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Question: What is the Position of the Developing Countries in the Present World Order?

The previous world order was led by the Europeans while the souths which are regarded as developing countries were under the clutches of colonialisation .To the developing countries, the past world order was imperial, hierarchical and exploitative. There are major areas to address on the position of the developing countries in the present world order are: Are the developing countries part of the dominant or core powers? Are they marginalized in the present world order or making any impacts on the international arena? All of these questions helps in understanding the present position of developing countries in the present world order and also understand the disadvantages and challenges that developing countries are facing within the International System.

**Part of the dominant powers?**

Almost all, if not all developing countries are not part of the dominant powers in the present world order. It is a well-known fact that since the 1970s, the Third World has been calling for a restructuring of the international order to usher in a new international economic order, a new international informational information order, a new international cultural order and a new international technological order. They call for an equitable world order and also an equitable say in organizations such as United Nations, International Monetary Funds and World Trade Organisations. For the developing Countries, they are more at the periphery and as such the international order needs a reform. All of the major international organizations of the world are dominated by the Western powers at the moment and developing countries advocate for a reform to give them a bigger say in international politics and economics.

**Marginalised?**

In a globalised world, it is believed that countries have made some gains through interdependence and increasingly cooperation. But developing countries are yet to benefit greatly in that world order. Just like the way developing countries are not benefitting greatly from this present world order, also developing countries are also not benefitting from the the economic market of the world. Due to globalization the world has been integrated intone market and enabled easy movement capital, goods, information and even workers across borders but there are barriers especially in the aspect of labour migration and easy access of their primary goods into the international market. Foreign developed countries try to invest in developing countries and also hire locals to reduce unemployment; the gains are minimal compared to the losses.

Major TV channels such as CNN and BBC have dominated the world, also American companies and also western countries have taken control of the world. Nearly one half of the world population especially in sub-Saharan African and South Asia are in terrible poverty with a large population. The global north use the developing market as their area of concentration because of their large population while the developing countries goods are not acceptable in developed countries. The income gaps between the global north and south is shaped widely within the international system.

The developing countries have continually been marginalized in the different phases of the created world order, up to the moment. They continue to be major producers of raw- materials and not finished goods. They are majorly receivers of aids but hardly givers. In a marginalized world order, the developing countries are part of the world order only with great hope. For developing countries, even at the end of colonialism, the present world order remains hierarchical, dominating and no less imperial with its neo-colonial tendencies both in economic, political and cultural.

**Playing Challenging Roles and Making Impacts?**

In the present world order both China and India have to some extent been changing the global landscape, politics and economic structure of the world. With the economic transformation of the developing country like China, the world has acknowledged the rise of the challenging power of the South. China is creating a new world order, where the US no longer can confidently boast of being the lone power. The fact that developing countries such as China are making great impacts in the world today cannot be ignored. China is responding better than US in the present COVID-19 pandemic, presently US has more cases of corona virus compared to China. Cases of COVID-19 in US keep increasing daily. Even though developing countries form the largest number of the world population, there are yet to be many other countries rising and resilient just like China.

In conclusion, developing countries believe that the world order is either marginal or chaotic for them and thus, the need to address it, otherwise the credibility of contemporary world order may come under question.