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The Rise of Mob-culture in Pakistan: Causes and Consequences.

01 Introduction:

Thesis statement.

The boiling-extremism in Pakistani-society takes many innocent lives. Mostly, killings seem to stem from personal-vendetta, coloured with religious sentiments. Such a rising practices are turning the country into Mob-lynch-istan.

02 Manifestation of rising Mob-culture in Pakistan.

2.1 Rapidly rising mob-lynching, nearly twice and thrice in month. i.e Sargoda and Madaya Sawat incidents.

2.2 Burning of churches and other worship-places

17 minorities have become the tail of the day.
i.e. Jaranwala Saga and destruction
of temples in Sindh.

03 Boosting factors behind the rise of
Mob-culture in Pakistan.

3.1 Teaching of hate ~~to~~ in text books with
regard to people of other faith abet
mob-lynching in Pakistan.

3.2 Social media's amplification of
divisive rhetoric legs up mob-justice
in the country.

3.3 Political instability jumbled with economic-
inequality makes the matter worse.

3.4 Occurring of 'Groupthink' — a psychological
phenomenon in which people strive for
consensus within a group.
Lives ~~by~~ from "two minute Hate section
of George Orwell's 1984 novel.

3.5 Islamisation drive under Zia is one of
the prime factors that make the country
lynch-ist av.

3.6 Extremists in legislature provide helping
hand to mob-culture in the country
Case Study of TLP — an ultra-right
wing party.

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04. Perilous impacts of the rising mob-culture in the holy-land. P-03

4.1 It gives birth to the surmounting intimidation and vigilantism in the country.

4.2 There is consistent atmosphere of violence and fear in the country.

4.3 Mob-culture undermines rule of law and democratic institutions.

4.4 Mob-rule impedes foreign direct investment by tarnishing image of the country.

4.5 The country is moving towards civil-unrest and anarchy.

06 Policy ~~for~~ ^{perspectives} ~~for~~ to bridle the rising giant of mob-culture in the country.

6.1 Government must establish special courts as suggested by the council of Islamic Ideology to try mob-justice cases.

6.2 Work must be done to enhance education and critical thinking in masses.

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6.3 There must be a comprehensive approach that involve political, social and economic reforms.

6.4 Media should play positive role in shaping public opinion.

6.5 There is dire need of re-visiting blasphemy laws in the country.

07 Conclusion :-

“ Blasphemy is the blade, but those who swing it often have anything but religion on their mind.”

— Zarrar Khuhro

(Pakistani journalist, columnist and Talk Show host)

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While speaking at the floor of National Assembly, Defense Minister of Pakistan Khawaja Asif said "Minorities are being murdered daily..... no religious minority is safe in Pakistan. Even the smaller sects of Muslims are not safe." He further said "Killings seem to stem from personal vendettas". This was the response of the minister over the brunt of a man in charge of blasphemy at Madaya Sawat. This is not the first case, in fact the mammoth of mob-lynching rises day by day. From Taranwala chapter to Sargoda saga. From demolishing of temples in Sindh to killing of Priyantha Kumara. The list of mob-related incidents is long lasting. Numerous factors like hate in text books, media's divisive rhetoric jumbled with political instability

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occurring of 'Groupthink' make the matter worse. Therefore, This leads to atmosphere of violence, and intolerance in the country. Not only this but also impede economic growth and stability in the country. Why is mob-culture on a rise? What causes it to engulf the country? Can mob-culture be controlled? The boiling - extremism in Pakistani Society takes many innocent lives. Mostly killings seem to stem from personal vendetta, coloured with religious sentiments. Such a rising practices are turning the country into Mob lynch-istan. Hence, it is high time to take fruit-worthy steps to nib mob-culture in the bud by enhancing education and critical thinking in masses.



Conclusion

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To cut long story short it can be said that mob culture rises at break neck speed in the country. Religious bigotry and vendetta egg on blasphemy related incidents. According to Michael Nazir's article in the Commonwealth Journal of international affairs

"Oxygen of the mob attacks is a change in the mentality of large sections of the population from a largely tolerant, Sufi and shrine centred Islam to an intolerant interpretation of their faith". The rising fanaticism and radicalism in the society is the off-shoot of numerous factors ranging from mis-interpretation of religion to blasphemy laws. It is high time, Government must adopt realistic approach to counter this rising monster. Otherwise it would engulf entire country by pushing her toward civil unrest and anarchy. Khawaja Atif has rightly said

"Several victims of violence did not have any connection to blasphemy allegation, but were instead targetted due to personal Vendettas"