

Religious Extremism as a challenge to economic development.

1- Introduction:

(a) Thesis statement:

Religious extremism has a great impact on the economic development. Causes like hate speech, human rights violation, gender discrimination and their impact on tourism and had a negative impact on local investment and brain drain in Pakistan.

2- What is the causes of Religious extremism is a challenge to economic development.

- 1- Growing economic disparities
- 2- Unequal distribution of funds
- 3- Hate speech rises to religious extremism

"Shia sunni conflict"

The future of Pakistan by Stephen

P. Cohen. "Rule of clerics instigating sectarianism by marking"

- 4- Human Rights of marginalized group by state

case study²¹ 2004 → "Gujrat massacre" muslims were killed by "modhi CM"

3 How Rising religious extremism is a challenge to economic development

- 1- Lack of FDI (Foreign direct investment) due to religious extremism in state.
"case study of Sudan and Pakistan"
- 2- Disruption in economic activities due to extremism
- 3- security concerns springing from religious extremism by economic development
- 4- Wasting human resource due to gender discrimination by religious extremism
- 5- Effect on tourism by religious extremism
"Economic review of Pakistan"
"2013 - 380 billion loss"
- 6- Reluctant to adopt scientific knowledge
- 7- Negative effect on local investment
- 8- Brain drain as a final consequences of extremism.

4 Solution of rising religious extremism a challenge to economic development.

- 1- Redesigning educational curriculum
- 2- Keeping state control over Religious institutes "Case study of Egypt"

3- True interpretation of Islam

"Book by Bernard Shaw "The Genius Islam"

4- Interfaith dialogue must be done

by taking all stakeholders into the account

"Case study of "Iran-KSA" sectarian rivalry"

5- Mitigate separatist activities

"Case study of "TTP, Lashkar, ISIS, ISKP"

6- Rehabilitation Center for

extrajudicial "Swat rehab center "Sabason"

5- Conclusion.

Religious extremism has great impact on the economic development. Causes like hate speech, human rights violations, gender discrimination and their impact on tourism and had a negative impact on local investment and brain drain in Pakistan.

Growing economic disparities and unequal distribution of wealth led people to suffrage movements and most of them were become extremist and react violently.

According to the book "What is behind the rise of ISIS" by "Jim Tankersley" in his book "high concentration of wealth in few hands and war waged by the west and middle-East led to frustration and enhance extremism. As a result Yemen a tribe "Houthis" were marginalized in which the Houthis were neglected

The area is oil rich, The funds were not equally distributed, in that case they become extremist for oil generated wealth distribution and gaining economic disparities.

Hate speech rises to religious extremism between Shia and Sunni after the collapse of Ottoman empire the middle-East become the battle ground for the Shia Sunni rivalry. Whereas, the Shia were supported by the Iranian and the Sunni were by kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Hence, the major conflict arises by the sectarianism and the role played by the religious clerics against each other set which cause the religious polarization. According to the book "The Future of Polarization" by Stephen P. Cohen. In his book illustrated that "Hate speech has mostly risen by the religious

Clerics other than the people or individuals. Because that speech spread hate factor among the masses"

In this book author argues that the religious extremism is most commonly resulted by the religious clerics hate speeches which felt people

into long lasting consequents of sectarian conflict by which the socio-economic system become fragile

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in his book "Tabyin-ul-Kalam" It was written

around 1862 as a commentary on the Bible. It has a comparative study

of Islam and Christianity in order to improve the relationship between

British people and muslims. In this

book author argue that the hate speech rises to religious extremism religious extremism pushed the

peaceful environment into war. Therefore

the author said that the Islam is the

peacefull religion. If anyone who
creat war then its mean that
its excersise by the wrong people,
auther advised that the people should
aware and protect and get rid
of such religius clerics and
do your research on such things.
might it can be wrong to pushing
people into war for their owns
economic internts. As a result, The
hate speech impact the socio-economic
culture of the society.

Human Rights violation of
marginalized groups by state and
the pressure by majority of people
on minority. For example the worsen
situation of Gujrat massacre by
"Narendra moddi" was CM of Gujrat
killed at least 1000 people mostly
Muslims. blameed thom violence was
triggered by an attack on train carrying
Hindu pilgrims. The chief minister

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of Gujrat at the time was Narendra Modi. The violence act of Genocide and ethnic cleansing of mass killing of muslims. As a result the human Rights was violated by in the presence of states. The rise of Hindutva "AKand Baharat" modi facism let indian marginalized people into the critical situations.

