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## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A GLOBAL CITIZEN

Zaheer is a 28-year old man, living in the economical capital of India-Mumbai. His day starts with a hot cup of Coffee, imported from Ghana. While sipping on his coffee, he reads newspapers' global page. Recent US Presidential elections makes him think about its effects on his company which is established in Japan but based in India. He later meets up with his multicultural friends & they start debating on issue of Uighur Muslims in China. In

the night, Zaheer comes home hungry & orders Italian Pasta from a UK based food-delivery app.

We saw a day in the life of Zaheer, a globally integrated millennial & how his life is influenced by global currents. In this write-up, we will try to understand what a global citizen means. We look at it from Social, Political, Economical, Environmental, etc. aspect & understand it. We will also look at what a 21<sup>st</sup> century global citizen ought to be like for this globe's better future. But, first to begin, we need to understand what or who a global citizen is.



## Global Citizen: Meaning.

We determine this with the help of meaning of Citizen & Rousseau's Social Contract theory. A global citizen is well integrated & mingled with larger international society. He enjoys his global rights - human rights, clean air, offshore employment, etc. But at the same time he is also a globally responsible person. He makes sure his beliefs/actions are in conformity with his brothers & sisters in other nations.

This awareness about his larger rights & responsibilities elevates him from being a

National Citizen to Global Citizen.

There is no global state as such,  
but its covert in human rights,  
environmentalism, etc. Historically,  
we had many global citizens.

Father of Indian

Renaissance Raja Ram Mohan Roy  
can perhaps be considered first  
global citizen of India. His  
thoughts inspired from the ideas  
of US & French Liberty.

Rationalism, Freedom led him  
to abolish inhuman Sati &  
initiated scientific thinking in  
India. Another global citizen  
that India was blessed with  
was Pt. Jyotibharlal Nehru. With  
his policy of Non-Alignment  
Movement & Panchasheel



principles for peaceful existence,  
he made sure that newly  
born Indian democracy is  
friends with every nation yet  
sovereign in its internal affairs.

Current political scenario  
across borders, also highlight  
characteristics of a global  
citizen. We are not only  
concerned with national policies  
but also international policies  
which affects all of us due  
to globalized world. E.g.

Brexit, US Protectionism via H1B  
visa, Refugee crisis of Rohingyas  
has forced Indian government  
to tweak its policies so that  
we could get the best out of  
political uncertainties of the

world.

1. With increased globalization, Diplomacy has come to the center-stage. Diplomats' objective is now not only to work for the welfare of his/her nation, but for the international society as a whole. Having looked at it from political & international affairs perspective, we will see what does it mean to be a Global citizen Environmentally.

Environment & its resources is perhaps the most common good. We all are dependent on environment & the good/bad changes in it, affects all of us equally. Our actions of industrial pollution, plastic waste, fossil fuels burning has deteriorated



global environment. Our brethren from other nations like Tuvalu & Marshall Islands are seeing their islands being submerged due to rising ocean water level.

Understanding this as a global concern, United Nations acknowledges that environment is everybody's concern - irrespective of nationality, status, GDP, etc. It also provides a platform for discussing pertinent environmental issues. A

16-year old Climate activist

Greta Thunberg has set an example in front of the world with her "How dare you!" speech

at recent UN conference. She  
being a global citizen is concerned  
with the way we as international  
society are damaging the  
precious & irreparable  
environment.

Economically too, the  
global citizen is well integrated.  
We wear branded clothes -  
Gucci, Armani, Levi's which are  
US based; we drive German  
cars - Volkswagen, we use  
Chinese-assembled gadgets like  
Iphone & we use petroleum  
& oil in our vehicles imported  
from Iraq & Saudi Arabia.

The Hindi song - "Mera Joota hai  
Japani, Sar pe la topi Russi - fir  
bhi dil hai Hindustani" aptly



seems this up as we being an international customer but our heart lies in our motherland.

We are not only a global consumer but also global distributor. Ratan Tata - another globalist & his Tata company is an MNC (Multinational Corporation) with products from Tata Tea to Jaguar Cars & market from Sri Lanka to Europe. Many such India-based MNEs have rose up after our 1991 - Liberalization, Privatization & Globalization (LPG) reforms. e.g. Reliance, Infosys, TCS, Wipro to name a few.

Our Ethics & values too are guided by global society. We today don't only think about our region or nation, but entire earth as a whole. Violation of Human Rights, Terror attacks spontaneously become trending on Twitter, Facebook & everyone across the globe raises their voice. e.g. #Metoo movement against Sexual violation or the plight of Uighyur Muslims by Chinese authorities. Our values like Environmentalism, Minimalism, Veganism (in some) has a global outlook towards it.



This eventually brings us back to our original question- what does it mean to be a global citizen? So, a global citizen is a more historically appreciative, politically aware, Environmentally determined & Ethically guided human who not only looks & understands thoughts/ ideas from narrow ~~sen~~ prism of selfishness, but from a larger societal perspective, with everyone & everything in mind.

In 21<sup>st</sup> century we are most integrated &

co-dependent than we have  
ever been. With Internet,  
Social Media & Technological  
breakthrough, there is no  
such thing as a local citizen,  
everybody is a global citizen.  
Thus, we need to understand  
& appreciate that,

“Geography has made us neighbours.  
History has made us friends.  
Economics has made us partners.  
Adversities has made us Allies.

