

**Thema:** Globalization

**Fundstellen:**

a) President Bill Clinton: Remarks in Signing of NAFTA Side Agreements, Sept 14, 1993 [http://tinyurl.com/25cpl6] [295w] b) Cartoon: BlackCommentator.com: *Free Trade at Last* [http://tinyurl.com/29uwvv]

**Assignments:**

1. Put the contents of President Clinton's speech and that of the cartoon into the larger context of (global) trade policies. [10 Punkte]
2. Analyse President Clinton's argumentation to define his intention and compare it to the cartoonist's intention. Consider both pictorial and text elements in your analysis of the cartoon. [30 Punkte]
3. Give your own views on the issues raised by the text and the cartoon. [20 Punkte]

Today we turn to face the challenge of our own hemisphere, our own country, our own economic fortunes. In a few moments, I will sign three agreements that will complete our negotiations with Mexico and Canada to create a North American Free Trade Agreement. In the coming months I will submit this pack to Congress for approval. It will be a hard fight, and I expect to be there with all of you every step of the way. (Applause.)

5 We will make our case as hard and as well as we can. And, though the fight will be difficult, I deeply believe we will win. And I'd like to tell you why. First of all, because NAFTA means jobs. American jobs, and good-paying American jobs. If I didn't believe that, I wouldn't support this agreement.

As President, it is my duty to speak frankly to the American people about the world in which we now live. Fifty years at the end of World War II, an unchallenged America was protected by the oceans and by our 10 technological superiority; and, very frankly, by the economic devastation of the people who could otherwise have been our competitors. We chose, then, to try to help rebuild our former enemies and to create a world of free trade supported by institutions which would facilitate it.

As a result of that effort, global trade grew from \$200 billion in 1950 to \$800 billion in 1980. As a result, jobs were created and opportunity thrived all across the world. But make no mistake about it: Our decision at the 15 end of World War II to create a system of global, expanded, freer trade and the supporting institutions played a major role in creating the prosperity of the American middle class.

