

English Essay

Is Censorship justified in Arts and Entertainment Industry?

Essay Outline

1- INTRODUCTION

Censorship is justified in Arts and Entertainment industries because its absence results in various problem - mostly political, economic, and social in nature. Another school of thought believes in the opposite; however, their stance does not seem much convincing.

2. THIS IS HOW THE ABSENCE OF CENSORSHIP RESULTS IN VARIOUS PROBLEM

- (a) Political Problems Caused by the Absence of Censorship:
 - (i) Fueling the ongoing political conflicts:
 - Zara Fashion Show causing conflict in Gaza war
 - (ii) Promoting violent tendencies: Violent ~~and~~ Video Games
 - (iii) Portraying wrong image of political philosophies: Hashtag Toxic Feminism

- b) Economic Issues Resulting from the Absence of Censorship in Arts ^{and Entertainment} Industry
- (i) Unchecked Entertainment Industry resulting in unequal pays for male and female actors: Bollywood 1990s era
 - (ii) Growth of consumerism caused by Influencer culture
 - (iii) Promotion of brands that are harmful: Instagram Sponsorships
 - (c) Social Problems caused by ~~the~~ the Absence of Censorship in Arts and Entertainment Industry
 - (i) Intensifying cultural lag: Case of Pakistani Drama Industry
 - (ii) High and false beauty standards reducing self-esteem: Case of Bella Hadid, Social Media Personality
 - (iii) ~~Advers~~ Objectification of females: Advertisement Industry

3- OPPOSITE NOTION OF AN UNCHECKED ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AND WHY IT IS NOT MUCH CONVINCING

- (i) Violation of Rights of ~~the Artist~~ ^{Freedom of thought} however, checks are only meant to remove objectionable material
- (ii) Reduction in Creativity; however, it actually promotes creativity that is productive
- (iii) Issues of copyrights of Artificial Intelligence generated art by United States; however, Artificial Intelligence Governance is not yet mainstreamed

4- RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAINTAINING CHECKS AND BALANCE ON ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY WITHOUT COMPROMISING LIBERTY

5- CONCLUSION

Essay Body

In an era where the information is flooded, it is essential to keep a check on such information. Particularly, Arts and Entertainment Industry is something that gets the most of people's attention - It is, therefore, mandatory to if it is left out from the accountability results are bound to be severe. In fact, its consequences are not just a talk of the future but have begun to show up today. From the fashion industry to the film one; from social entertainment platforms to advertisement industry; nearly all sort of Entertainment worlds have shown to become corrupt in the absence of proper Censorships.

Although some people argue about the right to freedom and of speech and liberty getting violated by censorships yet their stance does not seem to be very convincing.

The reason is that the censorship is not a wall built in the way of creativity or free speech; rather, it is just to clean-up and straighten a piece of art. In fact, provided a few reforms, it can help promote the liberty instead of snatching it away. With that said, censorship is justified in Arts and Entertainment Industry to counter the multi-dimensional problems arising from the absence of check and balance.

To begin with the ills of an unchecked Arts and Entertainment Industry, ~~the~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ political arena is the one getting hit very severely. Political conflicts are ^{often} fueled by in the name of Arts and Creativity. It is evident from a fashion show by Zara, a clothing brand. In that

Show, models were shown imitating the pictures made in the Gaza war of destroyed infrastructure and injured children. The show caused distress among public, especially Muslims who were grieved by the pains of Palestinians. However, Zara escaped the accountability by misusing the name of Arts. It shows how the absence of checks and balances on Entertainment and Arts Industry leads to the intensification of political conflicts, advocating for proper censorship around this industry.

Another instance of the problems caused by a lack of censorship in Arts and Entertainment is the increase of violent tendencies.

This is usually common ~~with~~ among teenagers and is spread massively by video games.

Such violent video games usually have graphics of a war, a robbery scene, or they show players trying to steal something. A common example of this is Grand Theft Auto, a highly graphic

and advanced game where the players try to steal something in a particular city. Considering the fact that its players are mostly teenagers, there is a high risk that the same teenagers grow up to be violent adults because they have been subjected to such graphics in early years of their lives. This raises concerns over the free and unchecked spread of this kind of information, thus strengthening the necessity of censorship in Entertainment Industry.

