
Overview:

In “Apocalyptic Worldview”, James Bacik describes the political foundations of the former Advisor to the President, Steve Bannon.

Summary:

In this excerpt, “Globalization vs. American Tribalism,” James Bacik focuses on Bannon’s worldview of Islam and the problem of Islamophobia. Additionally, he covers the alternative viewpoints of Pope Francis on this topic.

ODE 9-12 STANDARD 1: *Social Studies; Course, American Government; Topic 1, United States and the Post-Cold War World*

ODE 9-12 STANDARD 2: *Social Studies; Course, Contemporary World Issues; Topic 1, Civic Participation and Skills; Topic 2, Civil and Human Rights*

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some positive and negative effects of globalization? What are the positive and negative implications of an “America First” mindset?
2. Compare and contrast Bannon’s and Pope Francis’ interpretations of globalization’s impact?
3. In what era of history did globalization accelerate? Was it with Spanish conquistadors? The formation of the American colonies? WWI? WWII? The internet?

Activity:

Instruct the class to make a list of five factors of globalization that directly affect their daily lives. They should think about family immigration, travel, what they wear, the technology they use, and other aspects of daily life that are part of a global economy.

As a class, acknowledge important items on these lists and determine whether globalization has contributed positively or negatively to daily life. How would this list change in the absence of globalization?

Resources:

Steve Bannon Biography: <https://www.britannica.com/>
Analyzing Globalization: <https://www.imf.org/>

