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***"Freedom of the Press belongs to those who own one."***

*A. J. Liebling of the New Yorker*

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**"Yes, but..."**

**T**he persuasive case for globalization was popularly made by Thomas Friedman in his very readable book, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*. Now along comes Amy Chua, Professor of Law at Yale, to equally persuasively argue "Yes, but..."

Chua supports the concept of globalization, but argues that the benefits do not accrue quickly to the lowest workers, and where there is a dominant foreign-born merchant that is already hated, globalization can and does spark deadly violence in unimaginable numbers. Our press is so dominated with Iraq, J-Lo, and the California recall that it cannot break away from herd reporting to pick up any other themes.

Whether it was the O. J. trial, or the Iraq War, or the Laci Peterson murder, the 24-hour news channels flock to what they admit is "Laci All the Time." There is much more going on in the world, and it impacts our daily lives a great deal more than does Laci.

Chua has a very personal view of the problem. Her favorite Grandmother's throat was cut by her Filipino chauffer in the Philippines, and the Coroner reported the cause of death as "Revenge." The Chinese, with only 1% of the population, control 90% of the Filipino economy. The same sort of economic imbalance exists in Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Burma, etc., with the same level of hatred and the same periodic mass murder of the economically dominant Chinese populations.

**Commentary**

But lest you think this phenomena is limited to dominant Chinese merchants, it most assuredly is not. Jews in the oil-dominated economy of Russia, whites in South Africa and Zimbabwe, lighter-skinned Mezitos in South America...anyone whose ethnic, racial or religious background is different and who has market dominance in any nation where they are indigenous is hated.

Chua identifies many of these situations with both anecdotal and statistical information. She argues that globalization exacerbates the problems of haves and have-nots in the beginning, and that while globalization may, and probably will, eventually be better for everyone, the immediate cost is high in lives and treasury.

There is already great tension, even deadly hatred, in many of the nations where there is already a have, have-not problem between native and non-native populations. It is natural that the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund will deal with the existing economic powers in the country...causing great dislocation of those already impoverished, even if it is temporary. Those impoverished, uneducated and hungry do not comprehend the great benefits of globalization in just a few decades! Their hunger and their anger is today.

America's political and news interests are concentrated in the lands of our ancestors – Europe – and when several thousand Indonesian Chinese are murdered in class rampages, it does not break into our news cycle, much as the murder of almost a million Rwandans in the past decade was mostly below the radar screen. Call it the Laci Syndrome.

It is easy to identify the families of ethnically different billionaires in impoverished countries. Daily kidnappings for ransom and killing for revenge of those seen as “economic oppressors” is common. More than 150 Chinese women were gang-raped by angry Indonesians in the latest rampage, causing the Chinese to invent a stainless-steel anti-rape chastity belt!

Again, Chua does not argue against globalization, but she wants to add, “Yes, but...” to the equation. She argues that most Americans do not resent the massive fortunes of Bill Gates or Paul Allen or Warren Buffet – but we would be much more likely to resent it terribly if all of the top 20 richest men in America were foreign born, or ethnically different from us.



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