Rising Religious extremism is a great challenge to economic development. For this reason the lack of FDI ("Foreign direct investment" in a country, Because, no country will participate in religious extremist country, Because they afraid of the socio-economic security and investment return confidence also affect on the investors. As can be seen, In 2022 one billion USD of FDI comes to Pakistan. In contrast, 74 billion USD has been invested in India for the purpose of

FDI. Even though, Apple invested 40 billion USD in India for economic cooperation and development. Because of the India has the world growing economy and world second largest democratic state intensively. Furthermore, the economic friendly environment attract foreign direct investment into the country. Additionally, Afghanistan government before the taliban govent, and pre US withdrawal in astrafy Ghani government (Foreign direct investment) FDI was 39 million USD. But, in view of taliban religious extremist government the foreign direct investment fallen to 13 million USD according to the report of UN (United nation development program). It is extremely necessary for the attraction of foreign direct investment program "FDI" there should be no religious

extremism. Frequently, the role of religious extremism in countries where socio-economic activities disturb very brutally. It is important to realize that country socio-economic affairs should be kept aside from such activities which can significantly fragile the economic development. In other words the case study of "Priyamtha Kumara" Diyawadana a 49 year old Sri Lankan man who worked as a general manager of a factory in Sialkot, Punjab Pakistan was lynched by a mob over allegations of blasphemy. The mob tortured, killed and burned his body which was captured in horrific videos shared on social media. The lynching was characterized by a religious extremism, and it was linked with Pakistan blasphemy laws, which have been used to justify violence against religious extremism on minorities.

It is most compelling evidence that the killing of the minorities impact on the international arena and also impact on the (foreign direct investment) in Pakistan.

Religious extremism threat to economic development. Disruption in economic activities due to extremist violence by extremist groups used violent action to achieve their greivous. As can be seen the TTP (Tehreek-e-Taliban-Pakistan) extremist actions disrupt the economic situation of Pakistan. The role of extremist groups in Pakistan slow down the economy, effect the foreign direct investment and people migrated from the local markets, for the fear that the local market has been disturbed. The Extremist groups violent action to sabotage the state socio-economic situation. TTP (Tehreek-e-Taliban-Pakistan)

Protest in favour of Plassey case and protest in the mid of twin cities Islamabad and Rawalpindi and stop the main expressway, by which the thousands of the people were disturbed due to the mob and protest, which causes that the school colleges were closed, trade activities halted.

According to the "Special Assistant to Chief Minister of Punjab" "Hassan Khawar" says "Pakistan losted 35 billions ruppis due to religious extremism. They demanded to exile the France Embassy from country. Their action in reality halted the international image in the international arena and blamed by the international center that Pakistan supporting the extremist groups in Pakistan. As a result Pakistan had remain in grey list of FATF (Financial action task force).

There are two books references which support the argument related to use a "blasphemy" as a tool by Extremist groups to mobilized the innocent groups to fulfilled their griveness.

"William Muir" Book Life of (P.B.V.H)

"Kitab-e-Anmadiya" counter book by Sir syed Ahmad Khan.

Security concern springing from religious extremism undermine by economic development. Extremism create terrorist groups and make security concern. Because the hate speech used by extremist groups against other religion and sect to mobilize the innocent people brain washing let people and young generation into suicide attack and create security concern to the state and disrupt the socio-economic situation of the state.

Wasting human resource due to gender discrimination due to

religious extremism discourages the working of women. For this reason most of women living dependent life in society. In other words women has the main workforce which has be marginalized by the extremist groups to ban of women in workplace. Notably, Taliban ban women in working with NGO's and workplace in Jan 2023. It is the most compelling evidence to highlighting the role of religious extremist to undermine the economic development in the state and also take ban on the school and college for women. As a result the economic disparities arises. NGO's activities ban during the Taliban government which discourage the billion dollar in favour of the providing skill and vocational training and support program. According to the WEF (World Economic Forum) and (Global Gender Development

Gap index the IRAN (150/156) Participation of women. According to I/World bank 20% women and 80% men working full contributing in economic activities.

Effect on tourism due to religious extremism, the economic development has disturb. According to the Economic Review of Pakistan.

In 2013 - 380 billion loss due to the role of religious extremism in the country. Because the tourism only attract when the state has free from any type of terrorist attacks and free from religious extremism. That is only possible that everyone allow the world to insure the safety and peace. People avoid such places to visit where the religious extremism on peak. Pakistan loss in tourism industry Pre 9/11 there was a one million per year but after ~~at~~ 9/11 there was only 10,000 people visited Pakistan. But another fact

that "Turkey earned from tourism industries about 56 billion USD".

Keeping in view above facts and figure it shows that the internal peace and stability was very important to attract tourist and investment to ensure socio-economic development in the state.

