

Religious Extremism as a challenge to economic development

1. Introduction

Thesis statement: Pakistan has been facing religious extremism for a long time, but its impacts are worsening day-by-day. It has become a major challenge to the economic development of the country. Sectarian violence, terrorism, and intolerance have disrupted the social and economic fabric of Pakistan.

However, by adopting practical steps, this extremism can be tackled.

2) Current situation of religious extremism in Pakistan

3) How religious extremism is a challenge to economic development

- (a) A blow to minority rights diminishes their participation
- (b) Terrorist activities destroy infrastructure
- (c) Sectarian violence fades collaborative environment for work
- (d) Blasphemy allegations hinders the way of investors
- (e) Conservative views stop women participation in development
- (f) Proxy wars disrupt the economic development
- (g) Intolerant social behaviour leads to economic losses
- (h) Portrays weak image at global level
- (i) Balance of trade disturbs
- (j) Traps in budget deficit

(4) Ways to mitigate religious extremism to foster economic development

- (a) Taking responsibility of Friday sermons by the state
- (b) Ensuring strict law and order
- (c) Educating true teachings of Islam

(d) Performing a positive role
by media

(e) Playing a collaborative role
by the state and the public

(5) Conclusion

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