

Religious Extremism as a challenge to Economic Development

Outline

1. Introduction

Thesis Statement: Rising religious extremism posing the greatest challenge to economic development of developing countries of the world. There are various socio-political and ideological reasons of religious extremism in Pakistan; however, effective role of state governance and society can curbed this menace from its root.

2. Nexus Between Religious Extremism and Economic Development (Overview)

3. Causes of Religious Extremism in Pakistan

- (a) The state machinery getting frequently paralyzed by religious extremists
- (b) Rise in right-wing politics and religious card
- (c) Trend of mob-lynching in society by religious fanatics
- (d) The negative use of social media in prodding young mindsets toward radicalism

4. Religious Extremism posing challenges to Economic Development

- (a) Portraying poor image of country due

- to terror financing nation
- (b) Threat of economic sanctions on the country exporting extremist ideology
 - (c) Political polarization and instability caused by religious extremism leads to economic crisis
 - (d) Disruptions in economic activities due to extremists violence
 - (e) Tourism industry decline due to extremism
 - (f) Wasting human resource due to gender discrimination
 - (g) Brain drain as a final consequence of extremism in society

5. Countering Religious Extremism to Fasten Economic Development (Way Forward)

- (a) Strict implementation of rule of law
- (b) Engaging youth in healthy activities to avoid falling in radical hand
- (c) Promoting science, modernism, and technology in madrasas and clerics
- (d) Combating identity crisis and ideological disinformation on social media

6. Conclusion