

# BRAVERY IN THE TIME OF CRISIS: HOW COURAGEOUS ACTIONS SHAPE GLOBAL RESPECT

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## 5- CONCLUSION

• Bravery of a group elevates its respect in the global arena

• It reflects inherent characteristics of a nation and what they stand up for

Some nations and groups display bravery and resilience in the times of crisis. They fight back, stand on their ground and refuse to bow down. Mostly, this bravery comes at the hefty cost of losing on some fronts. Effects include torture, subjugation, discrimination; in modern times these equate to trade sanctions and international isolation. However, the ones holding up the forte of valour in their time, gain respect in the long run. Resilience and passion shows the depth of their national character and the firmness of their morals. Standing up against discrimination takes similar course; whereby the display of bravery inevitably leads to utmost global respect. The nations that pledge to build themselves after defeat also show immense strength. Sometimes bravery means pursuing difficult foreign policy options like isolation, but once the intended outcome is achieved, the tables turn. Islamic history is a testament to bravery reaping global respect. The initial spread of Islam with a microscopic population, and later on the defense of Islamic honour by Imam Hussain, solely on the basis of valour have led to cross cultural respect.

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Similarly, the citizens of Palestine are highly regarded around the globe and their bravery is looked upto, even by the supporters of the cruel Zionist regime.

The national strature of Iran is rising as well; Iran is becoming a major player of the alternate inter national order. It has made its way by responding bravely in the midst of modern isolation. Pakistani leaders and organizations also experience tenfold respect by the local population and international actors when they display bravery. Bravery displays national courage and shapes national character. A courageous group is thus, bound to be respected globally due to its strength and moral attributes.

There are multiple situations that can cause a national crisis. Some are internal while some due to international environment. Like humans, states and groups also behave differently in the face of crisis. Many reach the breaking point soon and give in to the aggressors demands. The crisis that creates such a scenerio of exposing national character can be economic in nature or could have economic reppurcussions. It could also be a fight or resistance against the

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dominant structure, whether it be social, religious or political. Crisis situation is created when the other party starts retaliating in various traditional and modern mechanisms. Brutality and torture are common forms and now it comes to isolation and economic embargos. Any such instances create an aura of fear and defiance. The nations that remain steadfast and brave through it attain a level of global respect.

A Global respect can be in many forms. It does not confine to overt displays of respect like ovations only. If a group is dealt like a social equal or is strategized against considering it an equal power; ultimately it means respect. It is often said in folktales that 'even chose your enemies according to your standard'. Hence a seat at the global table or recognition in the global politics is also a sign of respect. Other than that, looking upto a communities morals and values is respect. Increased public support and popularity are all forms of respect. Thus, global respect can be equated to recognition, admiration, support and value.

Resisting against prevalent subjugation of a community is a very daring act but it is always applauded later by the international community. Resistance in the face of oppression requires a lot of bravery. The American Civil Rights movement, that advocated for the radical notion of racial equality was met with a lot of opposition. Armed and organized opposition by the elite created nothing short of crisis. There were active militias like the 'Ku Klux Klan' that had resorted to physical violence against the blacks. Even the state machinery was against them as experienced by the legal cases of the time e.g. *Roe v Wade*. The blacks however portrayed bravery in the face of it all. They did not bend nor backed away from their position. Today, the movement has not only ended segregation but is also looked up to globally including the white Americans that opposed it in the time. Therefore, it is evident that bravery shapes up the element of respect.

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defeat is also a portrayal of bravery which gets nations re-recognized. Restructuring needs a lot of consistent effort by the state and its people. The world saw USSR's collapse after the cold war. It broke down into several independent states and its national pride was eroded. For years after that Russia focused on re-strategizing and rebuilding. The annexation of Crimea might be debated on whether it is right or wrong, however, the message it put across was very clear. Many American academicians and researchers not only labelled its resurgence but also put the clear headline to it: 'Crimea Russia is Back'. There are anti-sentiments towards Russia in the western bloc, but one thing is clear; the scholars and policy makers give Russia the respect of a force to be reckoned with. The steadfastness with which Russia operated through the years has resulted in the global respect it receives now.

Often bravery also implies the strength and resolve to opt for isolation if it is the best interest. Such a bold decision was once taken



bravery which

by the American government. It is equated to protecting one's peace despite a natural habit of intervention. USA, at that time was also amongst the global leaders, but it still opted for a period of isolation post the first world war. This was done solely to prevent its own self. Later on the country did reverse its policy. Whether or not isolating was a rational and appropriate option still is debated. However, due to the circumstances, it was not any easy choice. The concept under discussion isn't opting for moral choices, but it is opting for braver choices. Amidst the European influence of the time; isolation was certainly a brave choice, and America went through with it. These choices contributed in making America what it is today. America not only gained global respect but also the elevated status it is on today. Hence, bravery has impacts of global respect.

