

# "Universal Human Equality is Utopia"

## Outline:

1) Introduction

2) Inequalities in every walk of life.

(i) Gender-based inequality

ref: I am Malala, On Liberty (Stuart Mill)

(ii) Class based social and economic inequalities

Hammurabi's code of laws, 1984 (unpeople)

(iii) Racial Discrimination

A Walk to Freedom by Mandela

(iv) Religious hatred and extremism

Clash of Civilizations by Fukuyama

(v) World powers imperialistic approach towards weaker states

eg: Vietnam war, Proxy wars in Syria and Yemen,

Israeli settlements in Palestine, Fat boy and Little man in Japan.

ref: Who Rules the World (Noam Chomsky)

Because we say so (Noam Chomsky)

3) There are some hopeful measures towards universal human equality but still a long way to go.

(i) UN Charter of Human Rights but it is not binding

(ii) SDGs (5: Gender Equality, 16: Peace and Justice) but these goals are not achieved.

(iii) Quota system to give opportunities to marginalized communities but leads to incompetent selection (Jordan B. Peterson)

(iv) Fundamental rights in constitutions of most countries but not implemented especially in developing nations (Article 8-28 of Constitution of Pakistan)

#### 4) Recommendations for universal human equality

- (i) Promote gender equality and curb patriarchal mindset
- (ii) Ensure rights for the vulnerable section of a society
- (iii) Encourage social harmony and peace for a society without any racial discrimination.
- (iv) Discourage religious violence and extremism
- (v) Raise strong voice against self-centered political measures of world powers.

#### 5) Conclusion

#### Thesis Statement :

Universal human equality is indeed a utopic concept because in the real world, humans are far from equal. One's gender, status, race, religion and nationality determines their quality of life and other's behaviour towards them.

A seven year old girl looking through the garbage to find food, unaware of her beautiful green eyes and golden locks doesn't know what equality is. Neither does the woman standing in a line outside a subsidised grocery store with a hundred rupee note clenched in her fist. The unimaginable discrimination at so many levels in this world makes the universal human equality concept sound utopic. In the real world, humans are far from equal. One's gender, race, class, status, religion, and nationality determines their quality of life and other's behaviour towards them. Even on international level, the global powers claiming to be the flag bearers of human equality have a long record of imposing unjust wars and atrocities on the weaker states. There are some hopes such as the UN charter, provision of fundamental rights, SDGs and quota system, but neither are they enough, nor are they implemented seriously by the influential group. To move towards a peaceful world with slightly better human rights index, it is imperative to empower the vulnerable fraction of the society including women, minorities and the poverty-stricken. It is crucial to discourage religious extremism on societal, national and international level. Moreover, strong voices must be heard against the self-centered political policies of powerful entities. The Orwellian concept of equality is the true depiction of the contemporary world as shown in the commendment: "All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others." from his book "Animal Farm".