Additionally, unchecked Arts and Entertainment Industry leads to conveying of wrong message of a particular political philosophy. This is especially true for the philosophies already struggling to ~~get~~ be mainstreamed due to controversies surrounding them. Take feminism, for example. In South Asian nations like India, it still has a long way to establish itself. Yet, a hashtag was trending in India with words: Toxic Feminism. In reality, it happened

due to ~~a~~ the movies released by Bollywood in which apparently feminist women were shown in morally wrong situations - cheating on their partners, oppressing their male counterparts and so forth. With such movies, ~~message~~ the true message of feminism gets corrupted, that too in countries where it is still struggling to spread its correct teachings. It necessitates ~~that~~ ~~an~~ the existence of a censoring body keeping a check on Entertainment and Arts Industry.

Apart from political world, economy also gets influenced by a lack of Censorship on Entertainment and Arts Industry - particularly worsening the economic divide between genders. A drive into the past - in 1990's Bollywood era - suggests that reduced accountability results in higher pay gaps of male and female actors. Established Bollywood actors like Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan and Akshay Kumar use to get the pay that ~~is~~ ^{was} ten times more than

The actresses of the same caliber. It is until recently when people started to ~~pay~~ raise their voice in favor of equality that the pay gap vanished, or to be more accurate, narrowed. It entails ~~that~~ ^{the} existence of an institute to censor the Arts and Entertainment Industry product. ~~and~~ ~~the~~

Furthermore, the unchecked Arts and Entertainment Industry also increases consumerism. It is true particularly considering the influencer culture of today's world. Any celebrity and ~~at~~ his lavish lifestyle is just a click away from a common and middle-income person. When a common man is exposed to the ^{view} of luxurious life of a celebrity, he is bound to have ~~great~~ desire to get the same luxuries. So, he will ~~order~~ purchase more than necessary due to the temptations. It will result in the increase of consumerism, thus causing socio-economic grievances. This phenomenon advocates ^{for} the censorship of Arts and Entertainment Industry.

Additionally, the influence of culture also strengthens the promotion of false and often harmful products. This is particularly true when it comes to the visual Entertainment platforms. Instagram, for example, is a photo-sharing application alongside other media. It has a special feature of Brand Sponsorships where a brand goes to a person who has a fan following ~~related~~ related to the target audience of the brand. It partners with the person and when that particular person promotes it to his or her followers, they believe that person, even if the person has not tried the product himself. It encourages the promotion of wrong products. It is to be mentioned that Instagram does not have any checks and balances for this feature. It shows that there is a dire need for promoting safeguard around the Entertainment Industry by enhancing ~~the~~ Censorship. The social fabric of humankind also gets wrongly

influenced by an unchecked Arts and Entertainment Industry - majorly due to promoting cultural lag. Cultural lag is a phenomenon in which a certain sector of society evolves quickly while others remain slow in the process. This is especially true when we ~~at~~ look into the case of Pakistani Drama Industry. With very high viewership and the critique of the same level, Pakistani drama industry is alleged to picture Pakistani society in a way that is far from reality. It usually portrays a stereotypically ~~blue~~ victimized female lead having no control over her life and living for others. Then she suddenly finds a man to back her up and so forth: the cliched picture of a romance novel from the 1700's. However, in reality, Pakistani society does not observe evolution really ^{this} quick and is usually considered compact. The portrayal of a society in a wrong way causes serious problems in society, making it the need of times to enhance censorship in Arts and Entertainment Industry.

Furthermore, the Arts and Entertainment Industry also influences the mental health of people consuming it. This is obvious in the case of social media. By generating false beauty standards that are impossible to attain, social media adversely impacts mental health of its viewers. It is evident from the case of Bella Hadid. Bella is a supermodel and social media personality with hundreds of millions of followers. In 2022, she has confessed that social media has reduced her self-esteem and influenced its mental health in a wrong way - mainly due to the competition with her fellow celebrities. She told the public that she felt ugly ~~and~~ as she was unable to ~~attain~~ attain a particularly beauty standard. ~~This~~ What makes this case worse is the fact that she was termed as the most beautiful woman on earth just an year before. This shows that if Entertainment Industry is left unchecked, it will worsen the state of minds of many. Thus, existence of censorship in this

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particularly is not only important but necessary.

