

Life in an Age of Globalization, 1990 – Present

McKay Chapter 30

I. Rebuilding Russia and the Former East Bloc

a. Economic Shock Therapy in Russia

Describe Boris Yeltsin's attempt at "shock therapy" in Russia.	What were the results?
Why did it fail? Several reasons	Who were the Oligarchs and what role did they play in this new Russia? * Hint: This answer cannot be limited to "the new capitalist elite" *

"A telling indicator of the hardship caused by the collapse of the Soviet welfare state and growing poverty was the catastrophic decline in the _____ of the average Russian male from _____ in 1991 to only _____ in 1996." Keep this statistic in mind when you think about former Soviet or communist countries who have large numbers of people longing to go back to communism.

b. Russian Revival Under Vladimir Putin (Trigger Warning: Shirtless Putin on a horse picture on page 1010)



What were Putin's policies regarding:

The Economy	Foreign Politics	Domestic Policies	Dissent & Freedom of the Press

Chechnya: Discuss	Dmitri Medvedev: Discuss

c. Coping with Change in the Former East Bloc

Summarize restructuring and privatization in the following countries: (these answers are all throughout this section)	What were the social consequences of reconstruction in the East Bloc?
Poland: Czechoslovakia → Czech Republic:	

<p>Hungary:</p> <p>Romania & Bulgaria:</p>	<p>What was <i>Ostalgie</i>?</p> <p>How sympathetic are you to Ostalgie and this dilemma of wanting economic security AND freedom? Why?</p>
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EXPLAIN if you think punishing former communist leaders should have been more of a priority to former East Bloc countries.

d. Tragedy in Yugoslavia

<p>What was at the root of the tragedy in Yugoslavia?</p>	<p>Who was Slobodan Milošević? What did he do?</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>Note: When I was in Croatia in 2014, we drove by several villages that had been ruined in the fighting, and many more buildings that were shell-scarred but still used. It was very sobering.</p>
<p>What is “ethnic cleansing?” How was it enacted here? What was the final death toll/number of refugees created?</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>So much for the “Never Again!” cry after the Holocaust. ☹</p>	<p>What happened in Srebrenica? What did NATO do? How did President Clinton intervene?</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p>

What led to this new globalization?	Do you welcome an increasingly global age? Why or why not?
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a. The Global Economy

<p>What impacts did the Digital Age have on the economy?</p> <p>Generally speaking, these are positive impacts. What's the downside of these close connections?</p>

b. The New European Union

At the time of this assignment, how many countries are in the EU? _____ How many countries are in the Euro Zone? _____

What was the purpose of the European Union?	Maastricht Treaty: What was it? Why did some people enthusiastically embrace it? Why did some people oppose it?
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What impact did the introduction of a national currency, the euro, have on the member countries who adopted it?	What problems has the EU faced/do they continue to face since the turn of the millennium?
Explain to me why you are or are not a fan of the European Union.	Brexit: Discuss. You probably need to look this up on your own, unless you've been keeping up on it.

c. Supranational Organizations (Note: I do not like the word "supranational." It's weird and awkward and I hate it.)

United Nations (UN): Responsibilities	United Nations (UN): Security Council
What happens at The Hague?	<p>What does it do?</p> <p>Who are the five permanent members?</p> <p>As of the time of this assignment, who else is on it?</p>

International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank	World Trade Organization (WTO)
What do they do?	What does it do?
Where does their money come from?	What types of policies are promoted by the IMF, World Bank, and WTO?
What are NGOs (nongovernmental organizations)?	What cause or need is close to your heart? Find an NGO that addresses it. You are NOT limited to what is mentioned in the book.
	Your cause:
	Name of NGO:

d. The Human Side of Globalization

Discuss the change in jobs from industrial/manufacturing to services.	Describe the new social classes that emerged from this shift.
	Top:
	Middle:
	Lower:
What geographic disparities have begun to emerge?	Human nature (or the Hegelian Dialectic) being what it is, of course anti-globalization protest movements have sprung up. Summarize:
Postindustrial vs. Heavy Industry:	Slow Food movement:

Global north-south divide:	Anti-WTO protests: Occupy:
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e. Life in the Digital Age

How has the Digital Age transformed leisure time? Communication? Shopping?	How has the Digital Age transformed privacy?
<p>Leisure Time:</p> <p>Communication:</p> <p>Shopping:</p> <p><i>No worries...I don't expect you to have this much to say about shopping, but the neighboring column is really big! 😊</i></p>	<p>Where do you stand on privacy in this Age: With Ben Franklin, who said "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."? Or with those who say, "I don't have anything to hide, so I'm not worried. Only those with skeletons in their closet are concerned about the loss of privacy."</p> <p>Why?</p>

What concerns do you personally have about living in the Digital Age?	Find someone a minimum of 20 years older than you and ask him his thoughts on living in the Digital Age.
	<p>Who did you ask?</p> <p>What are his/her thoughts?</p>

III. Toward a Multicultural Continent

a. The Prospect of Population Decline

What consequences could a declining European population have on the future of the continent?	What factors have contributed to a declining birthrate in the late 20 th century?

b. Changing Immigration Flows

What factors have led to increased migration into Western Europe starting in the late 1990s?	https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Migration_and_migrant_population_statistics
	<p>Go to the above website and write how many immigrants entered the EU from non-EU countries in the most recent year:</p> <p>Does this number surprise you?</p> <p>Why or why not?</p>

c. Ethnic Diversity in Contemporary Europe

Define diaspora. Give an example.	Define multiculturalism. Give an example.	What tensions have arisen due to immigration/diasporas/multiculturalism?
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d. Europe and Its Muslim Citizens

Summarize the conflicts and confusions that have arisen between non-Muslim and Muslim Europeans.

IV. Confronting 21st Century Challenges

a. Growing Strains in U.S.-European Relations

Summarize the various reasons for the gap in U.S.-European relations.

European Union trading block:

Presidents Bush and Obama:

-Kyoto Protocol

-International Criminal Court

-Israel

Values gap:

NATO:

War on Terror:

Does the increasingly strained relationship between the US and Europe concern you? Why or why not?

b. Turmoil in the Muslim World

Summarize the root causes of this turmoil. Yes, this will be VASTLY oversimplified.

In your opinion, should the U.S. and Europe get involved in the Middle East/Muslim Turmoil? Yes, this will be VASTLY oversimplified as well.

c. The Global Recession and the Viability of the Eurozone

Summarize the recession that started in the U.S. in 2008 and swept across Europe.

What political effects did this recession have throughout Europe?

d. Dependence on Fossil Fuels

How has dependence on fossil fuels led to conflict in Europe? Be specific.

e. Climate Change and Environmental Degradation

Besides dependence on fossil fuels, what other environmental issues is Europe facing?

How concerned are you about environmental issues? No right or wrong answer; I'm just curious.

f. Promoting Human Rights

In order for the EU to "set moral standards," they will have to set "curbs on the sovereign rights of the world's states." What do you think about this statement?

What, in your opinion, are the biggest human rights issues facing Europe and the U.S. today? Is it the governments' job to fix these? If not, who should?

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