

# TRACING *THE WHITE TIGER'S* PATH: UNCOVERING THE CHANGING FACE OF TRADITIONAL INDIA AMID GLOBALIZATION

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## **Abstract:**

The White Tiger, a gripping book by Aravind Adiga, offers a compelling prism through which to study the complex effects of globalization upon India's customary social structure. Alongside the main character, Balram, this study sets out to analyze the changing dynamics of this transition. The study explores the difficult realities of adaptation and change encountered by traditional societies through an analysis of key moments and personalities. The investigation reveals the complexity of the impact of globalization. It deconstructs the idealized idea of development and exposes the difficulties people like Balram have as they try to make their way through a world that is changing quickly. The study reveals the wider economical and cultural effects of globalization through Balram's story and provides a balanced viewpoint on the potential and challenges brought about by global interconnectedness, while also shedding light on the victories and hardships of those caught up in the wave of societal change. The novel challenges the social and economic mechanisms that perpetuate inequality, arguing that social change is only possible by challenging the status system and creating new chances for oneself and others. The impact of globalization on Indian society is multifaceted, leading to both economic growth and social inequality, as the rich become richer and the poor struggle to access basic necessities. This study not only broadens our comprehension of *The White Tiger* but also serves as a basis for a critical examination of modern-day India. The study sheds light on the changing effects of globalization on tradition by following the "White Tiger's path," providing important predictions for the future of India's various groups.

**Keywords:** Globalization, multifaceted, social inequality, Adaptation, economic mechanisms, perpetuate inequality.

**Introduction:**

Globalization is a multifaceted phenomenon that has transformed the world's economic, social, and cultural landscape. It is characterized by the increased interconnectedness of nations and the rapid flow of goods, services, and ideas across borders. This process has been driven by technological advancements, economic liberalization, and the rise of multinational corporations. The impact of globalization on traditional societies is complex and multifaceted, with both positive and negative effects. On the positive side, globalization has brought about increased economic opportunities, access to new markets, and exposure to diverse cultures. It has also facilitated the sharing of knowledge, ideas, and technologies, which can lead to increased innovation and economic growth. However, globalization has also led to the erosion of traditional ways of life, the loss of cultural identity, and the widening of economic disparities between different groups within a society.

**Significance of Aravind Adiga's Novel "The White Tiger" in Exploring the Theme**

Aravind Adiga's novel *The White Tiger* is a significant work in exploring the theme of globalization's impact on traditional societies. The novel is set in contemporary India and tells the story of Balram Halwai, a poor boy from a rural village who rises to become a successful entrepreneur in the city. Through Balram's journey, Adiga vividly portrays the challenges and tensions between traditional values and modern aspirations, as well as the struggles of individuals to navigate the complexities of globalization. The novel highlights the tensions between traditional values and modern aspirations, as well as the struggles of individuals to navigate the complexities of globalization. It also explores the themes of social class, economic inequality, and the impact of globalization on traditional social structures.

**Objectives of the Study**

The objectives of this study are to analyze the impact of globalization on traditional societies, with a focus on India, and to explore the significance of Aravind Adiga's novel "The White Tiger" in this context. Globalization has significantly reshaped traditional social structures and cultural practices in India, leading to a complex interplay of modernization and cultural preservation. On one hand, globalization has brought about economic opportunities, exposure to diverse cultures, and increased access to education and healthcare. This has led to the emergence of a new, more cosmopolitan India, characterized by urbanization and a growing middle class. On the other hand, globalization has also led to the erosion of traditional ways of life, the loss of cultural identity, and the widening of economic disparities between different groups within society. The paper aims to explore the complex interactions between societal institutions, economic pressures, and personal identities in the era of globalization, highlighting the commoditization of humans and the struggles of low-class people to overcome the challenges posed by globalization.

**Globalization and Its Impact on Traditional Societies**

The impact of globalization on economic inequality and social class dynamics in India has been profound. The country has experienced rapid economic growth, but this growth has not been evenly distributed. The rich have become richer, while the poor have struggled to access basic

necessities like healthcare and education. This has led to a widening of the income gap and the perpetuation of social class divisions. The novel "The White Tiger" by Aravind Adiga vividly portrays these social and economic disparities, highlighting the struggles of individuals like Balram Halwai who are caught between the desire for economic success and the need to preserve their cultural heritage. Literature, particularly "The White Tiger," plays a significant role in reflecting and shaping public discourse around globalization and its effects on traditional societies. The novel offers a scathing critique of India's social class dynamics in the era of globalization, exposing the dark underbelly of a society that is often portrayed as a rising economic power. Through Balram's story, Adiga challenges the idealized notion of development and exposes the difficulties people like him face as they try to make their way through a world that is changing quickly.

