

Political Science 222: Problems of the Global Community

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Discussion questions for section on poverty

1. How would you define “poverty”? Why have there been problems defining what it means to live in “poverty” and what measure(s) would you use?
2. Why is poverty a global problem? How do other global problems connect with poverty? When considering poverty, does the situation of women require special attention?
3. What priority would you give to poverty on the global agenda? Does your opinion fit well with the current view by the international community?
4. What should be done to address the global problem of poverty? As part of answering this question, be sure to consider the place of globalization and the policy options discussed by Cunningham in relation to reducing the gap between rich and poor countries.