

# SHOULD AFRICAN COUNTRIES ENCOURAGE U.S. DEPENDENCY ON FOREIGN OIL?

REVISITING ALI MAZRUI'S 7<sup>TH</sup>  
COUNTER-DEPENDENCY STRATEGY IN HIS  
THEORY OF AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT

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# THE DILEMMA OF AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT

- P1. Ideological choice for Postcolonial African countries: SOCIALISM OR CAPITALISM.
  - P2. Pro -Socialist African countries achieve some AUTONOMY but at the cost of POVERTY
  - P3) Pro-Capitalist African countries achieve some ECONOMIC GROWTH but at the cost of DEPENDENCY
  - P4: Postcolonial African country choice outcomes:
    - a) some (Autonomy+ Poverty) or
    - b) some (Econ. Growth + Dependency)
- (Constructive Dilemma, P1-P3)

# DILEMMA CONT'D

- P.5. AUTONOMY & ECON.GROWTH being *desirable* outcomes, the real problem of choice for the African countries is not Autonomy or Econ. Growth; but *POVERTY OR DEPENDENCY*
- C: If African countries choose SOCIALISM OR CAPITALISM, → they face *POVERTY OR DEPENDENCY*

For Africa now,  
“DEV = MODERNIZATION-DEPENDENCY”  
(PROF ALI MAZRUI)

- A. SECULARIZATION: Shift of balance from supernatural explanations in science and ethics to the natural or human
- B. TECHNICALIZATION: Shift of balance from custom and intuition to innovation and measurement, analytic and scientific thinking.
- C. FUTURE-ORIENTATION: Shift of balance from focus on past to future and planning.



# 7 COUNTER-DEPENDENCY STRATEGIES

- 1. INDIGENIZATION
- 2. DOMESTICATION
- 3. DIVERSIFICATION
- 4. HORIZONTAL INTER-PENETRATION
- 5. VERTICAL COUNTER-PENETRATION
- 6. DOMESTIC AUSTERITY
- 7. ENCOURAGING NORTHERN EXTRAVAGANCE e. g. US dependency on foreign oil.



# CRITIQUE OF 7<sup>TH</sup> COUNTER-DEPENDENCY STRATEGY

- A. LOGICAL OBJECTIONS
- Apparent contradiction or Inconsistencies between 7<sup>th</sup> Counter-dependency strategy that undermines Northern Cooperation and those that require Northern Cooperation. E.g. #2 Domestication, #3 Diversification
- #5 Northern counter-penetration (above)
- B. MORAL OBJECTIONS: Violation of -
- 1) The No-harm Principle 2) Principles of International Justice 3) The Golden Rule etc.
- A BETTER ALTERNATIVE TO 7<sup>TH</sup> C-DS: *“PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND COLLABORATION”*



# JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NEW 7<sup>TH</sup> COUNTER-DEPENDENCY STRATEGY.

- REMOVAL OF INCONSISTENCIES OR LOGICAL PROBLEMS IN C-D.S. 1-7
- LOGICAL COHERENCE IN MAZRUI'S THEORY
- FACILITATION OF OTHER COUNTER-DEPENDENCY STRATEGIES THRU MUTUAL COOPERATION.
- RESOLUTION TO AFRICA'S DILEMMA OF DEVELOPMENT (SINCE P3 BECOMES FALSE).



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