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Abstract

Purpose: The purpose of this study was to examine the impact of the traditional religious practices and cultural values in Kenya.

Methodology: The study adopted a desktop research methodology. Desk research refers to secondary data or that which can be collected without fieldwork. Desk research is basically involved in collecting data from existing resources hence it is often considered a low cost technique as compared to field research, as the main cost is involved in executive's time, telephone charges and directories. Thus, the study relied on already published studies, reports and statistics. This secondary data was easily accessed through the online journals and library.

Findings: The findings revealed that there exists a contextual and methodological gap relating to the impact of religious rituals on cultural identity. Preliminary empirical review revealed that globalization has both positive and negative consequences for traditional practices and values. On one hand, it can lead to the revitalization, adaptation, and hybridization of traditional practices, allowing them to evolve and find new relevance in a globalized world. On the other hand, globalization can also contribute to the erosion, dilution, and commodification of traditional practices and values, as they become influenced by external forces and commercial interests.

Unique Contribution to Theory, Practice and Policy: The Cultural Hybridity theory, Modernization theory and the Glocalization theory may be used to anchor future studies on the impact of traditional religious practices and cultural values. Recommendations stemming from this research include fostering intercultural dialogue and understanding to promote mutual respect and appreciation for diverse religious practices and cultural values. This can be achieved through educational programs, community initiatives, and cultural exchanges that encourage individuals to learn about and engage with different religious traditions and cultural practices. Additionally, there is a need for policy frameworks that support the safeguarding and promotion of traditional religious practices and cultural values while ensuring ethical and respectful engagement with global influences.

Keywords: *Globalization, Traditional Religious Practices, Cultural Values, Impact, Traditionalism, Cultural Preservation*

INTRODUCTION

Traditional religious practices encompass a wide range of rituals, ceremonies, and observances that have been passed down through generations within specific religious traditions. These practices hold deep significance and serve as a means for individuals to express their faith, connect with the divine, and reinforce communal bonds. In developed economies, traditional religious practices vary based on the dominant religious traditions present. For example, in the United States, traditional religious practices among Christians often involve attending weekly church services, participating in sacraments such as baptism and communion, engaging in prayer and worship, and observing religious holidays like Christmas and Easter. These practices provide a sense of community and allow individuals to deepen their spiritual connection (Tedeschi, Cann, Taku, Senol-Durak & Calhoun, 2017)

Cultural values, on the other hand, are the shared beliefs, attitudes, and ideals that shape behavior and social norms within a specific culture. They guide individuals and communities in their daily lives and influence various aspects of society. In developed economies, cultural values can differ based on historical, social, and geographical factors. For instance, in countries like the United Kingdom, cultural values often include traits such as politeness, respect for privacy, and a sense of humor. There is an emphasis on maintaining social etiquette, queuing in an orderly manner, and valuing both direct and indirect forms of communication. These values contribute to the overall social cohesion and shape interpersonal relationships within the society (Hu & Scott, 2016).

Traditional religious practices are deeply rooted in the history and beliefs of a particular religious tradition. In developed economies, such practices play a significant role in shaping the lives of individuals and communities. For example, in the United States, traditional religious practices among Christians can include participating in regular church services, engaging in communal prayers, studying religious texts, and actively participating in religious holidays and festivals. These practices provide a sense of identity and belonging, allowing individuals to connect with a larger community of faith. Similarly, in Japan, traditional religious practices are often centered on Shinto and Buddhism. People may visit shrines and temples, partake in purification rituals, make offerings, and participate in various religious festivals throughout the year. These practices reflect a strong connection to nature, ancestor veneration, and a sense of spirituality that permeates different aspects of Japanese culture (Rots, 2017)

Cultural values, on the other hand, represent the principles, norms, and ideals that guide behavior and social interactions within a specific culture. Developed economies exhibit diverse cultural values that shape societal norms and individual behaviors. For instance, in countries like the United Kingdom, cultural values emphasize qualities such as politeness, respect for privacy, and a witty sense of humor. These values contribute to a polite and considerate social atmosphere and are reflected in everyday interactions. Additionally, individualism and personal freedom are often valued in developed economies like the United States, encouraging self-expression and the pursuit of individual goals. In contrast, in Japan, cultural values place importance on collective harmony (*wa*), respect for authority and elders, and the concept of filial piety. These values contribute to a strong sense of community and the prioritization of group needs over individual desires (Zhai, 2018)

