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Sociological Theory: Reflection Paper III

1. The two 'primary theories of modernization' referred to in Globalization Theory and Religious Fundamentalism" by William H. Swatos, Jr

- a. The first theory Swatos refers to is the Development Theory, which is under the functionalist derivation and the Exploitation theory, which is established under the Marxist derivation theory.
- b. The two approaches are similar in the expression and understanding of the role that religion plays in a modern society. Both do not hold the view that economic development can be prevented or hindered by the action of prejudices that are brought about by religion. If religion holds on to its opinion adamantly, then development through globalization and economies will continue whatsoever.

2. What is 'Globalization' in verbatim definition by Frank Lechner's reading

Globalization refers to the process in which more people become more connected in more different ways across larger distances.

- a. **The Sense of Roland Robertson reference to globalization in terms of the world as "a single place"? and an example in the everyday life.**

Robertson's definition is sensible in that globalization comprises of intensified inputs in a conscious application of a common goal that people do and influences one another's situation. Across the world, people can depend on one another in different forms, which results in a life of a single community with similar rules, goals, and references. Globalization brings in the aspect of coexistence as a larger unit outside the individual states and other units such as tribes or race. This is seen in the societal standard order, laws, definitions of morality and the economic activities that complement one another which are universal.

An everyday life example signifying, the world as a single place is the use and applicant of technology. For instance, communications through the Internet and data services are regulated globally in the far located corporations and influence everyone in the world. World franchise such as McDonald Food makes decisions, such as increasing or lowering food prices, which affect the operations of other food vendors in far off land and the ability of a consumer to eat that day.

3. Behaviors associated with someone referred to as a fundamentalist.

A fundamentalist is someone who holds on an adamant school of thought and is not capable of being influenced or convinced otherwise, for example, strict religious views. The person is also assertive in general and can be clamorous and violent when opposed.

- a. This description is negative because the person behaves by depicting and trying to have people believe or follow his way of thinking and can be argumentative without considering the veracity of other views. Secondly, the fundamentalists think of

themselves as the chosen few and that they are superior where a mark of distinction must help maintain the superiority and be regarded to as special.

- b. The term fundamentalism originated from the Curtis Lee Laws, which were the intended definitions for the basis of his Christian faith in 1910 publications. The fundamentals, in this case, were the core tenets of the belief, which included the virgin birth of Jesus Christ and the faith in a living God. It later came to be adopted and identified with the proper Christian thoughts and behaviors that were against drinking alcohol, dancing and teaching of evolution thus giving the term the rigid connotation it has today.
- c. Eugen Schoenfeld and T. K. Oommen define 'fundamentalism' as a strong sense of self-approval that leads to a total objection to any external influence or different way to see things. It is composed of firmness in various religious groupings. Oomen adds that it is the literal understanding of the ancient or newly interpreted text without considering the context of the writer and the intended audience of the time.

4. History and growth of both – 'The American Religious Right' and 'Islamization'.

The American Religious Right started at around 1970, during the time when Christianity wanted to get back to the involvement of politics and governance of America as a Christian nation. The Christian leaders used their influence on the followers to align Christian views into the political agenda. Among other Christian leaders Pastor Falwell, of the Virginia Baptist Church formed the criteria and process that would lead America to the Christian sense

of rectitude. With much support from the then administration, the movement was largely successful in their endeavors.

Islamization is the situation that was as a result of freedom struggles among the Islam majority states such as in the Middle East and India. Other movements had formed that could not cooperate with the middle eastern, and so the British defeated the Arabs and created the state of Israel. The leaders of the Islam regions wanted to form a strong force, and so they instructed all people to reconsider their dedication to the Islamic religion first and to the land second and that any invader was against the religion itself. The leaders used religion to bring the people together and formed stronger and stricter doctrines they had to follow.

b. Association of The American Religious Right and Islamization to globalization

The two systems are similar in the establishment of a doctrine that entrenches dedication to the country and its welfare both religion and economically. This has led to geopolitics where the power in the vastly different regions helps spread standard systems that align with the different cultures and locations but are equally appreciated in the parts they influence. Global development and formation of systems that indicate progress are easy to spread in the regions with the common ground of authority and so having the people together will be easy to build powerful establishments such as businesses that have the masses as the

consumption base. Globalization also brought in communication leakage or lack of privacy between the two that led to views that created more separation of the two as neither of them wants to bow to the pressure or influence of the other's agenda.

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