Islamic history is the story of a handful of pious yet brave people who fought against the chiefs of that time, who were super powerful. Islamic fight was against the Quraysh of Arab

who were more powerful than them in every manner; may it be education, finances, manpower, alliances.

The muslims continued to display an extreme level of bravery. The battle of Badr was fought between the muslims and Quraysh. The muslim army was heavily outnumbered; they were 313 in total, against an army of 1000 plus equipped soldiers. However, their display of bravery was astounding. It changed the way people think and operate. Due to their undaunting resilience and valour, the religion and Prophet (SAW) gained immense respect in that time and it continues till today. Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, with non muslim scholars referring to the pioneers of Islam with utmost respect. Bravery in the time of crisis hence, shapes up global respect.

The legacy of Hazrat Imam Hussain and his bravery have been set as a religion neutral example globally. Leadership crisis that erupted soon after the Prophets demise could have been allowed to continue if Imam Hussain wasn't

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courageous enough to take the right step. He pledged to fight for the truth and bravely stood up to the ~~aggravated~~ lachinous Yazid. His courage did not lessen up even when all the male members of his family were killed including infant children. His bravery makes him respected all around the globe. People from all religions and countries view him as the epitome of morality and respect. A branch of Hindu in India also call themselves Hussaini and give charity in his name attributing to the respect he deserves. Hussain is a symbol of global respect due to his bravery.

Currently, the Palestinian citizens are seen and treated with respect. Not just in the muslim world with emotional connections, but also the west. The Palestinians have shown the utmost level of bravery since long. The Israeli settlers are brutal, and ruthless. They have been stealing Palestian homes, lively hoods, murdering them, raping them and torturing them. Since the last one year Israel has launched an all out genocide of the Palestinian people. More than thirty thousand people have

been martyred. According to the World Bank, every Palestinian is now officially below the poverty line. The Israeli government has the support and financial backing of the most powerful nations in the world. Despite all of this, the Palestinian courage is unfathomable. People are still hopeful, they are fighting back. Their courage during the worst humanitarian crisis is astounding. They are respected around the world. USA: the biggest Zionist supporter and ally, cannot contain the Pro Palestine sentiment now. All the evacuated students are welcomed by universities around the world. Palestinians are given standing ovations in every traditional or modern settings. The Harvard student movement protests for Palestine and its members comment on how Palestinians deserve not but respect. Their bravery and courage have shaped the global perspective of respect.

In recent times, amidst the rise of multi polarity, trans rising strature as a global player can be observed. The international environment

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has sidelined Iran for years now. The country has been heavily sanctioned. Iran has been internationally isolated for years. However, the country has bravely navigated through the crisis to stand on its position. This does not mean they haven't faced any challenges; Iran has been through the ~~a event~~ a very tough economic patch. However, it remained steadfast. For the prevention of national interest, Iran remained brave. Now after years of survival, it has made a respected name in the global arena. The muslim world, which has primarily leaned towards the Saudi Arab bloc, is now appreciative of Iran for its attack on Israel. Even if governments of the gulf countries do not overtly support it, the popular citizen support and respect lies with Iran for not bowing down in front of the hegemonic western powers. Iran is also considered a global player now irrespective of muslim sentiments. Russia, who has previously had rocky relationship with Iran is now interested in being on the same page. Iran's relevant position now is thus a testament to respect being a consequence of bravery.

Any Pakistani leader vocal about the Kashmir issue depicts a certain form of courage in the global arena. Even though it is viewed as an anti India opinion, these leaders are often more respected and acknowledged in the international field. Two Pakistani Prime Ministers have made very strong remarks on the Kashmir situation and its gravity, namely: Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Imran Khan. Contrary to popular guesses, these are the two Pakistani leaders respected and known around the globe. This formulates a clear link between being courageous and receiving respect.

Pakistan Army's popularity is also recorded to be at a record high during its portrayal of bravery against the terrorists. A research at IPRI showed that Pakistan Army was most loved and respected by the citizens of Pakistan during the operation Zarb-E-Azq. Citizens were very proud of their army for being courageous in the face of terrorism. It made people feel safe, knowing that the nation wouldn't have to bend down on its morals. The correlation betwe

een bravery and respect was therefore visible.

In conclusion, it is evident from multiple national and international scenarios that bravery of a group elevates its' respect.

Respect can be in its' traditional form meaning looking upto someone or it can also be the mere acknowledgement of a nations strature.

Bravery and courage alliviate respects because ultimately they reflect inherent characteristics. It shows what the nation stands up for. Bravery in the time crisis reveals whether a particular side is 'all talk, no show' or whether it has the guts to stick to their position. Hence, courageous actions shape up the intricacies of global respect.