In developed economies, traditional religious practices serve as a means for individuals to connect with their spiritual beliefs and uphold cultural traditions. For example, in the United States, traditional religious practices extend beyond Christianity. Other religious traditions, such as Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, also have their own distinct practices. Jewish traditions include observing Shabbat, celebrating holidays like Passover and Hanukkah, and participating in rituals such as Bar or Bat Mitzvahs. Islamic traditions involve daily prayers, fasting during the month of Ramadan, and pilgrimage to Mecca (Hajj) for those who are able. Hindu traditions encompass rituals and ceremonies related to major life events such as birth, marriage, and death, as well as regular worship at home or in temples. Buddhist practices can involve meditation, chanting, and following the Noble Eightfold Path. These diverse religious practices contribute to the rich tapestry of cultural and religious experiences within developed economies (Campbell & Evolvi, 2020)

Cultural values in developed economies reflect the shared attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors that shape the social fabric of societies. In countries like the United Kingdom, cultural values of tolerance, inclusivity, and respect for diversity are highly valued. The British society embraces multiculturalism, encouraging individuals from various cultural backgrounds to maintain and celebrate their unique traditions. Similarly, developed economies such as Japan place a strong emphasis on respect, discipline, and maintaining social harmony. This is evident in cultural practices such as bowing as a sign of respect, adhering to strict social protocols, and valuing collective decision-making over individual preferences. These cultural values are instilled from an early age and deeply influence social interactions, workplace dynamics, and overall societal cohesion. Additionally, developed economies often prioritize education, innovation, and individual freedoms, valuing personal growth, critical thinking, and creativity as essential components of societal progress (Schütte & Ciarlante, 2016)

Traditional religious practices in developing economies encompass a rich tapestry of rituals, ceremonies, and beliefs that have been passed down through generations within specific religious traditions. These practices often play a central role in the lives of individuals and communities, shaping their spiritual, social, and cultural dimensions. For example, in India, traditional religious practices are deeply intertwined with Hinduism. They include temple visits, elaborate rituals, and celebrations of festivals such as Diwali and Holi. These practices provide a sense of identity, communal bonding, and spiritual fulfillment for millions of people. Similarly, in many countries in Africa, traditional religious practices often involve ancestor veneration, animal sacrifices, and communal ceremonies that connect individuals with their ancestral roots and spiritual beliefs. These practices serve as a way to maintain cultural heritage, foster social cohesion, and seek guidance from the divine (Bhattacharya, 2018)

Cultural values in developing economies are shaped by a combination of historical, social, and religious influences. These values reflect the collective mindset and norms within a particular society, guiding individuals in their behavior and shaping community dynamics. For instance, in many developing economies in Southeast Asia, cultural values such as respect for elders, strong family ties, and collectivism hold significant importance. These values emphasize the interdependence of individuals within the community and prioritize the needs of the group over individual aspirations. In countries like Brazil, cultural values often revolve around the concept of "saudade," which represents a deep emotional longing for connection, nostalgia, and close-knit

relationships. Family bonds, hospitality, and a spirit of resilience are cherished cultural values that contribute to social cohesion and support systems within communities (Jaga & Bagraim, 2017)

Traditional religious practices in developing economies play a significant role in shaping the lives of individuals and communities, often intertwining with cultural and social aspects of daily life. For example, in many countries in the Middle East, traditional religious practices are deeply rooted in Islam. These practices include daily prayers, fasting during Ramadan, pilgrimage to Mecca (Hajj), and adherence to Islamic principles of charity and compassion. They serve as pillars of faith, providing spiritual guidance and promoting social cohesion within Muslim communities. In countries like Thailand, traditional religious practices are influenced by Buddhism. People engage in activities such as making merit through temple donations, participating in almsgiving to monks, and observing important Buddhist holidays like Vesak. These practices reflect the influence of Buddhism on individual morality, mindfulness, and community solidarity (Kessler, 2015)

Cultural values in developing economies often reflect the social and historical contexts within which they exist. These values shape the behaviors, attitudes, and social interactions of individuals within a particular society. In many African countries, communalism and extended family structures are valued cultural traits. Ubuntu, a term widely used in Southern Africa, encapsulates the cultural value of interconnectedness and humanity, emphasizing the importance of collective well-being and community support. In Latin American countries like Mexico, cultural values such as strong family bonds, respect for elders, and a sense of community are deeply ingrained. These values are often expressed through vibrant celebrations, such as Day of the Dead that honor ancestors and foster a sense of unity among community members. Overall, cultural values in developing economies often prioritize social harmony, cooperation, and the preservation of community ties, serving as the foundation for social cohesion and identity (Baeza, Gonzalez, & Wang, 2018).

