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Increasing connections and interdependencies among institutions and peoples around the world direct our attention to globalization as a central phenomenon of the contemporary era. From economy to culture to environment, the great issues of our time require close attention to the dynamic interactions among actors and

stakeholders around the world. It is commonly observed that all societies are now part of a global system that is stitched together by far-reaching trade protocols, governance covenants, and communication networks. Although this process of integration engenders dramatic new opportunities for cooperation and development, it is also characterized by profound inequities and uncertainties that breed dramatic new tensions and conflicts. Globalization is furthermore distinguished by challenges to previous loyalties and affinities, as questions of belonging and citizenship assume new meanings in an era of accelerating flows of people, goods, and capital across national frontiers.

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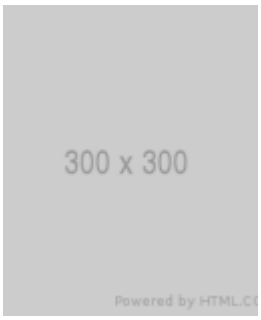

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