The novel's portrayal of the complexities of globalization and its impact on traditional societies has contributed significantly to the ongoing public discourse on these issues. The implications of globalization for the future of traditional societies are multifaceted. On one hand, globalization has brought about unprecedented opportunities for cultural exchange and the sharing of ideas. This has led to the emergence of new forms of cultural expression and the blending of traditional practices with modern influences. On the other hand, globalization has also led to the homogenization of cultures and the loss of traditional practices. The potential for cultural preservation and adaptation in the face of rapid change lies in the ability of societies to balance the need for modernization with the need to preserve their cultural heritage. This balance can be achieved through the promotion of cultural diversity and the support of initiatives that preserve traditional practices and promote cultural exchange. The globalization has reshaped traditional social structures and cultural practices in India, leading to a complex interplay of modernization and cultural preservation. The impact of globalization on economic inequality and social class dynamics has been profound, with the rich becoming richer and the poor struggling to access basic necessities. Literature, particularly "The White Tiger," plays a significant role in reflecting and shaping public discourse around globalization and its effects on traditional societies. The implications of globalization for the future of traditional societies are multifaceted, and the potential for cultural preservation and adaptation lies in the ability of societies to balance the need for modernization with the need to preserve their cultural heritage. The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga is more than just a narrative, it's a moving indictment of modern India. The novel reveals the significant changes that globalization has brought about in India's conventional social structure through the eyes of its protagonist, Balram Halwai.

The White Tiger serves as a basis for this study's critical examination of the complex effects of globalization on Indian society. This study seeks to delve deeper into the narrative, thoroughly assessing the diverse effects of globalization on Indian communities via the protagonist's journey. Unravel the complexity of globalization's impact on numerous parts of Indian society, such as culture, economy, and social structure, by delving into unique and original topics inside the book. Through our research, we hope to shed light on how Adiga's

work reveals the seismic shifts caused by globalization, presenting a nuanced representation of its consequences on traditional Indian communities. The hypothesis proposed is that the analysis in *The White Tiger* will show major change within conventional Indian communities owing to globalization, changing cultural identity, economic systems, and social hierarchies. Through the protagonist's journey, the complexity of globalization's influence is revealed, highlighting both the obstacles to individual adaptation within traditional Indian society and the opportunities for empowerment. The novel's portrayal of the entrepreneurial spirit suggests that it was invented in order to address India's subpar socioeconomic structure. The story also looks at the theory that the most successful businesspeople are self-made and lack formal education. *The White Tiger* examines the disparity between the main character's origins in extreme rural poverty and India's ascent to prominence in the contemporary global economy. The terms "entrepreneur" and "entrepreneurship" are used frequently when reading the book and comprehending its content. With great depth, insight, and seriousness, Aravind Adiga has addressed the topic of globalization and its impact on Indian life. Adiga's whole fiction corpus revolves around the concept of globalization, which is arguably the most influential factor shaping Indian socio-cultural, political, and economic discourse.

According to Adiga, "it is important that writers like me try to highlight the brutal injustices of society at a time when India is going through great changes and, with China, is likely to inherit the world from the West. The novel depicts two extremes of modern India: on the one hand, the changing face for high-tech and wealthy India, particularly the development in Bangalore as the world's IT city along with subcontracting capital, and on the other, the darker side of India, showing the caste culture and the trap in corruption. It tells the narrative of Balram, a poor rural lad who grows up to become an entrepreneur. Balram exposes the inequality that pervades Indian society, as well as the foot-licking technique that appears to be required for cultural success. The *White Tiger* concept is utilized to describe the narrator's rise from servant rank, caste emancipation, and ascension to the role of master. The tale examines the distinction between rising Indians and declining subalterns. It delves deeply into the roots of the country, India, and excavates the hidden and grim reality with the mastery of his storytelling. Adiga digs into the truth of India, stating: "And our nation, though it has no drinking water, electricity, sewing system, or public transportation, does have entrepreneurs."

The novel's representation of globalization is essential because it depicts the impact of globalization on Indian society, culture, and the economy. The story criticizes globalization's effects on traditional Indian communities, emphasizing both the benefits and challenges it presents. It also investigates the effects of globalization on Indian culture, specifically how it shapes and reshapes traditional Indian culture. The novel's use of irony and paradox is also examined, namely how these literary devices are used to convey its themes and ideas. The entrepreneurial spirit in *The White Tiger* is a complex and varied concept that is intricately interwoven with the novel's investigation of socioeconomic inequity, corruption, and globalization. The impact of globalization of Indian culture is a key issue in Aravind Adiga's

novel *The White Tiger*. The novel explores how globalization is altering and redefining traditional Indian culture, emphasizing the contradictions between preservation of culture and homogenization. Balram Halwai, the protagonist, exemplifies the impact globalization has on Indian culture as he travels the complexity of modern India and the problems of conserving cultural norms in the midst of globalization. The novel challenges cultural homogenization, showing how globalization is undermining ancient Indian culture and replacing it with Western ideas and behaviors. At the same time, the story highlights the need of maintaining cultural diversity, implying that globalization may also be a driver for cultural richness and exchange. The White Tiger represents individuals from impoverished backgrounds' goals and desires, as well as the potential for social transformation via entrepreneurship and self-empowerment. The novel challenges the social and economic mechanisms that perpetuate inequality, arguing that social change is only possible by challenging the status system and creating new chances for oneself and others.

