

"If a gold rusts, what should
Iron do?"

Outline

1- Introduction

Thesis Statement: The corruption of the leadership can lead to the corruption of whole nations. However, if the leader is right everyone will perform his or her task right fully. In a nutshell, leadership decides the future of the nations.

2- What does the metaphor "If a gold rusts, what should Iron do" mean?

3- If a gold rusts, what should Iron do? impact of this metaphor on history

- a- The fall of the Mughals in India
 - b- Rise of Hitler in Germany
- Imperialistic approach of Britishers.

4- How the upper class shapes the decisions of lower ones globally?

- a- Rise of populism in India ✓
- b- Cambridge Analytica scandal in US ✓
- c- Zeev Tobostinsky doctrine used by Israel ✓
- d- Russia Ukraine war and its impact ✓

5- How this metaphor is ^{applicable} implimented in Pakistan?

- a- Human right violation ✓
- b- The plight of people of Balochistan ✓
- c- Lack of political participation of women ✓
- d- Crack down of political parties before elections ✓
- e- The rise of street crimes in Karachi ✓

→ These arguments are not self-explanatory

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The corrupt leadership can corrupt the whole nation. However, rightfulness of the leadership leads to the rightfulness of the nation. In a nutshell, it is the leadership that decides the future of the nations. Similarly, according to the view of Lord Acton, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely" which means that a power with out any checks can destroy the nation as the absolute power of the leadership is the key cause for the corruption of the whole nation. History is full of the examples ~~how~~ how the corrupt leadership resulted into fall of the nation like mughals in India, rise of hitler and imperialistic approach of Britains. Similarly, world today has also full of examples how the actions of leaders impacted the general public like rise of populism in India, Cambridge analytica scandal, Zeev Jabotinsky's doctrine in Israel and Russia Ukraine war.

Not only this metaphor has defined the global perspective but also how the corruption of leadership has impacted Pakistan like human rights violation, plight of Blochis, lack of inclusiveness and the rise of crimes. In a nutshell, the wrongful actions of upper governing class have an ability to mold the actions of whole nation.

The metaphor "If a gold crusts, what should iron do" means that the upper class has this ability to mold the thinking and decisions of the nation. If upper class is right nothing will stop a nation to be right. However, the corrupt leadership can corrupt the entire nation. In a nutshell, the wrongful actions of leadership can lead to wrongful actions of its subjects.

After having discussed the meaning of the metaphor it is equally important to shed some light on how the wrongful actions of

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past leadership disturbed the entire societal structure.

To start with the fall of mughals in India shows that how the corrupt leadership can be removed easily and resulted in downfall of the whole nation. Mughals downfall started when they left the state affairs into the hands of corrupt and immoral rulers.

That resulted into the deterioration of whole society. The implementation of Deen-e-ilahi by Akbar and the luxurious life of Shah Jahan can be seen as an example how the action of the leadership slowly and gradually resulted into the downfall of the mughals that resulted into the handover of power in the hands of Britishers. In a nutshell the fall of the mughals shows that if the gold rusts, what should iron do.

Not only fall of mughals but also the rise of Hitler in Germany is an example how the wrong

actions of the leadership can lead to corruption of nation. The rise of Hitler in Germany resulted into Genocide of the Jews. The Genocide of Jews ^{has} given this authority to the people to kill the human beings without any restriction from the state authority. Similarly, Jews were killed and violation of the rights could be seen in Germany at that time.

This has given power to the general public even to violate laws. Concluding the discussion it can be seen how the actions of the Hitler trusted the iron which means that actions of leadership corrupted the actions of people.

Along with Rise of Hitler in Germany the imperialistic approach of Britishers also resulted into the downfall of nations. The Britishers exploited the resources of the colonies and corrupted the nations. Britishers made colonies in different parts of the world and exploited the resources of

Countries resulted into the economic downfall of the countries that leads to the increased in crime rates and different social and moral corruption. Likewise, India was contributing to the global economy approximately 24 percent and when the Britishers left it was contributing less than 3 percent. That shows that how the corrupt elite can leads to the economic downfall that resulted into increase rate of crimes. Conclusively, the rusted gold can rust the Iron too.

It is important to discuss the global perspective how the corrupted elite can corrupt the whole nation after a detailed view of how corrupted elite in history disturbed the nations.

Firstly, the rise of populism in India can be seen how the leadership can deteriorate the social fabric of the society. The rise of Modi resulted in-to the populist government with the

retrothoric of "Hindutwa policy". After Modi government came into power India can be seen indulging into the violation of minority rights. Even in public sphere it can be seen how minorities are treated in India by common people. A recent example that can be seen is **The conversion of Babri mosque to a Ram Mandir; Shahzad Sharjeel, Temple Template, 2024**. This shows that how the government is spreading hatred in common people and molding the perspective of general public. In a nutshell, it can be seen that the Hindutwa narrative of the BJP is creating the general public opinion by indirectly granting them rights to violate the minorities rights.

Secondly, the **Cambridge Analytica Scandle in US** can be seen as an example how the corrupted elite can corrupt the whole nation. Cambridge Analytica Scandle is about how Facebook data was

used by the Trump government to mold the decisions of the general public. This shows how the leadership can impact the general public. If leadership is corrupt people will find easy to manipulate the general public. Sum up the discussion it can be seen how vested elite can be the cause of hurting the public.

