

Delocation : The Global Assembly Line. Sweat Labor and the Cheap Labor Economy

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This 1986 award winning documentary focusses on the delocation-relocation of manufacturing from the high wage economy in the US to cheap labor havens in the so-called developing countries.

It was filmed on location in the US, the Mexican maquilas, the free trade exporting zones in the Philippines. Delocation creates unemployment in the USA and sweat labor in Mexico and the Philippines.

Delocation is the mainstay of the Global Cheap Labor Economy. It is the source of wealth in the West. It triggers poverty in both the developing and developed countries.

Poverty and low wages are “good for business”. US corporations are the unspoken beneficiaries of delocation-relocation.

Michel Chossudovsky, Global Research Editor, February 15, 2017

“It’s a hazard that is part of the trade in any part of the world.

If one puts up a factory in Hong Kong now, he has a real problem to get the girls to do scope work. It’s not so in the Philippines.

As a matter of fact they like scope work. And they do diminish their eyesight if they don’t follow normal procedure. But these girls are all college girls, they are in their teens and twenties.

AND THEY CAN TAKE A LOT OF ABUSE, THEY ABUSE THEIR BODIES A LOT.” ([30:37](#) in the film “The Global Assembly Line”) – Vicente Chuidian, Chairman of the Board (Interlek – USA and Dynetics – Philippines)

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