Traditional religious practices in Sub-Saharan countries are deeply rooted in the diverse cultures and belief systems across the region. These practices reflect the spiritual traditions and rituals that have been passed down through generations. For example, in Nigeria, traditional religious practices among the Yoruba people include the veneration of ancestral spirits (egungun) and various deities (orishas) through ceremonies, music, dance, and divination rituals. These practices connect individuals with their ancestral heritage, foster community cohesion, and provide a framework for understanding the spiritual dimensions of life. In countries like Ethiopia, traditional religious practices such as those associated with Ethiopian Orthodox Christianity and indigenous beliefs involve vibrant religious festivals, pilgrimages to sacred sites, and rituals that intertwine with daily life. These practices play a central role in preserving cultural identity and promoting social unity within communities (Villegastour, 2021)

Cultural values in Sub-Saharan countries are shaped by a variety of factors, including history, indigenous beliefs, and influences from colonization and globalization. These values guide the behaviors, attitudes, and social interactions of individuals within their respective communities. In many Sub-Saharan countries, communalism and collective identity are highly valued cultural traits. Extended family structures, respect for elders, and strong community bonds are important cultural values that emphasize interdependence and support networks. For instance, in countries like Ghana, cultural values such as "Ubuntu" (humanity and compassion) in parts of Southern

Africa, and "Harambee" (working together) in Kenya, highlight the significance of community cooperation, solidarity, and mutual assistance. These values promote social harmony, cooperation, and the overall well-being of the community (Tshishonga, 2020)

Traditional religious practices in Sub-Saharan countries exhibit a remarkable diversity that reflects the multitude of cultures and belief systems within the region. For example, in Cameroon, traditional religious practices among the Bamileke people often involve ancestor worship and rituals performed by tribal priests. These practices serve to honor and communicate with ancestors, seek their guidance, and ensure their blessings for various aspects of life. Similarly, in countries like Zimbabwe, traditional religious practices of the Shona people include ceremonies, spirit possession, and divination rituals to connect with ancestral spirits and maintain a harmonious relationship with the spiritual realm. These practices are deeply intertwined with cultural identity, social cohesion, and the preservation of traditional knowledge systems (Shoko, 2016)

Cultural values in Sub-Saharan countries are shaped by indigenous traditions, colonial legacies, and modern influences, resulting in a complex tapestry of beliefs and practices. For instance, in many Sub-Saharan cultures, the value of community and extended family structures is paramount. Ubuntu, a concept widely embraced in countries like South Africa, emphasizes the interconnectedness of individuals within the community and highlights values of compassion, cooperation, and shared responsibility. In addition, cultural values such as respect for elders, oral storytelling traditions, and communal celebrations of rites of passage are commonly observed across Sub-Saharan countries, fostering social harmony and a sense of collective identity. Furthermore, values of resilience, resourcefulness, and adaptability often prevail in the face of challenges, reflecting the spirit of survival and community support that characterizes many Sub-Saharan cultures (Romm & Lethole, 2021)

Traditional religious practices in Kenya are deeply rooted in the diverse ethnic groups and their respective belief systems. Indigenous African religions, such as those practiced by the Luo, Kikuyu, and Maasai communities, involve a rich tapestry of rituals, ceremonies, and spiritual beliefs. For example, among the Luo people, traditional religious practices include ancestor veneration, animal sacrifices, and divination rituals performed by spiritual leaders known as Dodo. These practices are aimed at maintaining a connection with the ancestral spirits and seeking their guidance and blessings. Similarly, among the Maasai community, traditional religious practices revolve around a monotheistic belief in a higher deity known as Enkai or Ngai. Ceremonies such as the Eunoto, a rite of passage for young warriors, and the Emuratare, a celebration of circumcision, are important cultural and religious events that reflect the spiritual beliefs and cultural values of the Maasai people (Barai, 2017)

Cultural values in Kenya reflect the diversity of its population and the influences of various ethnic groups. Ubuntu, a cultural value widely embraced in Kenya, emphasizes the interconnectedness of individuals within the community and promotes compassion, cooperation, and communal harmony. Respect for elders is a deeply ingrained cultural value that is reflected in the importance placed on seeking their guidance and wisdom. Additionally, communalism and extended family structures are highly valued, with a strong emphasis on sharing resources and supporting one another in times of need. Kenyan cultural values also celebrate hospitality and generosity, as demonstrated through practices such as offering food and shelter to guests.

