

Cultural Imperialism

Cultural imperialism has been practiced since nations started conflict and turned to war for solution. Imperialism is the idea of one's country or culture taking dominance over another culture, one that is disadvantaged or weaker than others. This means pushing the dominant cultures beliefs and practices onto the non dominant culture. The weaker nation or culture must adapt to that stronger culture's way of life in order to succeed, therefore, these nations will find other ways of expressing their true and prior culture. Cultural imperialism can also occur through global programs that help underdeveloped cultures.

Imperialism may sound strictly beneficial and like a solid long-term solution for weak nations but there are just as many disadvantages as there are advantages to this theory. When I think about the idea of imperialism, I would think that two nations are joining in unity to benefit one another but cultural imperialism can easily cause disunity and conflict between the two. When the dominant nation is pushing their way of life onto the other because they think it is the best, the other culture can become lost and those people no longer have their own cultural identity. Discrimination is very common, when another culture enters another, people may not feel they need to listen to or acknowledge them.

Some advantages of imperialism are that it can still open people to new cultures and traditions. This is where cultural diversity ties in a little, being exposed to new ideas and diverse cultures. Typically, weaker nations also have a weaker healthcare system. Healthcare for these nations can be drastically improved. Education and career opportunities are a huge advantage, new curriculum and ways of teaching are possible through imperialism. When two nations unite, they're defense is stronger and all have access to defense technology to give them advantage with the stronger nation.

Cultural imperialism correlates with diversity the most because it is extremely affected when imperialism takes place. Diversity can either get stronger or can be completely lost after occurring. Imperialism opens opportunities and chances for growth through diversity. From learning other cultures religions to understanding how or why they may dress a certain way. This theory can strengthen a nation

in many ways like defense technologies, trading internationally, economic opportunities, and career opportunities.

Diversity is supported through cultural imperialism by teaching and learning a culture's education, religion, language, music, clothing, and more. When two nations unite, these things are shared and learned creating more diversity throughout the world. Diversity would be brought into classrooms and the workplace when imperialism has taken place, giving students and workers opportunities to learn new things and vice versa. Having different ethnicities become a part of another culture can mean that culture becomes lost or fades out as time goes on but I don't see a way for that situation to be avoided.

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