

"Why Nations Fail"

Outline

1. Introduction

1.1 Thesis statement: The rise and fall of nations is highly dependent on certain defined parameters like economy, political stability, self sufficiency and many such factors. Those nations which performs well in these parameters sustains and succeeds while those failed to perform will diminish.

2. Economic Degeneration; one of the biggest hit

2.1. As inflation goes up economy goes down

2.2. Purchasing power, lifestyle and other factors facing downward trend

3. Political Instability makes economy and nation vulnerable

3.1 Point to note: Bangladesh

4. Morally ~~be~~ not upright...

4.1. Fail as an individual citizen

5. Not keeping up with the trend

5.1. Technological advancement in countries like Pakistan faces setbacks

5.2. Not adopting the new and sustainable ways of energy generation

6. Crime is just an act not an unlawful act

6.1. Unheard cases of crime in Pakistan

7. Women's exclusivity in nation building

8. Foreign Relations not maintained

8.1. Case in point: North Korea

9. Non self sustainable nations are failed nations

9.1. Case in point: Soviet Union

10. Case studies of failed or collapsed nations

10.1. Ottoman Empire

10.2. Soviet Union

10.3. Sri Lanka

11. Key Takeaways from the cases of failed nations

12. Critical analysis

13. Conclusion

"I have not failed. I have just found 10,000 ways that won't work (Thomas A. Edison)

Fail of a nation means it failed to provide people with basic necessities of life, to maintain a healthy economy and to maintain political stability.

To achieve above objectives there are certain KPI's that shows how well country is performing in each objectives. The KPI's are includes, technological advancement, inflation, a focus on sustainable development and others.

If these kinds of factors aren't well performed then countries may fall in barbarism. Past teaches us already

Past taught us already by the lessons of ^{Command over language is fine} Soviet Union, Ottoman Empire and Sri Lanka that what can be the reasons of failure of

a nation, which is a perfect model for
the currently struggling nations.

Economy is one of the crucial gauge to assess a country's capability to sustain in the long run.

A country experiencing high levels of inflation will not let people to purchase and with low purchasing power the businesses, taxes and other sources of income will decline. Pushing the nation into the barbaric hole of bankruptcy or collapse. Currently, Pakistan is facing such condition in which because of high inflation the purchasing power of people reduced manifold. As also stated by Policy Advisor to Islamabad chamber of Commerce Industries (CCI); ~~that~~ ^{Need proper} CPI has shown consistent growth over the past year, eroding the purchasing power of average Pakistani

household. If such conditions prevail
for longer period of time that
countries may fail to sustain.
History and current
times have shown how political
instability can lead to failure
of state to sustain or to function
properly. It was political instability
that took Bangladesh away
from Pakistan. When Sheikh
Mujib-ur-Rehman won the elections
and Bengalis despite being in
majority, could not get the
reigns of government. This led
to resentment and hostility
among people of East Pakistan,
and consequently we saw
the separation of East Pakistan
from West Pakistan. Currently,
Bangladesh's government faced

a big setback as the people's protest against then Prime Minister Hasina Wajid forced her to resign and take exile in India.

This political instability has made ~~the~~ Bangladesh a risky country for investors and foreign relations.

This may cause deteriorating situation ~~from~~ Bangladesh. In this way and other, instability in political realm causes failure ~~or~~ in of nation or if not failure then inefficiency in nation's functioning.

Failure of something is not just because of external factors but also a consequence of internal inefficiencies. If citizens are not morally right then their everyday dealings will also be corrupt.

From a milkman adding extra water to the milk to increase the quantity of milk to millions of corruption by politicians, all is an outcome of lack of morality

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which allows people to perform ~~the~~ corrupt practices. These are the acts ~~that~~ and ~~practices~~ that make a state weak by making

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~~the~~ institutions weak. ~~by~~ ~~an~~ ~~anticor-~~
~~ruption~~ ~~insti~~ture is itself weak and
~~corrupt~~ ~~then~~ how it ~~well~~ ~~held~~
citizens ~~accountable~~ ~~don't~~ ~~corruption~~

Therefore, an immoral society will weaken the ~~institutions~~ even more and politically, economically and socially and hence lead to nation's deterioration.

