

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

- 1 – Base your answers on the text provided.
- 2 – Use clear, objective and complete answers.
- 3 – Answer questions 1 and 2 **in English only**; answers in Portuguese will not be accepted for these items.

## IMPORT OF HAZARDOUS TECHNOLOGIES AND PRODUCTS

Many transnational companies have shifted their production operations to the Third World, where safety and environmental regulations are either very lax or nonexistent. Some corporations are also concentrating their sales efforts on the markets of the Third World, where they can sell lower-quality products or products that are outright toxic and thus banned in the industrialized countries.

As a result, Third World people are now exposed to extremely toxic or dangerous technologies that could potentially cause great harm. **The Bhopal gas tragedy, in which six thousand lives were lost and another two hundred thousand people suffered disabilities, is the most outstanding example to date of what can happen when a Western transnational company adopts industrial safety standards far below acceptable levels in its home country.** There are hundreds of other substandard industrial plants sold to the Third World or relocated there to escape health and pollution standards in their home countries. The Bataan nuclear plant in the Philippines is one such example.

Hazardous products are also being pushed on the Third World in increasing volume.

There are many examples of these: pharmaceutical drugs, contraceptives, and pesticides banned years ago in Europe, America, or Japan but sold by companies of these same countries to the **Third World; cigarettes with a far higher tar and nicotine content than in the rich countries; and, most recently, milk products contaminated with high radioactivity resulting from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.** The health effects on Third World peoples are horrendous...

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## PRIMEIRA QUESTÃO

List **two** reasons why transnational companies have transferred their production operations to underdeveloped countries?

## SEGUNDA QUESTÃO

What has happened to the Third World population as a consequence of the policy adopted by these companies?

**INSTRUÇÕES PARA AS PRÓXIMAS 2 (DUAS) QUESTÕES**

- 1 – Responda sempre de acordo com o texto.
- 2 – Use respostas claras objetivas e completas.
- 3 – Responda as questões 3 e 4 **em português**; respostas em inglês não serão aceitas para estas questões.

**WHY THE WORLD HATES  
AMERICA****A problem for the US Department of State to think about**

It is an open secret that anti-American attitudes are gaining steam all over the world. They are quite evidently caused by Washington's pushy foreign policy.



The world, probably except for radical Islamic extremists, felt sympathy toward the USA after the Sept. 11 tragedy. As a result of this sympathy, the White House won incredible support for its plans for a "war on terrorism." This made for a rapid offensive against al-Qaeda in Afghanistan. Due to Washington's strong campaign, countries neighboring Afghanistan agreed to accept contingents of the USA and its NATO allies in their territories. Ruling regimes of these countries expected to receive assistance from the USA and support in their struggles against local radicals, who pose a great threat to their governments. In fact, the US Army has, historically, given support to authoritarian regimes in the countries neighboring Afghanistan.

As the USA proceeds with its anti-terrorism struggle, anti-American attitudes are proliferating. Attempts by Washington to deal with disagreeable countries under the guise of a war against bin Laden and al-Qaeda have caused a strong wave of criticism toward American policies. Such attitudes are notable, not only in "pariah" countries, but even among America's allies in NATO. The White House has recently tried to settle its political and economic problems by claiming to "fight terrorism." The situation in Iraq serves as an example in this case: Iraq is off limits to US oil exporting companies. If President Hussein is overthrown the situation is likely to change drastically. In this case the oil producing companies presently working in Iraq, will have to leave.

The rest of the world dislikes the fact that the USA enjoys the status of the world's sole superpower and makes decisions contradicting the norms of international law. Even the opinions of America's allies are often ignored. However, the White House and the US State Department criticize domestic policies of other countries and become angry when the same is done towards the USA. What is strange is that the US media, at the same time that they boast about their freedom, support the line of the White House and the US State Department. Popular American TV channels rarely present unbiased film showing victims of bombings in Afghanistan. Even if some of this footage is shown, the number of victims of the Sept. 11 tragedy is sure to be mentioned as well. This is nonsense! Are American pilots who bomb peaceful Afghan settlements better than al-Qaeda terrorists who bring down skyscrapers? Innocent people are victims in both cases.

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## TERCEIRA QUESTÃO

Based on the text, which American policies are being criticized?

## QUARTA QUESTÃO

According to the text, why are anti-American attitudes increasing all over the world? Support your answer with information provided by the text.