

Five Pillars of Development

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Abstract

When investigating human development, it is important to consider the factors that determine how development occurs. We can group these factors into five categories, referred to as pillars: religious, social, intellectual, economic, and political. As a result, our group explores these five topics while researching and citing specific case studies that fall under these pillars. One study focuses on how religion impacts global development through community values, public policy, discrimination, and its immiscibility with secularism. In the social pillar, another study explores urbanization in developing nations leads to problems such as an increase in non-communicable disease. In the intellectual domain, we explore how developing countries can benefit from modern healthcare technologies by considering the obstacles to providing access, new innovations in healthcare, and critically assessing the impact of this technology on these settings. In order for humanity to continue to develop, we must improve our renewable energy technologies. In terms of economics, we investigate how economic prowess is vital to human development. Business connections, skilled workers, and human capital all contribute to the success countries and regions need for economic growth. Finally, in tying the economic pillar to the political pillar, we explore how under the current capitalist world economic structure, profit and wealth become abstract and immaterial, while simultaneously taking precedence over practical, helpful, materialistic development. Together, these topics provide a complete insight into the many determinants of development.