

# Essay:-

## Fault Lines Of Division In Pakistan - Causes and Consequences

### (I) Introduction:-

**Thesis Statement:** Nation that was built on unity, faith and discipline lacks the core of these words. Many social, religious and economic factors are blurring image of national integration. It is important to mitigate the disastrous effects of disunity in Pakistan.

### (II) How lack of national integration prevails in Pakistan.

### (III) Reasons for national disintegrations.

- (i) Diversity of languages
- (ii) Ideological fault lines
- (iii) Religious Turbulence
- (iv) Political Polarization
- (v) Division in class system
- (vi) Improper resource distribution among Provinces

### (IV) Consequences of distortion in Pakistan.

- (i) Downtail of economy
- (ii) Attract opportunities to enemy
- (iii) Decline of Islamic civilization
- (iv) Social disintegration
- (v) Can ultimately divide the country.

## (VI) Way Forward:

(i) Equal wealth distribution

(ii) Resolve conflict between center  
and Provinces

(iii) Renaissance of Islamic Civilization

(iv) Provision of Sincere leadership

## (v) Conclusion:

When the Muslims are disunited they would falter in their IMAAN and would be BEREFT of their inherent strength (Hazrat Usman Ghani)

This means that when nations which he specify Muslims become parted they become weak both in their faith and strength. Similar situation is prevailing in Pakistan.

People in Pakistan are divided and lacking true spirit of national, social and religious integration. Despite having bonding force - Islam, the same religion they are becoming internally weak.

Factors including diversity of languages, Religious Turbulence and ideological faultlines are causing division in

Pakistan: Moreover Political polarization, caste ~~class~~ system and improper resource division among provinces are also contributing to distortion of unity in Pakistan. These factors combine together and resulted in national disintegration that has various negative effects. These negative effects include downfall of economy

and attract opportunity to enemy. Furthermore  
it also cause decline of Islamic  
civilization; social disintegration and  
can ultimately divide the country  
geographically. Therefore there is a  
need to take preventive measure to  
minimize its effect. Equal distribution  
of wealth, resolution of center-province  
conflict, provision of <sup>sincere</sup> ~~center~~ leadership  
and flourishing of Islamic civilization  
are the measure that can help to  
reduce the <sup>negative</sup> effect of fault lines of  
division in Pakistane. Hence the nation  
that was built on unity, faith and  
discipline lacks core of these words.  
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are blurring image of National integration.  
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in Pakistan.

Ever since the partition, ~~Pakistan~~ Pakistan  
has remained in turbulent state because  
of various fault lines. Pakistan's  
tale of woes started with civil-  
military tussle for power. The country

witnessed several military take over which undermined the democratic process as well as rule of law. <sup>similarly</sup> The challenge of modernity and shortsightedness of intellect and muslim scholar in interpreting ideology has produced sectarian divisions in Pakistan. In addition to this ethno-linguistic imbalance is further dividing the people; producing various groups i.e. Punjabi, Sindhi, Pakhtoon, Balochi etc.

Another challenge to <sup>Integrity</sup> mindset of Political elite. Political elite including feudal lords, Politician, bureaucrats are extracting resources from other classes by <sup>using</sup> power. In short the division is prevailing in Pakistan that is weaning its roots.

In order to deal with ailment one has to go to main causes that may have triggered it. One of the main causes of national disintegration is diversity of language. Pakistan <sup>is</sup> multilingual country where eight major languages for supremacy. The groups with different language e.g. Punjabi, Sindhi, Balochi,

Pashtoo etc feel often when there regional languages are dominated by other languages mainly English. The communities speaking different face variety of problems like lack of government funding for native language education.

Lingual problems are ~~also~~ leading people to demand for separate province. Foreexample Demand of Jinnahpur province, Hazara Province and Saraki province in Southern Punjab are made on linguistic bases. Hence the linguistic problem is causing much trouble to national integration.

Similarly Ideological faultline, which can be defined as rise of orthodox and marginalization of Muslims secularists has caused much damage to unity. It has resulted in Shia-Sunni division and marginalization of other sects for example Hazaras. It also encompasses subnationalism and separatism in Sindh, Baluchistan, Gilgit and Pashtun Problem.

