

Topic

Religious Extremism as a challenge to economic development

Outline

1. Introduction

Thesis statement

The world today is being faced by numerous challenges such terrorism, income inequality and cross border conflicts that hamper economic growth. Religious extremism is one such significant factor that has impacted economic development in the world.

2. Crunch paragraph

Economic Development is being hampered by Religious Extremism

3. Reasons of Religious Extremism.

- a. Promotion of non-state actors in countries
- b. Lack of awareness/ understanding regarding the true concept of religion
- c. Political exploitation by religious groups for personal agendas
- d. Radicalization of online platforms in spreading misinformation
- e. Lack of religious tolerance create deviant behaviour in people
- f. Poverty and socio-economic status of minority groups may lead to religious extremism

5. Impacts of Religious Extremism on Economic Development

- a. Human Capital Drain to less religious extremist countries
- b. Resource Diversion to counter terrorism efforts
- c. Tourism is affected as tourists avoid such areas.

d. International Institutions avoid giving foreign direct investment in religious extremist countries

e. Religious Extremism leads to riots which can damage industrial infrastructure.

6. Ways to stop or lessen religious extremism

a. Promoting interfaith tolerance amongst citizens.

b. Using social media to spread awareness on the need of economic development

c. Grassroot level initiatives to counter religious extremism

d. Enhancing cyber security to counter religious extremism

e. Using religious platforms like OIC to spread positive interfaith harmony.

7. Conclusion

