone one is affected by pollution drug cartels, environmental degradation, loss of cultures and traditions.

Benefits of participation in the FLC are:

- learning and getting to know more about the United Nations, world politics, and democracy
- understand better global diversity and related ethnoracial differences races
- discuss effects and whereabouts of globalization
- become acquainted with the variety of existing cultures and traditions around the world
- think about the "unification" or our world.

13. Who are the five permanent member-countries of the UN Security Council?
U.S. , Russia, China, France, U.K. (correct)

14. Define the terms "Jihad" and "McWorld"?
Describes struggle between globalism & tribalism (Benjamin Barber) (correct)