

The one who uses force is afraid of reasoning

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"Reasoning is the weapon of the weak; force, the refuge of the incompetent," says Ayn Rand. It means that even if someone is impoverished materially if he uses his mind then it is his strength. On the other hand, those who lack reasoning are incompetent thus they rely solely on the use of force. They are one who prefers force over rationalism are actually afraid of it. It is their fear of lack of clarity of understanding things that compel them to use force and get things done. They, therefore, exercise force either in physical form, social form or through psychological maneuvering. By using it ^{they} try to hide their ignorance by suppressing the opposition and carry out their agenda. Such act is carried out at large scale through suppression of rational movements, censorship and violence against free thinkers. History is full of such activities and even at recent times the last refuge of an incompetent is violence. Such an act can be prevented at individual as well as state level through by promoting tolerance, discouraging

violent activities and freedom of expression. Thus it can be argued that the use of force, in reality, is the failure of reasoning and those who use it are not confident enough to think rationally or accept any logical argument. However, such a behavior ~~can be avoided~~ is avoidable.

Use of force stems from the fear of reasoning. Incompetent people either at individual level or state level when face authentic and rational opposition they go on using force to continue their evil designs. ~~The~~ History is full of such examples. Either despotic kings or irrational clerics when faced ^{with} serious questions they have relied on using force. For example, when the Galileo's discovery of Earth's rotation around the sun was put forward before the Church, the priests instead of giving counter arguments in a logical manner, declared Galileo as a heretic and ordered his persecution. This shows that they had no ~~answers~~ reasonable answers and feared of

embarrassment thus relied on force.

Those who fail in reasoning use force in three ways. Firstly, they go on using physical force ~~as~~^{to} a counter reasoning. This includes violence and persecution. Despotic kings and dictators have persecuted a lot of people who held them questionable. Such people were ~~hanged~~ killed by hanging, shooting or ~~gluttonizing~~ to give other people the message that they are not allowed to think freely.

The second manifestation of using force is exercising social force ~~eg.~~ against reason. This type of force may include social boycott, excommunication from religion, ~~and~~ hatred and so on. The famous Greek philosopher Socrates was persecuted in this way. When the so-called learned people of his community unable to answer his question they declared that he is corrupting the youth of the nation and called for his social boycott. At the end, he was forced to drink poison.

The third method of using force against rationality is ~~the~~ psychological maneuvering. This sounds ~~like~~ soft but this is the most lethal of all. In this type, the rational person is forced to think that he is not thinking rationally or his way of thinking is dangerous to him and the whole community, through manipulative techniques. According to the American Psychologist Association (APA), psychological maneuvering is a form of violence and can be very dangerous. So through this means force is exercised by those who fear rationality.

Here the question arises that why people use force instead of brain? This ~~question~~ could have several reasons. Firstly, such people are ~~not~~ not confident of their rational abilities. They think that the person who has come up with logic is a threat to him since he cannot counter him rationally. ~~For~~ ~~put~~ ~~down~~ ~~the~~ ~~argument~~, ~~then~~ ~~such~~ ~~a~~ ~~person~~ he has a deep fear in him that he cannot ~~then~~ think ~~perceptibly~~ logically.

and resolve things peacefully. Thus, to put down the argument which is posed to him, such a person uses force as a shield against his insecurity.

The second reason of using violence as a tool in place of reason could be suppression of opponents. Some people's rivals are smart enough that they attract people intellectually. Such people are a threat to those who do not let people think on their own. For example, philosophers have long been a threat to despotic kings. In such a case, intellectuals are being suppressed through the use of force.

The third reason of using force instead of logic could be pursuit of personal gains. In some cases, violence is used as a technique to achieve a personal agenda where other options seem impossible. For example, war is used as a diplomatic means to preserve the national interests of a ~~small~~ country. Thus in this way, the required objectives are achieved by force.

The use of force is carried out against reason in many ways, like the suppression of rational movements through violence at state level is the first manifestation of it. Authoritarian regimes and tyrant kings have suppressed rational movements because of their insecurities.

The rationalist thinkers have ~~been~~ been persecuted, imprisoned and exiled who talk of rights and educate the masses. It is because the rulers are afraid ~~of~~ that if all people started thinking rationally then this could bring the end of their regimes. Arthur Miller argues that "the first thing a dictator do is ban on rational movements, student and social clubs where rationality is promoted" (Political Thought, 1977). Thus, the suppression of such movements that promote free thinking is the first manifestation of violence against rationality by those who are afraid of it.

Another way by which insecure people and regimes use force against

reason is by censorship. Censorship is a way of using force by which the aggressor does not allow his or her opponents to talk, speak or write freely. People at high level who do not like any kind of criticism ban certain media outlets, newspapers and books to publish or their critiques to go on air. Censorship could be ^{at} state level or through lobbying by influential people. Zahid Hussain writes that "censorship has long been a tool of insecure and incompetent authoritarian rules who want to portray that everything is fine and perfect with their government" (Dawn 2022). Thus censorship is also a kind of violence against logic.

