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Being a Minority is a Fate No  
One Wants

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Minorities across the world are faced with unprecedented challenges and discriminations. These oppression have various political, socio-economic, and religious causes. Though, in some developed western countries, minorities are living peacefully. But they are also at threat of attacks. Therefore, being a minority is a fate no one wants as they have to face numerous challenges in their life. Besides, minorities show the positive side of society in terms of resilience and strength. That is why, stringent measures need to be taken to address the problems faced by minorities.

Currently, minorities across the world are indulged in various kinds of oppression. It is said that, "Might is right." This fits well in this case. Living as minority in today's <sup>world</sup> is a daunting task due to various challenges, such as historical warfare and enmity, economic and social disadvantage, threat of persecution, systematic discrimination and prejudice, social marginalization and intolerance, and so on. These factors have impacted the life of minorities to a larger extent. On the other hand, minority reflects the positive aspects of a society, like inclusivity and diversity, freedom of living, advocacy for social change, and many more. Hence, minority being a difficult

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position is contributing to the society positively. In order to overcome the challenges faced by minority, some recommendations <sup>need to be implemented</sup> <sup>which</sup> include promoting inclusivity and patriotism, enhancing religious harmony, and strictly implementing sustainable development goals uniformly throughout the world.

In the current situation of the world, minorities across the world are facing some sort of discrimination mostly. They are faced with different kinds of discriminatory policies. In this modern and digital era, they live a miserable lifestyle. For example, muslims in India and especially in Indian illegally occupied Kashmir are confronted with severe discrimination from the current Modi government. Muslims have been denied of citizenship through an amendment bill related to citizenship. Furthermore, the holy Babri Masjid was replaced by constructing Ram Mandir. Similarly, muslims in Uyghur (China) are under severe conditions in concentration camps. Moreover, muslims in Palestine, Kashmir, and Rohingya are faced with plethora of problems from the authoritarian side. Likewise, christians, and Sikhs are also faced with discriminatory policies. Besides, United Nations and Human Rights Commissions advocate for minority rights.

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and protection. Though it had made situation a bit better for them but largely in vain.

The next seven paragraphs will describe why being a minority is a fate no one wants, in . The first factor is historical warfare and enmity. Historically, minorities are faced with discrimination and oppression. The reason behind this can be many, such as ideological, political, economic, and social aspects. For instance, in context of religious holy wars, minority suffers the most. They were <sup>either</sup> persecuted or imprisoned. They faced the brunt of Holy wars back in medieval period. Now, in 20<sup>th</sup> century and onwards, the same trend is continued. The current war between Israel and Palestine is centuries old religious issue, but minorities are suffering in it the most. Therefore, it is very difficult to resist the challenge of being minority in this world, and no one wants to be in such position.

The second challenge that shows that why being minority is so difficult is the economic and social disadvantage. Minority in a society is faced with socio-economic disparities. They are not treated as a first class citizens. They are, in fact, denied of their basic rights. Especially in a class based

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society, like India, they have given lower status in the society. They even face discrimination in getting good job and earnings. Hence, socio-economic disadvantage to a minority is bigger challenge in today's world.

Similarly, the third challenge to minority is threat of persecution. In fact, there are many examples of minorities persecution around the world. It is said that, "Majority is authority." It means that those who rule will control the rest. Democracy, indeed, as a system is misused in this context. The example of minority persecution can be observed in Palestine, Rohingya, and Uyghur Muslims. As a matter of fact, millions of innocent children and women are killed at the behest of minority. Resultantly, threat of persecution makes a minority life challenging.

The fourth factor is systemic discrimination and prejudice. In fact, minority suffers due to favoritism and unequal treatment. At every stage of their <sup>life</sup>, they faced these challenges in society and in working environment as well. They are treated as second <sup>citizen</sup> choice in society. People did not prioritize their ~~friendship~~ with them. Similarly, the system

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traits them as a second <sup>class</sup> citizens. Furthermore, they are not given priority for a job. In fact, most of the lower category job, such as peon, naib-qasid and so on, types of job is assigned to them. Thus, being a minority is not an easy job on basis of systemic discrimination and prejudice.