Nations which do not comply with the modern era's trends will not stay competitive and may diminish in the long run. Innovation, technology and exploring ways of solving country's problems keeps the nations with the competitive countries. In the globalization era, countries cannot operate in isolation and to have global ties the nations should be as competitive as possible. We cannot think Afghanistan to ~~compete~~ with have bilateral treaty with Russia to promote E-commerce because Afghanistan is not

Competitive enough. In an era when countries are exploring ways to resolve pressing issues like energy crisis, water scarcity etc, developing countries are still stuck in old ways

of managing their affairs.

Currently, oceans, like Atlantic Ocean, are not 'debarred' to be used as an alternative way

of energy generation. While

Pakistan is still stuck in generating energy through fossil

fuel! So, if we need to

sustain then we need to adopt modern ways which is always the need of the hour.

High rates of crime in a society negatively impact the functioning of its systems and operations. The impact of crime is not inflicted only upon victims but on victims' family and all other related people. Moreover, crime prevalence in a society encourages others as well to use this shortcut and ~~get~~ fulfill ~~the~~ needs. Crime may give rise to other social evils as well. A robber may lie to his family about the ~~robbed~~ money that he brings home. If the robber went successful the robber may get ~~be~~ encouraged to perform ~~high~~ high level of crime like bank robbery, murder etc. Pakistan is among those unfortunate countries

where crimes are increasing at a
Dastor rate. According to a report
of 2023, around 2633 children
were missing. Such cases shows
that if no urgent action is taken
then Pakistan may move towards
a failed state. ~~In the past, Soviet~~

Nations need to break the traditional social construct of gender if they want to flourish in the modern world. Women constitute a major chunk of any country's population.

According to World Bank female population percentage in Pakistan is 49.8% in 2023. If such a major chunk of population is going unreported ~~not included~~ going unproductive then we are at significantly high level of inefficiency! History is evident that when women are made part of revolution then revolution occurs. During Muslims struggle to get their separate

homeland back in 1930s-1940s, women like Fatima Ali Jinnah, Begum

Rana Liaquat played crucial role which boost the process of independence of Indian Muslims. So even

~~the history teaches us that to make or~~ while currently, those

nations which do not includes

women as part of nation building then they are at significant decline in all facets of life. Currently,

Afghanistan is a case in point. The societal stigma of Afghanistan is such that women should not

work and should be confine to home only. has impeded innovation and growth of Afghanistan to

manifests. So, history and present both teaches us that women

play crucial role in making or

breaking of a nation.

The we are living in an era of globalization which demands that ~~we should~~ countries should operate in cooperation and coordination with other countries. Trade, treaties, partnership, etc. all are outcome of globalization which ~~or~~ requires countries to maintain foreign relations. Foreign relations ~~allow countries to overcome their lackings~~ like many countries ~~import~~ oil from Saudi Arabia to fulfill their oil needs. Countries ~~or~~ may not be able to fulfill all their needs independently because of several reasons like geographical limitations, lack of resources to ~~en~~ avail benefits and such other ~~part~~ forms. Those countries which do not ~~take~~ any action

To fulfill these needs may suffer significant downfall. For example, North Korea which do not have good relations with west. Also, Afghanistan do not keep good relations with foreign countries. Consequently, the education, ~~social~~ infrastructure and other needs of Afghanistan are still not fulfilled which keeps it at her at ~~declined~~ stage.

