

ESSAY: RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM AS A CHALLENGE TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Outline:

1. Introduction

Thesis statement: Religious extremism in any form hampers economic growth and stands as a challenge towards economic stability. This menace needs to be eradicated through various means in order to ensure safe and secure environment for economic activities in the country.

2. Religious extremism adversely affects economic development.

3. Forms of religious extremism

a- violent protests and demonstrations for religious cause

b- Killing of civilian in the name of blasphemy

c- Religious prejudices

d- Forceful conversion to religion

e- Bombing and targetting innocent people in the name of religion.

4. How religious extremism is a challenge to economic development?

a- Religious extremism creates insecure environment which distracts foreign investors

b- Minority is discouraged to render services in such society

- c- Violent protests and demonstrations affect economic activities
- d- Such society bears hatred of modern education
- e- Religious extremism does not allow women's education
- f- Lack of innovation in economic activities due to lack of modern education
- g- Trade is not allowed with countries which hold different religious beliefs than them.
- h- Foreign investors favour liberal society to invest in

5- How to overcome to religious extremism?

- a- To educate society and make conscious raising of the people
- b- To involve religious scholars to make true interpretation of religion
- c- To get the services of mass media to raise awareness in people
- d- To control the spread of religious prejudices and sectarianism.

6- conclusion