Traditional music, dance, and storytelling are vital cultural expressions that help preserve history, pass on knowledge, and strengthen the sense of community (Fieldhouse, 2017)

The impact of globalization has brought about significant changes in traditional religious practices. The increased interconnectedness and cultural exchange facilitated by globalization have led to the spread of ideas, beliefs, and practices across borders. Traditional religious practices have been influenced by global religious movements, technological advancements, and the migration of people. This has resulted in the adaptation, hybridization, and even the reinterpretation of traditional practices to accommodate new cultural contexts and the evolving needs of individuals and communities. For example, the spread of yoga practices from India to various parts of the world or the incorporation of elements from different religious traditions into personal spiritual practices exemplify the impact of globalization on traditional religious practices (Magu, 2015)

Similarly, cultural values have been shaped and transformed by globalization. Increased global interactions through trade, travel, and media exposure have brought about cultural hybridization and the blending of different cultural norms and values. Globalization has led to the dissemination of dominant cultural values and ideologies, often associated with Western societies, influencing the perceptions and aspirations of people in various cultural contexts. This has resulted in shifts in attitudes towards individualism, consumerism, and materialistic values, which can sometimes challenge or reshape traditional cultural values that prioritize community, collective well-being, and environmental stewardship (Pramadya & Oktaviani, 2016)

Globalization has also impacted traditional religious practices and cultural values through the spread of information and ideas. The advent of the internet and social media platforms has facilitated the exchange of religious teachings, rituals, and cultural practices across borders. Individuals can now access religious texts, teachings, and participate in virtual religious communities, irrespective of geographical boundaries. This has both positive and negative implications, as it allows for greater religious pluralism, interfaith dialogue, and cultural exchange, but also exposes traditional practices to potential dilution or misinterpretation (Helland, 2016)

Furthermore, globalization has led to the commodification of traditional religious practices and cultural values. Cultural artifacts, rituals, and symbols are often marketed as tourist attractions or commodities for commercial gain. This can create tensions between the preservation of cultural authenticity and the demands of the global market. The commercialization of traditional practices can lead to the distortion or exploitation of cultural traditions, as they are adapted to meet the expectations of tourists or consumers (Olsen, 2019)

Statement of the Problem

In recent years, Kenya has experienced the effects of globalization, including increased connectivity, technological advancements, and cultural exchange. While globalization brings numerous opportunities, it also raises concerns about the potential impact on traditional religious practices and cultural values in the country. The interplay between globalization and traditional religious practices and cultural values raises questions about the extent to which globalization influences and potentially transforms these aspects of Kenyan society. It is essential to examine the ways in which globalization shapes the beliefs, rituals, and behaviors associated with traditional religious practices, as well as its impact on the cultural values that underpin social norms, relationships, and community cohesion in Kenya (Khan, N., Hassan, A. U., Fahad, S., &

Naushad, M. (2020) The problem statement seeks to investigate how globalization interacts with traditional religious practices and cultural values in Kenya. It aims to explore whether globalization leads to the preservation, adaptation, or dilution of traditional religious practices and cultural values.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Theoretical Review

Cultural Hybridity Theory

Cultural hybridity theory, developed by Homi K. Bhabha, explores the ways in which cultures blend and transform through interactions and encounters. According to this theory, globalization brings about cultural hybridization as diverse cultures interact, borrow from one another, and create new cultural forms. In the context of the impact of globalization on traditional religious practices and cultural values, cultural hybridity theory is relevant because it helps to understand how global influences shape and transform traditional practices and values. It highlights the dynamic nature of cultural change and the potential for the emergence of new hybrid cultural expressions. Cultural hybridity theory emphasizes the fluidity and negotiation of cultural identities as they are shaped by both local and global forces (Bhabha, 1994).

