

The Fall of Pakistan is Economic or Moral

Outline

1 - Introduction

Thesis Statement: The moral decline has not only plagued Pakistan but also brought its downfall. Although some economic factors are responsible for the decline, these originate from moral degeneration. Thus, Pakistan is facing a moral decline.

2 - An overview of the decline of Pakistan

3 - Pakistan is afflicted with moral decline (Thesis)

a) Rampant corruption is increasing economic woes

Corruption Perceptions Index: Pakistan was ranked 140 out of 180

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b) Nepotism is bringing unemployment
Ref: Pakistan: A Hard Country by
Anatol Lieven

c) Tax evaders are contributing to
rising debt

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics:
Pakistan is facing the burden of 5.8 trillion
annually due to tax evaders

d) Sexual harassment restricts
women participation in workforce
only one women minister in
the cabinet of current PM

e) Corrupt educational institutions
provide unskilled youths
UNICEF: Three in four youth lack
skills required for employment

f) Hatred among political leaders
results in discontinuation of
favorable policies

Ref: Issues in Pakistan's economy
by Arhan S

4- Pakistan has become vulnerable
against economic crisis (Anti-Thesis)

a) Circular debt is rising in
energy sector

Economic Survey of Pakistan 2023-24:
power sector deb has been reached to 2.6 trillion

b) Decreasing exports are causing Trade
deficit

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics: Pakistan's
trade deficit increased by 56% in 2024

c) Rising inflation is creating troubles
for poor people

Economic Survey of Pakistan: Inflation
rate in Pakistan is 24.76%

d) Reliance on IMF bailouts creates
a vicious cycle of debt

24th IMF agreement for Pakistan

5- Pakistan is facing moral decline in spite of economic problems (Synthesis)

a) Electricity theft is contributing to debt

Ministry of Energy: Pakistan experienced loss of 589 billion due to theft

b) Unreliable quality of products results in decreasing exports

Russia raised issue of low quality of Pakistani rice

c) Unregulated prices by sellers rises inflation

the instructions of government regarding price control are not followed

d) Corruption by political leaders forces to go to IMF

political leaders have been accused of corruption charges.

The Essay

Shehbaz Sharif,

current prime minister of Pakistan, visited holy places in Saudi Arabia in order to perform Umrah. Surprisingly, he faced an unexpected incident there due to Pakistani pilgrims. He was called "chor," "Chorr" (thief) by the pilgrims. With the sole purpose in mind to humiliate him, Pakistani pilgrims did not even bother themselves to respect the sanctity of the holy place. This incident reveals the moral decay of the country. The moral decline has not only plagued Pakistan but also brought its downfall. Although some economic factors are responsible for the decline, these originate from moral degeneration. Thus, Pakistan is facing a moral decline. There are various factors that showcase the moral crisis of the country like rampant corruption and unending nepotism. Additionally, tax evaders, sexual harassment of women, and corrupt educational institutions

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are directly contributing to it. Similarly, the prevalent political hatred among political leaders has impacted the country economically. Contrary to this, economic crisis is considered a bigger problem than moral decay. The economic issues such as escalating circular debt, decreasing exports, and rising inflation are announced major problems affecting the country. Furthermore, the reliance of Pakistan on IMF bailouts is also described as another problem. In fact, these economic issues stem from the moral decline of the country. The moral factors including electricity theft, low quality products, and corruption are root-causes of the economic crisis of Pakistan. Therefore, the country has been encircled by the moral crisis