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**EQUALITY OF STATES IN GLOBAL POLITICS IN THE UNITED NATIONS**

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**ABSTRACT**

The equality of states has always been questioned in the international system. However, this research is centered on the equality of states and global politics in the United Nations. The objectives of the study, therefore, include understanding the principles that determine the equality of states in the United Nations’ charter and examining how beneficial institutions like the United Nations are to third-world countries of the world. Globalization is seen as a major factor for the equality of states because the whole world has become a global village and this already poses a threat to the sovereignty of nation-states in international politics. Four theories were used to back up and examine nation-states interactions which include: Realism and Liberalism. These were adopted to explain nation-states political interactions, while Modernization Theory and the Dependency Theory were used to explain nation-states economic relations. The research was carried out with the qualitative approach that depends on the review of available works of literature and data. A conclusion was reached by the researcher that states are not equal and the major institutions that help in-state interactions were created when most countries of the world were either under colonial rule or were non-existent. This gave room for series of gaps which the United Nations has been critiqued for. However, the researcher encourages the third-world countries to look inward and develop themselves by investing in the youths and the growth of local industries