Modernization Theory

Modernization theory, developed by sociologists such as Walt Rostow and Daniel Lerner, posits that societies progress and develop through a linear trajectory of economic and social change. It suggests that as societies modernize and become more economically developed, traditional cultural practices and values are expected to weaken or decline. In the context of the impact of globalization on traditional religious practices and cultural values, modernization theory helps to examine the influence of global forces, such as technology and market integration, on the transformation of traditional practices and values. It raises questions about whether globalization leads to the erosion of traditional cultural forms or if it provides opportunities for their adaptation and revitalization (Rostow, 1960).

Glocalization Theory

Glocalization theory, proposed by sociologist Roland Robertson, explores the simultaneous processes of globalization and localization. It suggests that global influences are not simply imposed on local cultures, but they are interpreted and adapted to fit specific cultural contexts. Glocalization emphasizes the interplay between global and local forces, acknowledging that cultural practices and values are both shaped by global flows of ideas and mediated by local actors and institutions. In the context of the impact of globalization on traditional religious practices and cultural values, glocalization theory helps to understand how traditional practices and values are negotiated and reinterpreted in response to global influences. It recognizes the agency of local actors in adapting and integrating global ideas into their cultural systems (Robertson, 1995).

Empirical Review

McDaniel (2016) examined the impact of globalization on traditional Buddhist monastic communities and their religious practices. Qualitative interviews and participant observation were conducted with Buddhist monks and nuns in several countries. The study found that globalization

has led to changes in traditional Buddhist practices, including increased lay participation, adoption of modern technology, and modifications in monastic rules. However, the core values and teachings of Buddhism remain intact. The study therefore recommended dialogue between traditional monastic communities and modern society to maintain a balance between preserving traditional practices and adapting to globalization.

Orellana & Gómez (2017) investigated the influence of globalization on traditional marriage practices and cultural values in diverse societies. A comparative analysis of marriage rituals, customs and attitudes towards marriage in different cultural contexts was done using ethnographic data and surveys. The study found that globalization has contributed to the erosion of some traditional marriage practices, such as arranged marriages, and the adoption of more individualistic values. However, cultural values related to family unity and the significance of marriage remain resilient. It is therefore recommended to develop strategies to preserve and promote cultural diversity in marriage practices, while acknowledging the influence of globalization.

Walters (2015) explored the impact of globalization on the traditional spiritual practices of Native American tribes and the preservation of cultural values. A mixed methods approach was used, including interviews, surveys and analysis of archival records and ethnographic literature. The findings revealed that globalization has posed challenges to the preservation of indigenous spiritual practices, with some tribes experiencing cultural erosion and disconnection from ancestral traditions. However, there are also instances of revitalization and adaptation of indigenous spirituality in response to globalization. Therefore, support initiatives that promote cultural exchange, education, and the revitalization of indigenous spiritual practices while respecting the autonomy and self-determination of Native American communities.

Kaya & Ünal (2016) examined the effects of globalization on traditional Islamic practices and the cultural values upheld by mosque communities. Surveys and focus group discussions were conducted with members of mosque communities in different countries, complemented by content analysis of sermons and religious literature. Globalization has resulted in the diversification of Islamic practices, with varying degrees of influence from local customs and global trends. Mosque communities have adapted to technological advancements, increased interfaith dialogue, and encountered challenges related to cultural assimilation. The study recommended the promotion of intercultural understanding and dialogue among mosque communities to foster mutual respect and preserve core Islamic values while adapting to contemporary global contexts.

Deshpande (2018) investigated the impact of globalization on traditional Hindu rituals, practices and cultural values across different geographical regions. Comparative analysis of Hindu rituals, practices, and belief systems was conducted incorporating ethnographic fieldwork, textual analysis, and interviews with Hindu communities. Globalization has led to the adaptation and reinterpretation of traditional Hindu practices in response to modern contexts. It has facilitated the dissemination of knowledge and created opportunities for interfaith dialogue, but has also raised concerns about the dilution of cultural specificity. Support initiatives that preserve the diversity and authenticity of Hindu practices while embracing the positive aspects of globalization.

Teeuwen & Bocking (2017) examined how globalization has influenced traditional Shinto practices and cultural values within shrine communities in Japan. The study conducted ethnographic research involving participant observation, interviews with shrine priests and

analysis of ritual performances and historical records. Globalization has led to changes in Shinto practices, such as increased emphasis on tourism, commercialization of rituals, and the incorporation of modern elements. However, efforts to maintain core Shinto beliefs and rituals have also been observed. The study therefore recommends dialogue among shrine communities, scholars, and practitioners to strike a balance between preserving traditional Shinto practices and adapting to the changing global context.

