

FAIRNESS CHARTER

for a fair Globalization

In view of the major changes for people and the environment, the question arises how we should deal with the health and social consequences of the pandemic, how we should counter the growing inequality and how to effectively combat the most existential threat of our time - climate change.

The fact is: we live today in a networked, internationalized and globalized economy and society. But the mindset of globalization, which is primarily driven by the liberalization of markets, no longer offers us any help in overcoming global challenges.

Globalization has a unifying potential that needs to be leveraged. In addition to the progress and convenience that it brings us, we also have to look at its downsides: These include unfair to absurd competitive conditions at the expense of people and the climate or supply problems in times of crisis.

Left to its own devices, globalization increases the insecurity and fear of many people, drives them to the barricades and ultimately fuels hatred and xenophobia. The scourge of nationalism can only be averted if we start to think and act differently. Globalization must become part of the solution by finally being made fair by us.

The 10 commandments for fair globalization

1. We should stop seeing the world as just a trading area and export territory.
2. We should take responsibility for the globe and accept the challenges. Politics and the legal framework must have a supportive effect.
3. We should question the authority of large corporations to interpret globalization issues, question their influence and abolish their privileges.
4. We should break away from the belief that we can get the climate crisis under control through sustainable consumption alone. Voluntary measures and non-binding incentive systems are not enough to create a new fair economic order.
5. We support the Paris climate goals. But on the way to climate neutrality, the concerns of socially disadvantaged people must be given special consideration.
6. We should get in touch with those who experience globalization as a threat and stress and we should particularly protect and support those who are caught by the negative and unfair sides of globalization.
7. We acknowledge our responsibility for a global migration policy in harmony with the interests of poorer and richer countries. All people should have a fair chance - regardless of whether they are at home or as a refugee.
8. The international community must ensure that the basic needs of all people are met, in particular health care, clean drinking water and living space.
9. We must work towards renewing the rules of globalization - where necessary. The question of how goods are produced and services are provided needs to become more central.
10. We should push initiatives that strive for the future fitness of society and global coexistence, while demanding fairness for all involved. Because FAIRNESS is the key to a better and juster future.

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