In same manner unregulated religious groups and sectarianism are also causing threat to national integration. The religion fact has been exploited since partition all and sundry. The politicians and internal power using their version of Islam for their interest. (Zeeshan Shaid, "Fault lines: Deconstructing the Roots of Security threat matrix, Feb 2020). Ulema also failed to preserve true picture of Islam that fueled religious turbulence. Ulema has been divided in their views and there is negligence of Ijtihad on important matter. These controversies among ulema develop hatred among people and they become divided.

Political Polarization is another factor that is fueling breakdown in society. This Polarisation has divided people, society and families as never before along intensely partition lines.

Political Polarization is also giving rise to intolerance and aggression in society. The use of immoral, abusive language and exploiting people for their political gain is distorting the society. PTI supporter has drawn rigid political battle line

with its leaders, now casting all its opponents as venal, unpatriotic and pawns of foreign Powers (Mleeha Lodhi, "Pakistan's New fault lines, 2022").

The racist nationalism publicized by its leaders is sowing further division in the country.

The class system — the division between rich and poor is distorting the unification in Pakistan. The existence of vast inequality of income and wealth has the potential to destabilize the country and endanger national solidarity and security. Unfortunately this trend in Pakistan is widening. Poor are becoming more poorer. They are considered disregarded and deprived of all the basic needs. While rich are in continuous efforts of extracting resources from poor. Class system also divides people on basis of their caste e.g. Butt, Rajpot, Mughal, Gujjar, etc. These castes are source of pride, domination for other peoples. They consider other of low caste and do not respect other. This produces hatred among people and they become



disunited. other form of class division

is <sup>between</sup> land lord and their workers. Land lord always exploit their workers for their own benefit. Profit of crops goes to pocket of land lord while worker strive to fulfill ~~our~~ his basic needs. Such division can badly effect the group solidarity and divides people in groups.

Another reason that resulted in division

Pakistan is improper resource division between provinces. This reason has already did much

bad to over country i.e Fall of Dhaka

we get parted from ~~one~~ <sup>East</sup> part of Pakistan just because of bad federation. This

reason is still prevailing in Pakistan.

Even After Allocation of NFC award

by 18th Amendment in 1973 constitution

there is always tussle between center and provinces for allocation of resources.

Much powers are give to province e.g education, Police department, health etc

but they still depend on center for major

developments. This situation is creating

hater between the provinces and center.

Provinces also fetching each other resources

For example in Oct, 2021 Punjab government ban the supply of wheat and flour to KP. such situations create feeling of inferiority, hate and aggression among people and resulted in their division. Similar water resource distribution conflicts are also present among provinces. Karachi being an industrial and economic zone, and has high portion in tax generation is deprived of basic resources e.g water, health; infrastructure due to bad federation as claimed by the provincial government. Absence of local government is igniting the <sup>problem</sup> ~~reason~~ of resource distribution. Both center and Provincial governments are reluctant of having local representation, less concern for the solution of problem. This led to aggressive behaviour among people for both government and division in the country.

These all factors mentioned before are blurring the image of national integration. The division in Pakistan has many disastrous effects. An increase in disunity has a ripple effect on the economy of Pakistan.

Disunity is causing downfall of Pakistan's Economy. "Groups Solidarity is directly proportion of Economic development while breaking in different group cause economic downfall" (Ibn-e-khaldoon). This shows that when people are united they bring about economic development in country; while disunity has negative effects on economy. When

there is economic disparity in state it let to deformation of state. The nation in which one class is living extra luxurious life i.e. landlords, feudals, Politicians, business man etc.; while other class is even deprived of basic need e.g. workers, minners, labourers etc., such nation is not worthy or diserable.

In Pakistan, the people are divided among rich and poor classes. In which major portion of population is only <sup>strive for</sup> meeting their own needs; while poured no part in country's economy. Hence causing backwariness of country in economic sector.

In the same manner disunity attracts the opportunities to enemy. Internal weaking provide basis for external threats. When country become weak <sup>in bond</sup> it is more

to vulnerable to external threat mainly security threat. For example role of India or Hindus in separation of East Pakistan. Our internal clash invited attention of our enemy. They played much role in highlighting feeling of aggression, inferiority among people in East Pakistan. Hence the major role was played by external enemy; resulted in separation of one part of our country. Similarly Pashtoonistan issue was highlighted by Afghanistan and India. This issue raised major upset in country. RAW the Indian secret Agency is also getting benefits of our weakness. They are providing bases for sectarian divisions. Moreover TTP are using Afghanistan's land; exploiting the peace and security in Pakistan. This all shows how our weakness; mainly the lack of national integration has exposed the country to external threat.

