

## **A Conceptual Framework/Rationale for World-wide Perspectives: Time for Community Psychology to Go Global**

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**ABSTRACT** Community psychology grew from traditional psychology into a more socially aware and responsive discipline in the mid-1960's. Recent political and economic changes at the global level now demand a broader vision from disciplines such as community psychology, a vision that encompasses world-wide communications, financial transactions, massive technological changes, and the emergence of common values. Indigenous peoples, cultural diversity, and collectivist lifestyles are all under threat as a result of these global influences. Community psychology must elevate its framework to understand and cope, otherwise the discipline and profession will lose relevance.

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