

# Is Climate Change a Greater Threat Than Terrorism?

## Outline

### I. Introduction

### II. Climate Change is a biggest threat that humanity is facing today:

(i). Extreme heatwaves and human health issues

(ii). Fresh water scarcity due to global warming is a lasting threat to humanity.

(iii). Food insecurity due to climate change increase malnutrition.

(iv). Extreme weather events causes mass destruction.

(v). Climate Change threatens peace by aggravating conflicts on resources.

### III. However, Terrorism is also prevalent in number of ways:

(i). Surging domestic terrorism: a consistent threat.

(ii). Islamic extremist groups in middle-East and its affiliation in worldwide.

(iii). Rising gaps in investments and earnings due to terrorism.

(iv). Mass displacement and infrastructure destruction due to terrorism.

(v). Post-War trauma and

increase suicide rates.

**IV.**

Climate Change, therefore, is a biggest threat modern humans have ever faced:

(i). Concentration of Carbon-dioxide increased 'fifty percent' since industrial revolution.

(ii). Heatwaves kill approximately 12,000 people in America every year.

(iii). It reduces the confidence of investors due to unhealthy money return.

(iv). Terrorism mostly impact on brain while climate change impacts mentally and physically.

(v). Climate change impacts overall livelihood.

(v). Conclusion.

Terrorism may grab headlines, but the reality is that global warming is the far greater threat. From ravaging natural disasters to devastating health impacts, climate change is the unseen enemy that demands ~~our~~ world's attention and action. In the similar way, climate change is a biggest threat that humanity is facing today. For instance, the intensified heatwaves and human health issues manifests the bleak picture of climate change on the contemporary era. Moreover, climate change not only cause fresh water scarcity but also increases food ~~in~~ insecurity which influence malnutrition in the world. Additionally, the extreme weather events cause mass destruction and threaten the peace of communities by aggravating conflicts on resources.

However, some are in a favour of opinion that terrorism is also prevalent in number of ways. First, the surging domestic terrorism and the extremist Islamic militants are still mature to threaten the world by disturbing its peace. Secondly,

Rising gaps in investments and mass displacement of communities impedes the way of economic prosperity. Terrorism not only increase post-war trauma attacks but also increase in the number of suicide rates worldwide. On the other hand, Climate change is a biggest threat the modern human has ever met. Due to the fact that, the concentration of carbon-dioxide and mass destruction of humans world-wide strengthens the argument that it is a greatest threat than terrorism. Moreover, it reduces the confidence of investors and overall market money return. Terrorism may impact the physical well-being of humans but climate induce disasters affects both mentally and physical well-being of a person. Although, Climate change is the greatest threat of the era due to its various impacts, but some are in a favour of opinion that terrorism is prevalent in similar number of ways. However, climate change, indeed, a greatest threat the modern humans are have ever faced.

First, extreme heatwaves and human health issues are the biggest fronts that humanity is confronting today.

The extreme heatwaves have been transformed into harsh patterns which affects the overall livelihood.

These harsh heatwaves surging as a core reason to human health issues. The year 2024 hit record temperatures, the Sonoran desert hit **125 degrees**, which is the hottest day in Mexican history.

Besides this, the heat-related deaths reflects dire situations in world wide. Approximately **489,000** heat-related deaths occur each year, with **45** percent of these in Asia and **36** percent in Europe.

These disturbing findings revealed that extreme heatwaves and human health issues related to these climate induce disasters are the emerging fronts that the contemporary world is facing in the on-going Century.

Secondly, Besides extreme heatwaves, the other paramount threat of climate change is the fresh water scarcity. The humanity is facing due to global warming.

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This phenomenon has been taking place for years due to severe global warming situations. Moreover, melting of glaciers rapidly cast a serious concerns pertaining the availability of fresh water.

Most of the countries in the world are already at the juncture of water scarcity.

Therefore, rapidly melting of glaciers due to headwaters causes serious concerns for those countries.

According to **United Nation World Water Development report**, "half of the world's population experiences severe water scarcity for at least part of the year." This means that the availability of fresh water is a lasting goal for countries to be achieved in coming years to come. Similarly, It not only humiliate the current generation but also cast a bleak picture on the future of generation to come. Hence, It is evident from the above findings that the availability of fresh water is a consistent threat to humanity.

Third, food insecurity due to climate change is another significant threat that pushing populace in the caves of malnutrition. Food insecurity increases when the weather change its pattern which results calamitous disasters.

Similarly, these calamitous disasters disturbs or destructs the production of food at large scales which impedes the availability of food.

Take for example the findings of **International Panel on Climate Change**.