**Globalization and Traditional India**—Globalization is a phenomenon that has had a significant impact in traditional India. On the one hand, it has promoted economic stability and growth by linking India to the global economy and creating new prospects for trade and commerce. On the other side, it has resulted in the degradation of cultural norms the beliefs, as well as a widening of the divide between the have and have-nots. Adiga's work paints a vivid picture of the implications of globalization, focusing on the hardships of the poor and disenfranchised in the face of growing urbanization and economic transformation.

**The White Tiger's Path**—The protagonist of Adiga's novel, Balram Halwai, is a complex and multifaceted character who embodies the contradictions of globalization. As a poor villager who rises to become a successful entrepreneur, Balram's journey reflects the tensions between tradition and modernity, as well as the challenges of adapting to a rapidly changing world. Through Balram's story, Adiga presents a subtle exploration of the ways in which globalization shapes and reshapes traditional Indian communities, highlighting the struggles and triumphs of individuals caught in the midst of this transformative process.

**Cultural adaptability** The novel also offers an insightful examination of adaptation in culture in the midst of globalization. Adiga's image of traditional Indian culture as well as its relationships with modernity emphasizes the conflicts and contradictions that develop as a result of the clash between traditions with globalization. Adiga's characters and plot provide a complex depiction of how traditional Indian culture evolves and modified in the context of globalization, stressing both the obstacles and opportunities that come as a result of this process.

**Economic shifts** Adiga's story offers a compelling examination of the economic transformations caused by globalization. The novel focuses on how globalization has resulted in the formation of new types of economic inequality, in addition to the difficulties and possibilities that come along with this process. Adiga's characters and plot provide a complex representation of how globalization has changed the traditional Indian economy, showing the difficulties and opportunities that result from this process. The depiction of socioeconomic inequality in Aravind

Adiga's "The White Tiger" is an important theme that criticizes the social and economic mechanisms that sustain inequality in Indian society. The novel depicts the challenges of people from humble beginnings, such as Balram, as well who use unconventional methods to advance from poverty to prosperity, showing how the class system perpetuates societal inequity. The *White Tiger* represents the goals and ambitions of people from impoverished origins, as well as the possibility of societal transformation through enterprise and self-empowerment.

**Globalization and the Indian Economy** - Aravind Adiga's novel *The White Tiger* is a compelling examination of globalization's effect on traditional India. The book provides a comprehensive depiction of globalization's complicated and multidimensional consequences on Indian society, society, and economics. Balram Halwai, the protagonist, is an independent entrepreneur who has worked his way up to the top of the technology business in Bangalore, the nation's Silicon Valley. But his achievement is not without consequences, and the novel emphasizes the darker aspects of India's economic prosperity, such as inequalities, corruption, and poverty.

**Globalization and Social Change**-The story also investigates the social changes caused by globalization. Balram's story reflects contemporary India, where traditional social systems are being challenged by new economic realities. The book stands in contrast to the glamorous images of Bollywood celebrities and entrepreneurs in technology that have supplanted older Indian prejudices. It undermines middle-class India's collective happiness and shows the inequities that remain despite India's new prosperity. The literature of globalization and its effects upon conventional India is extensive and varied, with experts and writers providing subtle opinions on globalization's complex and diversified consequences on Indian society, society, and economics. The literature addresses the difficulties as well as possibilities that come as a result of globalization, ranging from economic transformations to social and cultural developments. The novel offers a thorough account of how globalization impacts and transforms ancient Indian societies, highlighting the dire consequences for these long-standing communities' futures. It is a dramatic exploration of the impact of globalization on ancient India. While the consequences of globalization on emerging economies have been extensively examined, the specific ramifications for traditional Indian tribes have received less attention. This paper addresses this gap by looking at the way *The White Tiger* depicts globalization's impact on Indian culture, the economy, as well as social structure. New insights into the discussion of globalization and distinct cultural identities are provided by drawing on interdisciplinary views. This study employ a qualitative examination of important themes, characters, and story points from *The White Tiger* to demonstrate the evolving effects of globalization on conventional India. The study is conducted through rigorous textual research in order to find patterns and processes that give light on the complex relationship between tradition and modernity. Secondary materials and theoretical frameworks in globalization studies add context and theoretical underpinning to the investigation. Also, studying how *The White Tiger* was received in India and other countries may provide insight into how the book's depiction of globalization resonates with different

populations and adds to the ongoing discussion surrounding power dynamics, economic transformation, and cultural exchange within the broader framework of globalization. The study centers on the novel's depictions of poverty, injustice, and social disparity in Indian society.

