



Infographic

Does Globalization Hurt The Middle Class?

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The American Action Forum (@AAF) released an infographic analyzing the effect of globalization on the middle class. We investigated two major criticisms of globalization. What we found was that over the past four decades, twice as many people moved up to the middle class than down.

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CRITICISM #1

U.S. COMPANIES ARE HARMED BY IMPORT COMPETITION

Percentage of Total Job Separations Due to Import Competition

1997	1999	2003	2007	2011
1.1%	2.3%	2.0%	1.2%	0.1%

Conclusion: The overall impact of import competition on job loss is negligible.

CRITICISM #2

GLOBALIZATION INCENTIVIZES AMERICAN COMPANIES TO MOVE OVERSEAS

Percentage of Total Job Separations Due to Overseas Relocation

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
0.9%	0.7%	0.5%	0.8%	0.9%	1.3%	1.1%

Conclusion: Overseas relocation is not a giant job killer. It only triggers around 1 percent of annual job separations.

DID YOU KNOW?

JOBS LOST DUE TO
DOMESTIC RELOCATION



JOBS LOST DUE TO
OVERSEAS RELOCATION

Over the past four decades, **twice as many people** have moved up from the middle class than down.



