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WOMEN, GLOBALIZATION, MIGRATION, AND WORK

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OLD IDEAS ABOUT THE MIGRATION OF WOMEN

MIGRANT WOMEN WERE “FOLLOWERS OF MEN, BEING DEPENDENT ON THE DECISION AND ACT OF MIGRATION OF THEIR HUSBANDS,” ADERANTI ADEPOJU

ENTER THE FORCES OF GLOBALIZATION: THE PUSH

- ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE EARLY 1980s
- ACTIVITIES OF THE BRETTON WOODS INSTITUTIONS

EFFECTS:

- ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION
- GRINDING POVERTY
- HOPELESSNESS

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ENTER THE FORCES OF GLOBALIZATION: THE PULL

- AMERICAN CULTURE AND DOLLAR AS THE FRONTIER

WOMEN AND IMMIGRATION POLICIES

- SELECTION MAKES IMMIGRATION POLICIES INHERENTLY DISCRIMINATORY
 - i. FAMILY REUNIFICATION
 - ii. PEOPLE WITH SOME KINDS OF SKILLS/STUDENTS
 - iii. REFUGEES
 - iv. ASYLEES

WOMEN IN 'TOWN'

- ISOLATION, LONELINESS, HUNGER, VULNERABILITY
- TEMPORARY LOSS OF STATUS
- THE ATTRACTION OF CARE WORK
 - i. LIVE-IN
 - ii. LIVE OUT

HAVE WOMEN COME FULL CIRCLE?

- NO! CARE WORK GIVES WOMEN MONEY, AND THE THINGS MONEY CAN BUY
 - i. TAKE CARE OF IMPOVERISHED MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES
 - ii. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION
 - iii. IMPROVE THEIR STATUS AT HOME
 - A. START A TRADE
 - B. BUILD A HOUSE, ETC.