Violence against free thinkers has been a way of exercising force against logic by incompetent people too. Free thinkers have long been persecuted because of their ideas and the challenge they have posed to the status quo. Such a depression against rationalist is carried

out with the intention that others may not follow them. Mashal Khan, a free thinker and student from Mardan was brutally killed ^{by} a mob in broad-day light due to his ideas and posts on social media. This is a glaring example of free thinkers are persecuted by those who do not have any answers to their questions.

If we look ~~to~~ back into history, it is full of evidences of use force against rationality by those who fear it. The post French Revolution Europe, which is notorious for persecution of liberals, nationalists, reformists and ~~workers~~ activists, is a glaring example of it. The French Revolution opened peoples' mind who previously used to believe in dogmatic concepts like "divine right to rule" of a king. However, ~~after~~ at the congress of Vienna the traditional and conservative rulers of Europe got together to undo and reverse the changes ^{that} the revolution had brought.

That include freedom of thought, freedom of expression, freedom of association and so on. The rulers were in opposition to these ideas because they were afraid of it since their rule were at stake, and they do not had any other countering ideology ^(H.L. Peacock, 2018). Therefore, they imposed severe restrictions on such ideas and persecuted many people who dared to oppose them.

Similarly, different monarchs and tyrants at different times in history have imposed severe censorship on publications like newspapers as an act of exercising force against reason due to their incompetency. Such rulers who were infamous among the masses and were afraid of criticism used censorship as a face saving tool (Henry Kissinger, Diplomacy). A number of newspapers and authors were banned for publication at the time of Charles I in England. The famous English writer

John Milton also came under censorship after "Areopagitica", a text which advocated freedom of press (William J. Long). Thus, it can be argued that rulers who were afraid of reasoning used censorship as a tool to suppress freedom of thought and expression.

In contemporary times, too, violence is carried out against reason and rationality as in the form of abduction and arrests of activists and free thinkers. Those who raise voice against apartheid states due to their repressions and injustices are being subjected to persecution. According to UN Human Right Watch, thirty-six journalists and a number of activists were sent to jail ~~for~~ by Indian Government speaking for the rights of Kashmiris, since the Indian government has no justification for denying the right of self-determination to Kashmiri people. Thus, in modern times too, the apartheid states use violence to suppress free thought.

Likewise, the state sponsored

censorship on media outlets is also an example of using force against rationality by those who fear it. In modern times, there is still ~~conserve~~ ~~cons~~ censorship on media. The media networks are not allowed to operate freely and justly because people in power are afraid of it. The current attitude of western media during the "Gaza Genocide" by Israeli forces is a great example of it. It seems that the influentials who control these media groups are afraid of telling the truth to people about the atrocities of Israel against innocent Palestinians. Instead of ~~showing~~ showing the reality to the world, the western media is trying to portray the Gaza crisis as the " Hamas - Israel war". Thus, it is argued that those who fear reason use force due to their incompetency as in the form of censorship in contemporary times.

Nonetheless, there are certain ways by which use of force against reasoning

due to insecurity can be avoided.

The first of these is the right of freedom of thought. Everyone should understand and accept that freedom of thought is a fundamental right that no one can take away. Freedom of thought is not just about thinking freely and fearlessly, rather, it is also about expressing what you think, what you want and acting upon it. The state and every individual in it should respect ~~one~~ someone's freedom of thought. By this way use of force instead of reasoning can be avoided.

Secondly, by promotion of virtues like tolerance, ~~a~~ respect of ~~respect~~ difference of opinion and forbearance, violent and unpleasant activities can be minimized.

Use of force is not a civilized way of doing anything and there is no justification of it, however, tolerance, forbearance and respectful co-existence are high moral virtues of humanity. Such virtues should be promoted.

at state level as well as at societal level. If such high moral acts are promoted then there could be no need of using force ~~against~~ instead of healthy reasoning.

Thirdly, use of any kind of force or violence should be discouraged to promote reasoning. Violence is the act of wild animals and human beings are the special creations of God and are rational beings. Therefore, any ~~such~~ idea which give way to violence should be avoided. People should teach their children to reason without fighting ~~it~~ from young age. The state should also need to understand that this is 21st century and in this era they cannot suppress someone with ^{the} use of force. Thus, humans need to promote reasoning and discourage violence.

In conclusion, the use of force instead of reasoning and respect of difference of opinion is inhumane. More

who rely on force are incompetent and lack the power of reasoning. They try to hide their fear and insecurity by using coercive methods. Reasoning and logic is the way of humans because they have ~~given~~ been bestowed with brains. The people who cannot able to use their minds ~~to~~ rely on their arms or any other kind of force. This is due to ~~the~~ lack of confidence in their abilities, to curtail any resistance or to benefit themselves. Such use of force in place of reason can be shown at state level in form of repression, censorship and persecution of free thinkers and so on. Human history is full of such example. Even in modern times violence is used instead of reasoning in many ways. However, it is possible to eliminate or minimize the use of force by promoting certain values like freedom of thought, tolerance, respect of difference of opinion and discouraging violent means.

The end.

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