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## IB DP Geography – Rise of the Middle Class



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**Task 1** - Using the web link on [ibgeographypods.org](http://ibgeographypods.org), plot the % change in the middle classes between 1970 – 2030 (projected). Shade in green for increase and red for reduction.

Year	FRANCE	USA	CHINA	INDIA
1970				
1980				
1990				
2000				
2010				
2020 est				
2030 est				

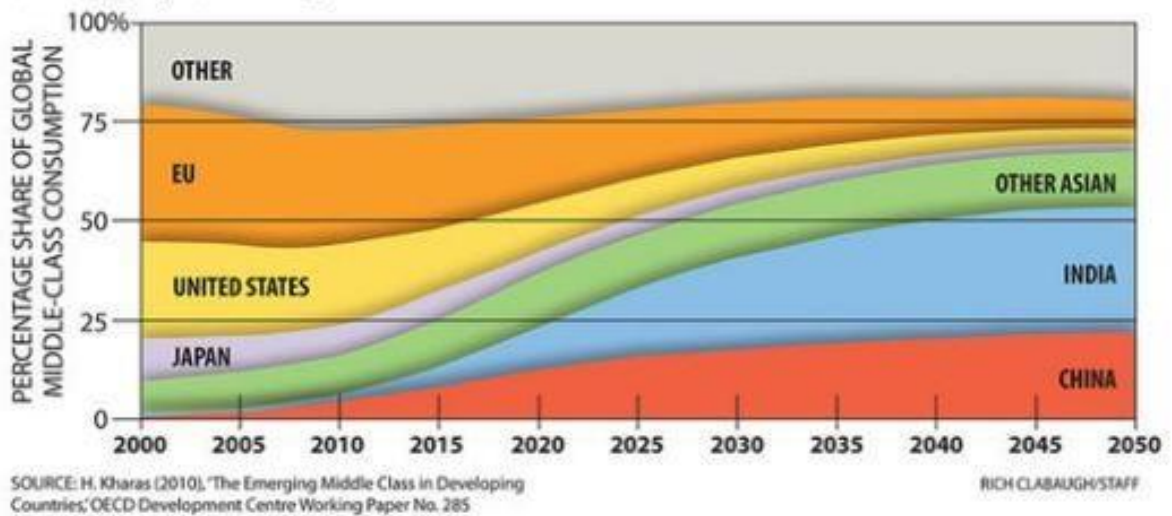
**Task 2** – Why has there been a reduction of middle class people in HIC's such as the USA and Germany?

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## The global middle-class wave

Global middle-class consumption will shift heavily toward China, India, and other Asian countries (excluding Japan) as the high-income countries see their share decrease.



Task 3 – Describe the patterns shown in the graph above. Make reference to rates for countries / regions in 2000 and in 2050.