### **Findings and Discussion**

Balram's rise from a marginalized background to a position of influence elucidates the flexibility of power relations in the face of globalization's disruptive forces. Through the lens of the protagonist's journey, witnessing the tensions and contradictions inherent in India's transition to a globalized economy. Balram's hunt of success necessitates navigating moral ambiguity and ethical dilemmas, reflecting the complex interplay between individual agency and systemic constraints in a rapidly changing society was observed in the study. On the whole, the analysis highlights the multifaceted impacts of globalization on traditional Indian communities, emphasizing the need for subtle approaches to address the challenges and opportunities presented by this transformative process. The novel portrays the commodification or objectification of humans in the age of globalization, where people are looked upon merely as machines without heart and soul, without feelings and emotions. The novel highlights the struggles of low-class people to break out of their oppressive cultural background and seek success in the age of globalization, emphasizing the commodification of humans as a result of globalization. The novel vibrantly paints a picture of Indian society and how globalization affects it, exposing the dark underbelly of a society that is often portrayed as a rising economic power. The impact of globalization on Indian society is multifaceted, leading to both economic growth and social inequality, as the rich become richer and the poor struggle to access basic necessities.

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, Adiga's *The White Tiger* presents a powerful exploration of globalization's impact on traditional India, revealing the complex and multifaceted effects of globalization on Indian society, culture, and economy. Through the protagonist's odyssey, Adiga presents a nuanced portrayal of the ways in which globalization shapes and reshapes traditional Indian communities, highlighting the profound implications for the future of these age-old communities. This study contributes to a broader understanding of globalization's implications for traditional communities and underscores the importance of preserving cultural heritage amidst rapid change, offering insights into the need for nuanced approaches to navigate the challenges posed by globalization. Exploration of globalization's evolving impact on traditional India, as depicted in *The White Tiger*, offers society a profound reflection on the complexities of this transformative process. Through tracing the protagonist's journey, your analysis illuminates the multifaceted effects of globalization on Indian society, encompassing culture, economy, and social structure. By unraveling the intricacies of globalization's influence, your work underscores the challenges and opportunities faced by traditional communities amidst rapid change. It prompts society to critically engage with the complexities of globalization, advocating for nuanced approaches to address its implications while preserving cultural heritage and striving for greater equity and inclusivity.

The study contributes valuable insights for understanding and navigating the evolving landscape of traditional India in the era of globalization. In essence, the White Tiger's path serves as a reminder of the ongoing journey towards a more just and sustainable future, where the forces of globalization are harnessed for the benefit of all. Through continued research and dialogue, we can strive towards realizing this vision, ensuring that traditional Indian communities thrive in the face of evolving global dynamics. Adiga's *The White Tiger* is a stunning study of globalization's impact on traditional India, demonstrating its deep and multidimensional repercussions on society, culture, and the economy. Adiga's odyssey gives a detailed representation of how globalization influences and reshapes traditional Indian communities, stressing the profound ramifications for these age-old tribes' futures. This study adds to a greater understanding of globalization's ramifications for traditional communities and emphasizes the necessity of protecting cultural legacy in the face of rapid change, providing insights into the need for nuanced approaches to navigating the problems offered by globalization and also adds to a greater understanding of globalization's ramifications for traditional communities and emphasizes the necessity of protecting cultural legacy in the face of rapid change. The exploration of globalization's developing impact on traditional India, as represented in *The White Tiger*, offers society a profound reflection on the complexity of this transformative procedure. The analysis, by following the protagonist's journey, reveals the multiple consequences of globalization in Indian society, including culture, economy, as well as social structure. Your work highlights the problems and opportunities confronting traditional communities in the face of fast change by unraveling the complexities of globalization's influence. It encourages society to engage critically with the complexity of globalization, arguing for different approaches to addressing its consequences while protecting cultural heritage and working for more justice and inclusivity. Overall, this research provides useful insights into comprehending and negotiating the changing terrain of traditional India within the age of globalization. The paper has demonstrated that globalization has had a profound impact on traditional societies, leading to the commodification of humans and the exploitation of low-class people. The study has also highlighted the need for a more subtle understanding of globalization and its effects on society, and the importance of addressing the challenges posed by globalization in order to promote social justice and equality.

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