"Climate change has already lead to a **2-3%** percent decline in global crop yields per decades since the **1980s**. This gap indicates the harsh realities of future and the food production. However,

keeping this finding on right place, it unveils the conditions of malnourished people who might be victims of this calamitous threat.

**World Health Organisation**

report, the figure of malnourished people will be **20-50** percent by **2050**. This situations

unveils the dire realities of climatic threats that the era is facing in the form.

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of food insecurity and malnutrition.

Next, the emerging extreme weather events due to climate change leading the masses towards a situation that is nearly irreparable. These events in the form of different disasters for instance, the events which often eclipsed as floods, heatwaves, torrential rains, droughts and many other. However, due to these climatic disasters, the masses face potential dangers to their lives as well as other belongings. Similarly, climate change is increasing the frequency of extreme weather events. Additionally, research shows that **3.6 billion** already live in areas that are highly vulnerable to climate change events. This is evident the fact that climate induce weather events causing humanity to face potential challenges or dangers to their lives and wellbeing. Hence, it is quite clear that vulnerable climate induced events casting its looming shadow which likely spells more troubles for humanity.



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Along with extreme weather events, climate change also threatens peace by aggravating conflicts on scarce resources. Climate induced disasters demolish infrastructures as well as other important materials. The shortage of important human related material widens drastically, as a result, conflicts emerge between different ethnic groups in the developing countries. This increasing conflicts can be seen over the particular resources such as water and land. Researchs claim that, "20 million people are displaced due to extreme weather events. These displaced people often remain unprivileged from important resources such as land and water. This gap in necessities leads to conflicts between different ethnic groups which can be consider as a worrying potent for the livelihood. Therefore, no ethnic or community is destined to remain unprivileged. However, solid plans backed by research are direly needed. This responsibility falls on the shoulders of federal as well as provincial governments to allocate balance distribution of resources among different groups and communities to eradicate the unrests.

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Surging terrorism is a constant threats that the humanity is facing globally as well as at domestic levels. It has been decades the ill is instilled in various factions on societies.

Moreover, this century is marked by extreme tragic events influence by the surge of terrorism.

Most of the global countries are facing potential dangers due to terrorism in the form of militancy.

It is undeniable fact, that the world is witnessing a spread of terrorist ideologies in certain regions including Middle east, South Asia and Africa. According to reports, In 2023 the death of from terrorism increased by 22 percent, the highest since 2017. This revealed facts give indications of troubles that the world is facing in 21st century. Besides, various steps taken globally to eradicate terrorism, The groups

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are emerging with updated versions with modern weapons. Hence, it is crystal clear that the world is mired by threats of terrorism at various fronts. Heavily efforts are urgently required to curb the menace of terrorism from the world.

The world is witnessing uncertainties from extremist groups which are grabbed the peace of in various spots particularly in middle-East. The year 2023 marked by a highest record of the resurgence of militancy. These militant groups hijack the world by several means. One of these militant groups is the 'Islamic extremist group.' Moreover, the world is similar to the October 7 attack in middle-East where numerous casualties has been recorded. There are multiple incidents were held at different occasions. Most of those incidents were carried out by the so-called 'Axis-of-Resistance', a Iranian backed alliance in middle-East. However, the threat in the form of militancy is leading to mass destruction of humanity.

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Let alone consider the threats and cause casualties from by terrorism to Pakistan. The Global Terrorism Index report in 2022 reveals that, extremist militancy caused **543 and 300 deaths** in a single year. This shows that humanity is facing excessive threats from terrorism contrary to Climate change. Hence, It is imaginable to consider that the world is surrounded by the threats which were posed by extremist groups.

Along with this, Raising gaps in investments and earnings also posing a threat to the economic well being of human beings. This gap widens the deprivations of masses which probably halt the human prosperity. Moreover, risk of security hinders the foreign investors to invest in a concerned spot. This vacuum pushes the people into the caves of deprivation which leads to mass extinction.

Similarly, one consider Pakistan for example. Pakistan suffered economic losses of over **\$150 billion**

Since 2001 due to terrorism. This alarming findings revealed that an evacuation of militant outfits is paramount to increase the flow of investments in Pakistan. Unless the state authorities take preventive measures to tackle down the threats, the well-beingness of public will remain an incomplete dream.

One of greatest threat to humanity is the mass displacement and destruction of infrastructure due to terrorism. The presence of terrorism outfits make the concerned place vulnerable. The exchange of fires and demolishing the important infrastructure effects people's business and livelihood.

