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Mobals and Motives

Glossary of unfamiliar words:

Asylum – protection from extradition

Conurbations – urban sprawl

Environs – surrounding areas

Latticework – open mesh

Monstrosities – very ugly thing

Ousted – remove somebody from office

Propels – push somebody or something forward

Pushtuns - the mountain people living in the eastern regions of Afghanistan

Regime – form of government; controlling group

Stultify – diminish interest

Subsequent – later in time or order than something else

Suffused - spread over or through something

Sweatshop – work place with overworked, underpaid employees

Taliban – Islamic movement controlling Afghanistan

Urbanizing – make area into town; make country person move to city

Summary of Blij's argument in the section Mobals and Motives

In the section *Mobals and Motives* it talks about people moving from one country to another. These people are called mobals. They are risk-takers who are willing to leave what they know, and take a chance on a new place with motivations from employment to asylum. They can range from being well trained in a craft or profession to being unskilled. Locals become mobals when they become transnational. They will take jobs in another country that may be in a sweatshop. They may also be seeking political asylum. A mobal is not a person who moves about their own country. They would be known as movers. Refugees during war-time are also mobals, because they are seeking a safe haven place that is not in war. The world is urbanizing. The future babies will grow up in a mobal environment. There are many more mobals soon to come in the future. Many of them will see their hopes be brought to reality. If they don't, there could be very bad consequences for the world.