Olupona (2014) explored the influence of globalization on indigenous African religions, specifically focusing on the impact on traditional practices and cultural values. A mixed methods approach was used including surveys, interviews and case studies conducted among different indigenous African countries. Globalization has had varying effects on indigenous African religions. While some traditional practices have been threatened or altered, there are also instances of resilience, adaptation, and the revitalization of cultural values. Globalization has facilitated the spread of information and increased intercultural exchange. Support community-led initiatives for the preservation and promotion of indigenous African religions, while acknowledging the complex interactions between globalization and local contexts.

METHODOLOGY

The study adopted a desktop methodology. Desk research refers to secondary data or that which can be collected without fieldwork. Desk research is basically involved in collecting data from existing resources hence it is often considered a low cost technique as compared to field research, as the main cost is involved in executive's time, telephone charges and directories. Thus, the study relied on already published studies, reports and statistics. This secondary data was easily accessed through the online journals and library.

FINDINGS

Our study presented both a knowledge and methodological gap. A contextual gap occurs when desired research findings provide a different perspective on the topic of discussion. For instance, Walters, S. D. (2015) explored the impact of globalization on the traditional spiritual practices of Native American tribes and the preservation of cultural values. A mixed methods approach was used, including interviews, surveys and analysis of archival records and ethnographic literature. The findings revealed that globalization has posed challenges to the preservation of indigenous spiritual practices, with some tribes experiencing cultural erosion and disconnection from ancestral traditions. However, there are also instances of revitalization and adaptation of indigenous spirituality in response to globalization. Our study on the other hand, our current study focused on the impact of globalization on the traditional religious and cultural beliefs: a case study of Kenya.

Secondly, in their study on the impact of globalization on the traditional and spiritual practices of Native American tribes and the preservation of cultural values adopted a mixed method approach using interviews, surveys and analysis of archival records and ethnographic literature whereas our current study adopted a desktop research method.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In conclusion, the research on the impact of globalization on traditional religious practices and cultural values reveals a complex and multifaceted relationship. Globalization has both

positive and negative consequences for traditional practices and values. On one hand, it can lead to the revitalization, adaptation, and hybridization of traditional practices, allowing them to evolve and find new relevance in a globalized world. On the other hand, globalization can also contribute to the erosion, dilution, and commodification of traditional practices and values, as they become influenced by external forces and commercial interests.

Based on the findings of the research, it is evident that local agency and cultural resilience play a crucial role in navigating the impact of globalization on traditional religious practices and cultural values. Communities and individuals actively engage in processes of adaptation, negotiation, and reinterpretation to preserve their cultural heritage while embracing aspects of globalization. Therefore, it is important to recognize and support local initiatives that seek to strike a balance between preserving traditional practices and values and engaging with the opportunities and challenges presented by globalization.

Recommendations stemming from this research include fostering intercultural dialogue and understanding to promote mutual respect and appreciation for diverse religious practices and cultural values. This can be achieved through educational programs, community initiatives, and cultural exchanges that encourage individuals to learn about and engage with different religious traditions and cultural practices. Additionally, there is a need for policy frameworks that support the safeguarding and promotion of traditional religious practices and cultural values while ensuring ethical and respectful engagement with global influences.

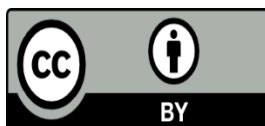
Further research is warranted to explore the specific mechanisms through which globalization impacts traditional religious practices and cultural values in different regions and communities. Comparative studies across various contexts can provide valuable insights into the diverse ways in which globalization manifests and influences traditional practices. Additionally, longitudinal studies can capture the dynamic nature of these changes over time and help identify strategies for effectively managing the impact of globalization on cultural heritage.

Overall, it is important to approach the impact of globalization on traditional religious practices and cultural values with sensitivity, recognizing the significance of these practices in shaping individual and collective identities. By fostering dialogue, encouraging local agency, and promoting understanding, societies can strive towards a more inclusive and balanced approach that respects cultural diversity while embracing the opportunities and challenges brought about by globalization.

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