

## **WHAT FACTORS INFLUENCE GLOBALIZATION?**

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This paper examines the factors that influence globalization. It is a quantitative analysis consisting of 208 countries and their globalization scores. Globalization is defined as the political, social, and economic integrations of countries. This paper investigates how the following variables affected globalization: overall GDP, GDP per capita, Freedom House scores, population density (per square mile), literacy rate, technology exports, unemployment rate, and corruption index. The analysis finds that overall GDP, Freedom House scores for a country, and corruption within a country are all significant predictors of how globalized a country is. Countries with high levels of transparency (low levels of corruption) have the highest globalization scores in this study. Literacy rate, unemployment rate, population density, technology exports, and per capita GDP exhibited no relationship to globalization scores.