

Creating Citizens in the Global Age: Contending Modernities

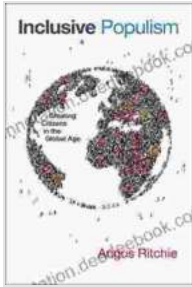


In the 21st century, we live in an increasingly interconnected and globalized world. This has led to a number of challenges, including the need to create citizens who are able to navigate this complex landscape. In this article, we will explore the concept of global citizenship and discuss some of the challenges and opportunities that come with creating citizens in the global age.

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What is Global Citizenship?

Global citizenship is a term that refers to the idea that people are not only members of their own nation-state, but also of a global community. Global citizens are aware of the challenges and opportunities that come with living in an interconnected world, and they are committed to working together to create a more just and sustainable future.

There are a number of different ways to define global citizenship. However, some of the key characteristics of global citizens include:

- **A sense of global identity.** Global citizens identify with the world as a whole, rather than just their own country or culture.
- **A commitment to human rights.** Global citizens believe that all people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.
- **A concern for environmental sustainability.** Global citizens are aware of the impact that human activity has on the environment, and they are committed to working towards a more sustainable future.

- **A willingness to engage with others.** Global citizens are willing to learn from and work with people from different cultures and backgrounds.

The Challenges of Creating Global Citizens

There are a number of challenges that come with creating global citizens. One challenge is the rise of nationalism and populism around the world. These movements often promote a narrow and exclusive view of citizenship, which can make it difficult to create a sense of global solidarity.

Another challenge is the growing inequality between rich and poor countries. This inequality can lead to resentment and conflict, which can make it difficult to create a more just and sustainable world.

Finally, there is the challenge of climate change. Climate change is a global problem that requires global solutions. However, it can be difficult to get countries to cooperate on this issue, especially when their own national interests are at stake.

The Opportunities of Creating Global Citizens

Despite the challenges, there are also a number of opportunities that come with creating global citizens. One opportunity is the rise of the internet and social media. These technologies can help to connect people from different cultures and backgrounds, and they can provide a platform for global dialogue and cooperation.

Another opportunity is the growing number of young people who are committed to creating a more just and sustainable world. These young

people are often more open to new ideas and more willing to work with people from different cultures than their older counterparts.

Finally, there is the opportunity to create a more inclusive and diverse world. Global citizenship can help to break down the barriers between different cultures and religions, and it can help to create a more tolerant and understanding world.

Creating citizens in the global age is a complex and challenging task. However, it is also an essential task if we want to create a more just and sustainable world. By working together, we can overcome the challenges and seize the opportunities that come with creating global citizens.

Here are some specific ways that we can create global citizens:

- **Educate our children about global issues.** We need to teach our children about the challenges and opportunities that come with living in an interconnected world. We need to help them to develop a sense of global identity and a commitment to human rights, environmental sustainability, and social justice.
- **Encourage our children to learn about different cultures.** We need to encourage our children to learn about different cultures and religions. This will help them to develop a more tolerant and understanding world view.
- **Support organizations that promote global citizenship.** There are a number of organizations that are working to promote global citizenship. We can support these organizations by donating our time or money.

- **Be a role model for global citizenship.** We can be role models for global citizenship by being open to new ideas, by learning about different cultures, and by working to create a more just and sustainable world.

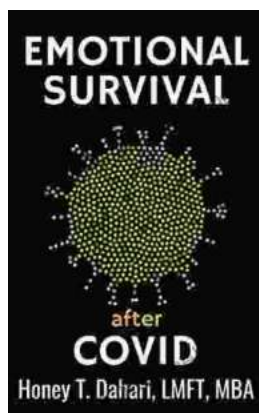
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