These associations that  
God have so beautifully made,  
let no man put it asunder”

— John Kennedy.



## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ALONE ARE NOT ENOUGH TO ENSURE WOMEN'S SAFETY

A Bangalore-based techie woman was returning home from her 9-5 job one fateful evening. In a dimly-lit area, she noticed that she was being followed by 4 strangers. Taking opportunity of the deserted area & woman's helplessness, these strangers raped the woman & brutally murdered her. Entire nation was inflamed by this heinous incident that too happening in the Electronic-capital of India. The rapists were shot dead by police within

a week & the public everywhere  
tweeted 'Justice is served'.

This incident raises multiple  
questions on women's safety. Why  
was the woman helpless, even  
when there are dozens of  
legislations? Did the rapists even  
have any fear before committing  
crime? Was the justice really  
served? Does it mean, that there  
won't be any such heinous  
crime again? This opens a  
pandora's box of questions with  
no definite answers. This  
write-up will attempt to  
understand current legislative  
measures towards women's  
safety. Their efficacy & if  
they are insufficient what can  
we do Politically, Digitally



Economically & Ethically to address this situation. We first start by looking at current Legislations in place.

## Women Safety: Legislative measures

There are umpteen number of legislative measures. Primary being Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace. (PSTIW).

With its wide definition of workplace, it subsumes not only formal but also informal sector & agriculture. Establishment of Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), District authorities & Complaint helplines protect women from harassment. But the

use of power & money to silence victims in the corporations makes these measures ineffective. # The recent incident of Bollywood director demanding sexual favours is a case in mind.

Other measures like Dowry (Prevention) Act, Vishakha Guidelines (based on JS Verma committee recommendations), 33% reservation in Panchayats, etc. are there, but their implementation is a concern. Also the loopholes are exploited which defeats their purpose. Thus, we are inclined to look at this issue from non-legislative point of view. History offers many lessons in this regard.



Savitribai Phule & Jyotiba Phule worked for women upliftment. Establishing first women's school, educating widows, etc. allowed women to step out of seclusion. The educated women challenged orthodoxy & started demanding rights including Adult franchise.

This teaches us that,  
'Education & Empowerment is the best pill for women safety'

During Indian Independence Movement, Gandhiji's approach is also notable. Massive women participation in movements pulled women out of seclusion,

out of domestic violence & societal discrimination. Their safety in society was guaranteed because of their increasing role & power in the national movement.

Politics & International Affairs can also be channel for women safety. The Beijing Convention on Women Safety (to which India is a signatory) advocates global cooperations & increased role of NGOs towards safety of women. At home, the Ajeevika Scheme for rural connectivity has a central role of women rickshaw drivers & women police for safe movement even in the late night.



We have women's reservation in Panchayats but not in Parliament. Thus, the delayed legislation of 33% reservation for women in Parliament is much awaited.

This will initiate greater female political participation.  
A thus greater female-centric policies. Having looked at political aspects, we see how Digital sector is playing its role.

In a digital society like today, there is practically nothing ~~internet~~ internet can't do. Women's safety & dignity is breached in online sphere via

Trolling, Revenge Porn, Online harassment, etc. This demands an emphasis on good internet practices & maintaining privacy on internet.

Innovative digital solutions like Ola Cabs - emergency button gives a sense of safety to the female travellers which commute even in the midnight. A similar initiative by Mumbai Police creating a Quick Response Helpline in case of harassment or molestation will initiate police response to the situation. This will also make perpetrators fearful about their acts. Simple digital solutions like CCTV cameras,



street lighting, phone booths, etc.  
will go a long way in  
making our streets safer.

Economical measures too  
can aid towards women safety.  
Economical empowerment of  
women will lead to socio-  
political empowerment. They  
can demand greater funding  
(towards safety infrastructure) &  
ensure their safety by themselves.  
Poor & illiterate women are  
frequently victims of harassment  
& ~~thus~~ at the hands of  
moneylender, policemen,  
husband, in-laws, etc. thus  
their economic empowerment  
through greater earning will

release them from the shackles of society.

Ethical & Cultural aspect probably provides the best & long-term solution. Ethical education of young boys in schools & colleges & the lessons of Gender equality will get etched in their minds. This will create a generation of men & women who mutually respect each other. Kids learn from their parents. A young boy who watches his father beating his mother would think this is acceptable & might carry on this practice when he gets married.



Not only education of boys, but <sup>ethically</sup> educating girls/women too is important. A girl should be taught to be courageous & bold & be able to say "No" when the situation demands. Even standing up against the perpetrators makes them fearful & scares the criminal. Taking self-defence lessons will ensure that women are self-sufficient. Also, Our society as a whole needs to understand the rightful place of women & shed orthodoxy & patriarchy which is reflected through Khap Panchayats &

other societal institutions.

Women form almost half of India's population. Thus, any growth story of this nation is incomplete without their participation. For their willing participation, their safety & security is of utmost importance. Brookings report recently highlighted that if women are adequately participated in Indian economy, we will grow with 18% GDP per annum.

Not only economically, but we owe a societal & Constitutional obligation under Article 14, 15, Preamble



Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) to allow women of this country to utilize their full potential. If we wish to progress as a society as a whole, we must remember what Dr. Ambedkar says & act accordingly.

“I judge a nation's progress by the progress of women in that society”

— Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.