Reluctant to adopt scientific knowledge. Scientific knowledge was very important to acquire the socio-economic development. Scientific knowledge has a significantly and surprisingly change the thought process of the students and researchers and it should be acquired by every individual to contribute in the state economic development and social welfare. But unfortunately during expansion in the scientific era of Ottoman Empire they neglected the use of printers which was newly invented. But in contrast European people adopted and started

printing of knowledgeable books and spread into the market. The people especially the European acquire knowledge from scientific books, which was not easily able due to the invention of Printer as a result people were enlightened, the society starts growing due to scientific research nowadays the west has among the most richest and educated and growing communities among all states. Expressively the ottoman which they take ban on using printer, it's now out of the world map. Because, muslims due to religious extremism divided into many parts the other religion are nulling and commending on muslims states it's the drastic and horrific picture of the muslims state due to their rising violence and extremist behavior. Concluding that the muslims Ummah should ~~should~~ become one nation to encounter of such things.

Negative affect on local invest because of religious extremism. In the background of the religious extremism local were migrated from their homeland and the local bussiness closed due to everyday violence by the militant groups. As a result most of people were jobless, which indolge people in sever poverty, Peoples were unemployed due to chaotic situation "Musrat adil" writing in his book "Beyond Violence" that the auther argue that, if the any state affected by religious extremism the local market severely impacted, the bussiness community will be affected and closing their bussines. As a result, people will be unemployed and poverty will be alevating. The local food production will be affected which can case sever food scarcity.

All things considered that the Brain drain is a final consequence of extremism. Therefore, the intellectual life can be threatened due to which the intellectual can leave the country for better environment and opportunities. Syrian ISIS conflict drastically destroyed the internal peace and stability of the state by which most of the Engineer and doctor and other professional leave the country. 15000 doctor due to ISIS leave country. Because the engineers and doctor are the main workforce of any state, if they leave then the socio-economic situation would be beyond. According to the report by "State Bank of Pakistan" 885000 migrated from the Pakistan.

In the final analysis of the above arguments that could be mitigate through proper solutions and strategies to avoid repercussions.

keeping in view the educational sector its need to reform, the redesigning educational curriculum like, single curriculum agenda.

There are three types of educational system in Pakistan. Public, Private and Madrasas according to the ex-

"Prime-minister IMRAN AHMAD KHAN NIAZI " There should be on curriculum"

keeping in view the state control over religious institute to avoid extremist repercussions. We can take example of the case study of "Egypt" in which the state have control over the religious clerics and their Friday sermons has thoroughly approved by government on every Friday. Imran Khan also trying to apply such case study to control over religious institute to avoid future extremist repercussions.

the curriculum of the madrasas should be scrutinize and insured that

the true interpretation of Islam.
Book by Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah
in his book "Introduction to Islam"
author also argue that if the one
who interpreting Islam is a radical
that should be avoided if there is
such things, because Islam would not
portray extremism, Islam is the true
meanings of peace and prosperity. the
arguments also supported by the book
by ^{George} Bernard Shaw in his Book "The
Genium Islam", he was non-Muslim
scholar.

Interfaith dialogue must be
done by taking all stakeholders
in to account. The major issue to
Islam is the Shia, Sunni rivalry
because the Shia sect is backing by IRAN
and the Sunni by Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
and their influen in middle east peace
like Syria, Yemen, Iraq. The ongoing
conflict is fueled by the international

Factors and the sectarianism, the muslim Ummah were divided into many parts. This is dire need of interfaith dialogue to avoid future escalation between shia, sunni conflict. The all stakeholder should be on one page to discuss the matter in account.

Shaukhiullah in his book "Qurat ul Ain" he agreed the both major sect like shia and sunni that both are following and beliefs on commonly on, oneness of almighty "Allah" and his "Nabi Muhammed SAW" and "Quran-e-Majeed" he creat harmony between both sect of Indian sub-continent. Moreover, mitigate separatist activities like, TTP, Lashkare-Tehreek, ESKP, ISIS, there should be mitigate such people and youngsters to go through the Rehabilitation process to keeping them safe from the extremist group to would not be a part of extremist groups in future.

There is a Rehabilitation center for the treatment of such Psychological treatment of such people who suffering from extremist mindset. The center "Saboon" in Sawat; they rehab such people and then giving them skilled training to indulge in productive activities, it is very productive approach to giving skilled to youngsters specially to abandoned women to increase the workforce to eradicate poverty and bring peace and prosperity in the society.

In the final analysis of the above arguments that the religious extremism has great impact on economic development of state, the causes which include in take a parasite, hate speech, human rights violation, marginalizing of resource rich people, gender discrimination, terrorism impact, affects on local markets which cause brain drain, that all such things

fragile the state economic development system.

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