

Rampant religious extremism in the world as manifestation of human nature.

1) Introduction

Religious extremism can be considered a manifestation of human nature as humans are social beings with respective ideologies that may brew conflict. Religion itself is not extremist in nature, rather, it is the misinterpretation as well as lack of awareness that makes it so. This issue can be controlled by taking proper measures.

2) Elements of human nature which lead to religious extremism.

3) How religious extremism is a reflection of human nature.

a) Lack of tolerance in individuals

b) Conflict of opinions

c) The influence of culture on religious beliefs.

d) Misinterpretation and illiteracy as a cause of religious extremism.

e) Innate sense of self-superiority

f) Religion used as a means of social control.

4) Impacts of religious extremism

- a) Imposition of religious extremism causes oppression.
- b) The violence attached to the idea of religious extremism pushes people away from religion.
- c) Conversion of society into a dystopia as free will is compromised.
- d) Spread of fear and unrest among individuals.
- e) Makes a society exclusive, neglecting the minorities.

5) Measures to halt religious extremism

- a) By addressing the root cause and reshaping human nature in a way which is morally correct.
- b) By promoting education for the purpose of removing illiteracy, especially in rural areas.
- c) Discouraging misinterpretation of religion by making it punishable.
- d) Clear understanding of religion should be encouraged.
- e) People of mass influence, to spread religious awareness through media.

- f) Separating religion from culture

6) Conclusion