

Aaron's Comments on Globalization

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I will be addressing the idea that economic theory indicates that offspring between developed and developing countries will happen and can benefit both countries.

Increasing the flow of skills and money around the world (globalizing) will lead to skills and other resources being traded at more "perfect competition" prices. A skill such as software development is only worth as much as the economy dictates, and the nature of certain economies specifies a general level of expected income, often indicating (along with other natural resource issues) the type or set of jobs fitting for a member of that economy (or sub-economy). Offspring can increase per unit/cost utility around the globe, but does not have to imply positive economic growth for all concerned parties. The old British economic idea of comparative advantage applies to a more "inclusive" economy, and if one claims membership in the global economy then this theory will sit well with their global affiliation. However, the more local the evaluation, the more uneven comparisons become, and as you increase granularity to the personal level, general economic theories provide little comfort or security.

My thought is this, modern economies (and their resources) are more fluid than ever, and becoming more so as technology enables. This fact needs to be accepted, digested, and actions taken in accordance. If my computer science skills (and the related cost) cannot compete on a global level, then I am impelled to reevaluate my worth or reevaluate my function in the economy. This is the way things are, and once this sinks in and appeals to emotions or morals begin to seem trivial - then hopefully people can allow themselves to become as fluid as the economy in which they participate.

The world is not stable, and any expectation that your life within it should be, is merely wishful thinking. I say be dynamic and complex, create your own worth rather than expecting it. Be ready to recreate yourself and never become complacent, the modern economy will have no place for complacency.