Thirdly, the Doctrine of Zeev Jabotinsky used by Israel is also an example of vested elite. The current war in Palestine is due to the government implementing the Zeev Jabotinsky's Doctrine where he clearly suggested to have a strong military force used by government to end the muslims population. The war in Palestine can be seen as how the government is legalizing even for the public to kill the innocent by simply called them terrorists. In a book **The Iron**

wall: Use and the Arabs by Zeev Jabotinsky where the

ideas of author is to kill the
palestinians can be seen as
how the trusted elite can indulge
itself and the public in ethocide
and legalizing even the criminal
acts.

Lastly, the recent on going
war over Ukrainian territories
by the Russian government
is showing how government
actions can impact on individuals
lives. Russia attacked Ukraine
on 24 February, 2023 and
even after the pressure from
the international community
it did not stop. The actions
of Russia are crimes against
humanity still the people of
Russia are supporting the
decisions of the government
Similarly, Vladimir Putin said,
"Peace with Ukraine will only
take place when we achieve
our objectives." This shows that
how the government is justifying
their actions and finding it
easy to kill people. Conclusively,

The corrupt government can impact the decisions of the common people too.

After having discussed the situation of world it is important to shed some light on the situation of Pakistan how elites are corrupted and how they are corrupting general public.

To start with human violation in Pakistan this is due to the corrupted government structure of the Pakistan. The human rights are fundamental and incorporated in the constitution of Pakistan 1973. The violation of these rights by the powerful elite is normal in Pakistan which in turn resulted in the violation of right even by public. **The Naranwala incident in Pakistan where the minorities were suppressed and the churches of the Christians were burnt by the general public is the recent example how**

the corrupted elites can also corrupt the general public. In a nutshell, the lawlessness at upper level also encouraged the general public to violate the rights of minorities. Shows how the rusted gold interms rusts the iron too.

Not only human rights violation in Pakistan, but also there is violation of rights of Balochi people. Balochistan since its inception is facing problems economically and socially. The rights of Balochis are violated by the government encouraged the people to stay silent on their plight. The 24th November 2023 incident is the recent example.

On 24th Nov, 2023 counter-terrorism department killed the Balochi nationals and along with it RB students are missing and extra-judicial killings are also normal in Balochistan; Turbat Case, 9th Dec, 2023.

In a nutshell, the actions of government in Balochistan are making people go against the government and other peoples are silent against these atrocities this shows of the gold dusts, what an irony.

Not only plight of Balochi people the lack of political participation of women shows the patriarchal image of the Pakistani society. Patriarchy is rooted in Pakistan since inception. This can be shown even at the governmental level. The top glass setting is male and women are not incorporated into the political structure of Pakistan that's why women are deprived and the violation of their rights are normal. According to Pakistan human rights commission in every two houses a woman is raped. Similarly 11% of the total candidates are women in the current elections; inclusive politics, editorial 27th Dec, 2023. Shows how the corrupted elite

and roots of the patriarchy is suppressing women and due to this women are double marginalized at political level and even in the homes. Conclusively the corrupted elite can corrupt the whole nation.

Not only non inclusive government but also the crack down of political parties before elections shows how the corrupted elite is damaging the democratic norms.

In democracy it is the right of everyone to participate but the current situation can be seen how the crack down of political parties taken place in Pakistan before elections.

The recent rejection of the papers of particular party members is an example. The changing of the election symbol of a political party in the recent decision of the election commission of Pakistan is an example how the government wants to

change the vote bank of a particular party. The corruption of the elite at upper level encouraged even the general public to do the same. This shows how the corrupted elite can trust the general public.

Not only the crack down of political parties but also the rise of street crimes in Karachi is the cause of the corruption at upper level.

The corruption index shows that Pakistan is in the ranking of 140/180 countries and the corruption is embedded into the societal structure of Pakistan. The corruption is on the grass root level. This in turn impacts the economy and which results in the rise of the crimes as it is normal for elites.

So as for the public. As 60000 street crime reported in Karachi in the past 9 months; Mob Violence, 2023. In a nutshell, this shows how the corrupted elite results in increase in crime rate at

gross level and the corrupted public can be seen.

Conclusively, the power structure of the country impacts the decision of its public. The more the government is corrupt then public will do the same. Power with proper checks and balance is the perfect way to run a government as seen in the philosophy of **Montesquieu**. The corrupted elite can be seen in the history and how it has impacted the nations like fall of mughal, Rise of Hitler and the Britisher. Likewise, the corrupted elite also found in the global power structure like the rise of populism, the Cambridge analytica in US and the war in Gaza and Ukraine. Not only globally it can be seen in Pakistan too example are human right violations, lack of inclusive government, political deprecation and the rise of crimes due to corruption. In a nutshell the rise of

wrong leadership can corrupt the whole nation a wise decision about for leader selection is necessary. The earlier we realise it the better it is as according to Plato, "It does not matter how much power person has what matters is what he does with that power." that shows that if the gold is rusted it can rusts the iron too.

Arguments should be properly linked with the topic