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Globalism vs. Nationalism

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Orfeo Fioretos, who teaches international relations and economics at Temple University, says globalism and nationalism are not polar opposites, as some might suggest, but acknowledged that there long has been tension between the two.

Fioretos addressed the Foreign Policy Association on September 27 just two days after President Trump, in a speech before the United Nations, declared that the United States rejects the ideology of globalism and accepts the ideology of patriotism.

Fioretos said there was nothing unusual about a country giving priority to its own national interests, but that as a world power, the U.S. needs to remain actively engaged in international affairs.

He emphasized four points:

- There is nothing new about the struggle between globalism and nationalism.
- Anti-globalism divides political conservatives.
- Extreme nationalism often inhibits a country's international relations.
- Nationalism is a poor platform in the long term and tends to undermine some of America's greatest accomplishments on the world stage.

Fioretos described internationalism as the glue that holds the world together and paves the way toward peace and prosperity.

He said that while the tension is real between globalism and nationalism, this tension is heightened by political leaders who blame globalism for standing in the way of their domestic agendas.

He said globalism remains a weak force in today's world, that the U.S. and other nations continue to put their own interests ahead of international cooperation.

Fioretos is a former president of the International History and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. He holds a doctorate degree from Columbia University.

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