Similarly the ideological fault line and religious <sup>has</sup> turbulence <sup>basic</sup> resulted in decline of our Islamic civilization. The decline of Islamic civilization is direct result

of divergence between true Islamic teachings and actual conducts of Muslims. The crisis of Islamic civilization is caused by stagnation of intellectual thought marked by absence of critical enquiry and creativity. The forces of Ignorance, backwardness, extremism and authoritarianism are pitted against the ideals of progress, tolerance and democracy.

In Quran, Allah teaches us to be united. "And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah, and be not divided among yourselves (3:103). This shows that Allah has instructed Muslim to live in solidarity. Unfortunately, we are moving away the Islamic Principle of unity.

Our Holy Prophet P.B.U.H said "Allah will not be Merciful to those who are not merciful to Mankind". (Sahih Bukhari). This teaches us that we should be kind, tolerant, moderate and show mercy for other. But as we have been divided in number of religious groups; even the Muslim Scholars are not united we <sup>have</sup> forgotten the real essence and teaching of Islam.

Division in Pakistan is also causing Social

disintegration. Society is disintegrating due to the rise of theory that ends Justify means. The objective of Politics is to capture power, so let this be done by any means. The rich, landlords, bureaucrats etc are exploiting the worker's communities for their interest. The culture of nepotism and favouritism is common. Conflicts on basis of land, money, power are rising day by day. The state of disunity can be seen in all walks of life. We are even losing our traditional Joint family system and has been dividing in unit family system. Rates of crimes <sup>reached</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>at</sup> peak in Pakistan. This is a rat race with widest possible implication and neither friend nor enemy can be trusted. Not just wider political unities have been shattered, even social bonds have ~~been~~ cracked. People are talking with one another less and relying more and more on the gun.

The most disastrous effect of disunity is; that it has potential to divide or separate the country geographically

"United you stand divided you fall". When people become cynic of system, governance and hate each other they develop sense of being independent. For example Africa has 54 sovereign states and there are ethno-conflicts among these states. Similarly difference in language, religions conflicts, eruption of political power divided Sudan into two parts. <sup>Pakistan has</sup> ~~we have~~ already face the music of disunity. When country divided in smaller unit it has ~~has~~ potential to divide the country. Country become weaken at its roots and become ~~vulnerable~~ vulnerable to deformation or split.

The situation of disunity needs remedial measures as it has ~~reached~~ capped the climax.

~~To~~ In this regard we should overcome the Economic disparity. Government should insure equal wealth distribution among people. Provide equal opportunities to all to become part of national Economic system. To achieve this government can increase the employment

opportunities; provides loan for small business, incentives to worker etc. Government

Should try to equalize rich and poor classes in society by promoting effective judicial system

like wise Enhancement of center-provincial harmony is another way to achieve national unity. The federal government should take the lead for this purpose through in-depth consultations with provinces on the relevant issues.

The decentralization of powers to the provincial and local levels are appropriate steps; in removing the feelings of neglect in provinces.

Similarity the problem of divisions can be resolved by encouraging the renaissance of Islamic civilization.

Islamic intellectuals must come to grips with the challenges of modernity. This would require element of creativity and critical inquiry in the Islamic

thought in accordance with principle of Ijtihad. We should develop

institutions to make scholars accountable



to people.

Pakistan's politician should take responsibility in overcoming the fault lines in the country. Leaders should sacrifice personal gains for sake of national interest.

They should strive to put country on the road to progress and prosperity.

In addition to that they require to enhance social welfare and justice in society. They should inculcate the feeling of unity for nation interest; not for the interest of their associating party.

In nutshell Pakistan has been divided into numbers of fault ~~lines~~<sup>lines</sup>. It has been divided on basis sectarianism, ethnicity and language. The state of disunity can be seen in all walks of life. Steps are to taken by all stakeholder to bridge the national fault lines in Political, social and economic field.

Our inability to do so will consign Pakistan to continued intellectual stagnation, economic backwardness and Political authoritarianism. It can

also distort the national unity and solidarity. Such a situation would also threaten Pakistan's security by enabling its external enemies to manipulate its fault lines. So, the Political Leaders and Islamic Scholars should take up responsibility of linking people by social, ethnical and religious bridge.