Most of the victims remain deplete because they can not bear the brunt of these losses. These situations force the masses to remain unprivileged. Besides this, the effected areas remain highest in terms of tragic health issues. Some of these issues may be count as; Anxiety, depression, psychological disorders and more.

This reflects the fact that emerging threats of terrorism force mass displacement which

has a strong nexus to Economic as well as human loss.

The post-war trauma and increase in the rate of suicide always co-exist. The aftermaths of war is not less than the continuous war because a victimized person would remain fighting a fight with himself. Moreover, numerous incidents of high-profile incidents took place in different countries in past. Researches show that the concerned areas experienced maximum suicide rates. According to **World Health Organisation**, the global suicide rates has increased by **60%** percent since 2000, with terrorism being a significant contributing factor. The most potential threat to humanity is not other than terrorism because a single attack could claim million lives within a just countable hours. Hence, it is testified that, terrorism possesses soaring threat to humanity in the present century.

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Above all else, concentration of carbon-dioxide increased drastically after industrial revolution which can be count as an immense threat to the world. This increase is being ignited due to various considerable reasons. Moreover, one of the substantial reasons is the extensive use of fossil fuels which are have a strong bonding to environmental pollution. This disturbance in the environment alters the natural shape of world which exerts its negative effects on masses. According to the findings of 'United Nations Environment Programme': "Air pollution causes **6.7 million** premature deaths annually. This dilemma of increased concentration of carbon-dioxide cast a trouble situations. However, multiple conferences at global level were held but none of them produced desire outcomes. Therefore, It is evident, that increase in the concentration of carbon-dioxide emerges as an existential threat to humanity.

Besides terrorism, the heatwaves due to climate change brings an end to millions of people western world every-year. This termination

appears in different forms. Moreover, these disasters can be considered record-breaking heatwaves in Europe, floodings in Western Europe, severe droughts in West United States, and cyclones in Central America. According to "European Commission," "Approximately 1220 people in United States killed by extreme heat every year."

This demonstrates the fact that climate change is a biggest threat than terrorism in 21st century. Proactive measures are required to curb the threat at global level. Hence, it is, in fact, manifested that climatic disasters depriving humanity humans to their lives every year.

Indeed, it is frequent climatic events that reduces the confidence of investors due to poor money return. Climate change events not only increases the risk of mass destruction of people, but it also obstructs the confidence of investors to invest. This gap widens the unhealthy impacts on inhabitants of a particular place. ~~Best~~ Along with reduction in investments, the risks of health



Situations may also be affected. Moreover, climate change poses a significant threat to global economic stability and the investment gap. Addressing this issue is substantial.

The reports of International Environmental Agency reveals that 50 percent of global infrastructures are at risk due to climate change. However, this gap in investments increases the vulnerabilities of peoples in particularly developing countries which are more vulnerable to climate change. Lastly, climate events in the form of natural disasters damage the productivity of investment in developed and developing countries.

Undoubtedly, Terrorism mostly effects on brain, while climate impacts mentally and physically wellbeing. This impacts overall health of an individual or a community. Several cases have been reported in worldwide persisting afterwards of climate change. Disasters can certainly trigger or exacerbate mental disorders which includes anxiety and depressive disorders.

Moreover, Children and old people are particularly vulnerable to climate-related trauma with 1 to 8 people experiencing mental health issues induced by these climatic disasters. Additionally, Women are also disproportionately affected by climate-related disasters. This forecast the dire consequences of climate change which is seemingly a biggest threat than terrorism in today's world. Thus, It is proved that human health conditions are vulnerable to climate change more than terrorism.

To Sum up, Climate change is an exceptional threat to the survival of humanity due to its heterogenous effects. However, some are in support of opinion that terrorism dominate the world with its deadliest shadow. But somehow, Climate change, without a doubt, ~~most~~ casting its merciless shadow on the brink of humanity which the creature has ever experienced.

Moreover, Climate change threat is the most influential dilemma that the world is witnessing. For example, the excessive rainfalls, extreme heatwaves and deadliest droughts manifests the uncertainty of Climate change on humanity.

However, some holds the support that, Terrorism is also prevalent in multiple ways. For instance, the persistent domestic violence in different countries of the world is facing the potential dangers or risks.

Besides this, the militancy around the world is already beating the drums of war to hurt the peace of the world and sustainability of humanity. Above all else, due to the prevailing fact, that the concentration of carbon-dioxide ~~are~~ is also climbing to sky.

This backs the argument that, yet, Climate change is the utmost gruesome challenge the world is facing today. Therefore, It is clear that Climate change stands as the paramount threat to human civilization, sup surpassing terrorism in both scope and severity, and necessitating a unified global response.