In addition to raising self-esteem issues, Arts and Entertainment Industry plays a vital role in objectifying women. Especially in Advertisement Industry, women are used as 'prop' to appeal to male audience.

For instance, a man's heavy bike brand launched their product in 2021 with a female model in the advertisement with a ~~tag~~ derogatory tagline: "Ride it".

The most toxic part is that vehicle getting advertised was totally absent from the scene ~~in~~ during this tagline causing massive ~~over~~ distrust among public, asking the company: "ride what?" and company still being unable to answer. This

shows the dark side of advertising industry and necessitates that there should be checks and ~~to~~ balances around it.

Despite the necessity of the formation of strong censor boards, one school of thought is still ~~believes~~ not

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in favor of Censorship in Arts and Entertainment Industry, mainly due to the apparent violation of basic human right of freedom of thought. They argue that censorship is a mean to control people's thoughts and goes against the principles of liberty. They often quote the political philosophy of liberalism allowing all humans to think, do, and say whatever they want to be and consider censorship to be in violation of that principle. However, Censorship does not aim to control what people make. It merely aims to remove what is harmful in a particular product. If we look into the definition of Censorship's definition, it is merely "removal" of objectionable material from anything. It does not restrain anyone from making an Art piece; it simply reviews an already created art piece, checks if it contains everything in accordance to the prescribed rules and ~~standards~~ that is it. Thus, the

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hypothesis that censorship restricts or violates freedom of thought and expression is nullified.

The mentioned school of thought also agrees argues that censorship tends to discourage creativity. When there will be bans on everything, minds will not think of anything that is different, thus discouraging innovation. They usually give example of the comparison of North Korea and South Korea - the former with overly controlled state media still caught in dictatorship while the latter enjoying global recognition ~~and~~ ~~free~~ due to reduction of barriers to Entertainment Industry.

However, censorship does not aim to reduce creativity or discourage innovation. It actually wishes to raise ethical standards within the industry. When these standards are raised, Entertainment Industry will witness more productivity. ^{Glory} ~~Case~~ of South Korea's Art Industry described above, actually rises or not from the absence of barriers but high standards

and proper checks and balances on the industry. It makes it evident that censorship aims not to discourage creativity but to actually strengthen it by making the industry more productive. This shows that the notion of censorship as an enemy of innovation is not true.

Additionally, copyrights of Arts pieces, especially those emerging due to the advent of Artificial Intelligence is a heated debate among the Entertainment and Arts Industry's giants. They quote the incident in which an award-winning art piece generated through Artificial Intelligence is ~~denied~~ denied of copyright by a United States Court, claiming that it is "too much machine" and "not human", thus signifying the negative role of accountability on arts. Yet, Artificial Intelligence and its ~~governance~~ governance is an arena yet unexplored by humans. In fact, the first ever official Artificial Intelligence

Governance rules were devised just one year ago in 2023 by European Union. With the passage of time, governance of Artificial Intelligence will be conducted correctly and in accordance with basic human rights. Thus it does not make up a convincing reason to blame censorships of decisions made on Artificial Intelligence in contemporary world. All in all, the necessity of censorship argued earlier cannot be antithesized and is justifiable to a great extent.

To conclude the discourse, it is necessary to maintain proper censorship for Arts and Entertainment Industry. It is necessary to ~~maintain~~ maintain this censorship for the sake of avoidance avoiding political rife. It is necessary for the sake of economic good for public. It is necessary to strengthen the social fabric of humankind. ~~No matter if~~ It is only by the implementation

of the principle of
Censorship that one will
see a world where
there is a productive,
beautiful, and ethical Arts
and Entertainment Industry.

It is essential to maintain
a check and balances on
Art, Entertainment, and
Innovation not to discourage
creativity, but to promote
a creativity that lies
actually in core of human
imagination.