

RESOLVED: GLOBALISM OUGHT TO BE VALUED ABOVE NATIONALISM

Hook

"Don't do to other nations what **we don't want** happening to us." -Ron Paul.¹ It is because I agree with Ron Paul that I stand RESOLVED: Globalism ought to be valued above nationalism.

Definitions

The Free Dictionary defines **nationalism** as, "The doctrine or policy of asserting the interests of a particular nation over the interests of other nations."²

Dictionary.com defines **globalism** as, "the attitude or policy of placing the interests of the entire world above those of individual nations."³

Value

My value is **Human Rights**, defined as the rights to life, liberty, and property. Human rights are universally recognized as the most fundamental, all-important value in society. All other values eventually point back to human rights, making it the highest value in today's debate.

Human rights are inherently given to every individual; therefore, to uphold human rights, we only need to protect the rights people already have. In other words, the best way to uphold human rights is to keep nations from ever violating them in the first place. It is my argument that nations who value globalism will be less inclined to violate human rights.

Contention 1: Nationalism justifies human rights violations

The phrase "nationalism above globalism" sounds like a great idea at first, but let's take a deeper look at what it actually means. According to the definitions, nationalism above globalism means that our national interests supersede the interests of other nations.

But that's a very dangerous thing to say. As an analogy, what if I came up to you and said, "Judge, I value my own interests more than I value yours; therefore, I'm going to steal your wallet, and I don't care if you don't like it, because your interests don't matter as much as mine."

Would you be OK with me saying that? NO, of course not! And yet this is exactly what holding nationalism above globalism looks like! Saying that nationalism is more important than globalism is literally the same as saying that our nation can do almost anything we want to

¹Ron Paul Quotes. BrainyQuote.com, Xplore Inc, 2018.

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/ron_paul_440678, accessed April 2, 2018.

²"Nationalism." The Free Dictionary. Accessed December 9, 2017. <https://www.thefreedictionary.com/nationalism>.

³"Globalism." Dictionary.com. Accessed December 9, 2017. <http://www.dictionary.com/browse/globalism?s=t>.

further our own national interests, even if we harm other nations in the process. A better excuse for human rights violations has never been made.

In fact, nationalism above globalism has been the justification for countless human rights abuses throughout history. William of Normandy captured Southern England by force because doing so was in his **national interest**. Hermann Goering carpet-bombed Poland to capture more territory for Germany because doing so was in the **national interest**.⁴ The Nazi's sought to purify Germany of Jews because doing so was in their **national interest**. Only 4 years ago, Russia snatched Crimea away from Ukraine because doing so was in their **national interest**.⁵ And on and I could go.

All of these examples harmed either lives, liberties, or properties, and they all occurred because the offending nations valued their national interests above the global interests of other nations.

Contention 2: Globalism respects human rights

By definition, valuing globalism above nationalism means a country values the interests of the globe ahead of its own. Thus, when selfish national interests conflict with the interests of the rest of the world, a globalist mindset would value the other nations and refrain from violating their human rights. Recalling that the resolution's wording centers around what "ought to be valued," one can see that Globalism is the better choice.

A great example of this is the Biological Weapons Convention, a treaty enacted in 1975 which bans nations from developing or acquiring biological weapons. The 180 nations who ratified this treaty have voluntarily chosen to place the interests of the world above their own desires to develop biological weapons for use against other nations. Because they value globalism in this way, they will not violate the human rights of others through the use of these deadly weapons.

And so, because nations won't commit harms against the world if they value the interests of the world, I ask you to vote negative today. Thank you, I now stand open for cross examination.

⁴ "Poland - The Catalyst." Royal Air Force Museum. Accessed February 26, 2018. <https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/research/online-exhibitions/history-of-the-battle-of-britain/poland-the-catalyst.aspx>.

⁵ Yuhas, Alan, and Raya Jalabi. "Ukraine's Revolution and Russia's Occupation of Crimea: How We Got Here." The Guardian. March 05, 2014. Accessed March 30, 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/mar/05/ukraine-russia-explainer>.