To sustain in the long run, a nation should work on ~~sustainable~~ ~~fact~~ such factors which would ensure the stability. Depending on loan, high level of imports, inadequate tax collection and all such factors causes internal weakness in nation and hence may lead to collapse. When a nation's productivity and efficiency is solely dependent ~~then~~ on debts and loans then

The survival of that nation becomes difficult in the long run. When a nation does not focus on domestic production and keeps on exporting and importing when the high cost of imports may exceed the revenue which a nation may generate. All such and other deteriorating conditions were prevalent in Soviet Union. The end of Soviet Union is known to all today!

The Ottoman Empire case is relevant while considering why Nations fall. Ottoman Empire rule lasted over 600 years but its failure is not because of one factor but multiple factors. Corruption in bureaucracy and favoritism weakened the state's ability to function efficiently. Other than political factors, ~~econ~~ economically inefficient practices were also prevailing, like heavy taxation on people reducing purchasing power of people and aggravating their lifestyle. Such factors led to disintegration of state.

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The case of Soviet Union is another lesson for the modern state to learn. ~~and~~ Soviet Union

existed from 1922 to 1991. Soviet Union held the ideology of communism which was in contrast to the ideology of capitalism. There were many factors that caused the collapse of Soviet Union. The ~~main~~ one of the major reasons was that they could not keep up with the trends. The western countries at that time were outpacing Soviet Union in technological, economic and cultural innovations. Soviet Union realized the need for reforms quite late and then when she tried to bring reform then they were not upto the mark. Other factors which led to failure includes agricultural inefficiency, corruption and others.

The case of Sri Lanka

is also relevant in the context of nations failure. In 2022, Sri Lanka announced its bankruptcy, making it first state in Asia-Pacific region to enter sovereign default in the 21st century. Sri Lanka relied heavily on external debt, which were invested on infrastructure projects which did not yield sufficient returns. The government introduced significant tax cuts, reducing revenue and widening fiscal deficits. The corruption charges on government showed lack of political accountability. Such reasons and shows clearly depicts how crucial it is for governments to take timely action and stay transparent with their actions, otherwise the end is horrible!

"Don't cry over spilled milk" - this is the approach that developing and underdeveloped nations need to take to learn from the past mistakes and prevent them in future.

The cases of developed nations give points to be noted for struggling nations, the nations should which includes,

- Be transparent in dealing and carrying out administrative functions
- Maintain foreign relations with all those countries which may benefit your country with the pressing issues. Like Pakistan remained hesitant to have good relations with Tehran because of the US' fear, as US sanctions Iran. Pakistan would focus on flourishing its relations with Tehran when she

would have worked on Iran Pakistan gas pipeline which will help in the energy needs of Pakistan.

- The ~~matters~~ like financial matters like tax cuts and tax increase should be done with careful ~~consi~~ thought.
- The Right action at the right time should be the mantra of every government. Nations should bring needful reforms, technological advancement and innovative ways of dealing with the problems. Developing countries like Pakistan should adopt EVs rather than relying on vehicles which contributes to greenhouse gases. To deal with the issue of climate change.
- Countries shift from external debt to reliance on domestic production

and domestic revenues should be prioritized. China do mass domestic production which has made it a competitor of world's superpower US.

Critical analysis of the past and present demonstrates that nations those nations which are currently facing down on ~~decis. difficulties~~ are suffering from more or less same situation like those countries which are analyzed. Countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and others, needs to take immediate action before it's too late. The lessons like increasing domestic production and purchasing power, allowing foreign relations to flourish without any hesitation, empowering all genders so they

can contribute in nation building and keeping up with the trend to stay innovative and competitive should be the key take aways to ~~don~~ struggling nations.

In a nutshell, we can ~~optimistically~~ conclude that nations ~~fail~~ because of external and internal factors both. ~~to~~ those the past has taught ~~us~~ the lesson on what ~~do not~~ needs to ~~be~~ should not needs to be prevented. The way forward ~~don~~ the developing nation should keep in consideration all the lessons from the failure of other nations!

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