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For the things that I use in everyday life, I noticed quite a lot of the things that I used made their way into my hands through network connections around the globe. For my phone, the battery for it was mined from mines in the Congo of African and then sent to China who then sells it to the US. China. Over 60% of the world's supply of cobalt is from the Congo so as for my specific phone, it's a safe bet to say it originated from there. For my jacket, the label says it was from a company named US Polo Association but it still said it was made in China. My best assumption here is that the company US Polo Association either has a steady supply of clothing from China or is based in China and regularly trades its clothing with the US. My next item is my hat. I have winter eskimo hat that looks somewhat similar to USSR hats with the fur on the top but it differs in that it has the ear flaps with it. The tag said it was made in Germany but the hat was bought from Amazon so it was most likely shipped from Germany to a Amazon warehouse. I like to use a sleeping bag when I sleep so I decided to make that my fourth item but surprise surprise, this was made in China as well. So far, its 3 to China and 1 to anywhere else. My fifth item was my sleeping shirt which said made in Honduras which came as a bit of a surprise to me since I do not normally associate Honduras with exported items. My last item which is my gaming mouse will give its last point to china after I checked under it to read the label on where it was from. I think my life would be very different for the most part without all

of these commodities that I have access to through network connections since there are very few things I own that were made in the US. I think for the most part, my belongings probably would not be as high quality as it would be compared to if it was made in America but that is just my assumption. I only used research for one of my items since for the rest of my items, I could just check the manufacturing label so theres only one source to cite here.

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