The fifth challenge in this sequence is social marginalization and intolerance.

Minorities, mostly, are marginalized and treated as an isolated entity from the normal society. In some countries like, Pakistan <sup>and</sup> India, they live separately and in isolation. They have their own isolated communities. Likewise, the intolerant society is also a challenge for their peaceful survival. The Hinduva politics in India is its prime example. Through these policies, muslims in Kashmir have marginalized from majority to minority. The extremist Hindus are illegally occupying muslims properties in Indian held Kashmir. Therefore, social marginalization and intolerance is a bigger challenge to minority to live a peaceful life.

The sixth challenge that exists in the mind of minority is psychological inferiority complex. Due to their lesser numbers

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and powers, they considered themselves to be inferior as compared to the majority class. Thus, they are faced with psychological trauma and stress.

In fact, they cannot raise their voices and rights properly. They feel lethargic in the system. As it is said that, "Majority is authority." So, becoming a part of majority, they can acquire their rights and goals. Consequently, this inferiority complex makes the life of minority in difficult position.

The Seventh and last challenge that is faced by minority is hyper-nationalism and extremism. The wave of nationalism is a threat to pluralism and ~~minor~~ minorities. It can lead to ethnic violence and sectarianism. Moreover, hypernationalism is more harmful for minorities existence. They feel dejected in such an atmosphere. Nationalistic tendencies favors one nation, and thus minorities rights are ignored. Similarly, extremism in a society is equally dangerous for the minorities. As it gives a little space for minorities to exist. Hence, hypernationalism and extremism is a challenge that makes the fate of a minority in a misery.



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After discussing why being a minority is a fate no one wants, the upcoming four paragraphs will discuss how minority reflects the positive aspects of a society. The first aspects in this regard is inclusivity and diversity. Minority in a society is a sign of an inclusive society. The system is termed as fair and tolerant society. Also, it enhances the diversity of a country. Different religions and ethnicities create an atmosphere of unity. In fact, it provides a positive message to world community: When Pakistan came into being, the founder of the nation Quaid-e-Azam said, "You all are free to go to your temples, churches, and mosques. There is no compulsion on anyone in Pakistan." Pakistani society is a multi-cultural and multi-ethnic. Various nationalities and minorities are living here peacefully. Thus, minority existence provides inclusivity and diversity to a society.

Similarly, the presence of minority reflects freedom of life and dissent. Minority just like majority has the same fundamental rights to enjoy. Indeed, their existence strengthened the notion of freedom

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to live and enjoy. It is written in 1973 constitution of Pakistan, that every individual have equal rights and freedom under article (25-A). Likewise, it is the basic right of human beings to dissent. Thus, the existence of minority prevails the notion of dissent. Therefore, freedom of life and dissent is the positive aspects of society portrayed by minority.

Moreover, another positive aspects that minorities reflect are opportunities for social change and advocacy. If in a society, there exists a minority peacefully, they will raise their voices for their rights. Thus, a social change can be brought. On the other hand, if their voices are suppressed, then who will advocate for their rights and change. So, they create ways and opportunities for bringing positive and necessary changes in the society. Hence, advocacy for a positive social change can be easily acquired with the help of minority groups.

Last but not the least, pluralism in a society is the positive aspect reflected by the strength and resilience of minority. The society acts unitedly and inclusively. It shows the

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strength of society that different religious groups are living peacefully. It enhances the social ties and network. Overall, the society grows by leaps and bounds. In fact, such societies have strong community bonds and solidarity. Take the example of Canadian society, where different minorities live together in a strong social network. Therefore, existence of minority in a society shows how pluralistic is that system.

After exposing the positive aspects of minority on the society, the following three paragraphs will argue for the way forward to eradicate the challenges faced by minority. The first recommendation is prevailing patriotism over nationalism. Patriotism must be given utmost priority over hyper- and extreme nationalism. Patriotism increases the love of an individual for a country with socio-religious and cultural factors. On the other hand, nationalism surpasses nation above every other things. So, nationalism is bad as compare to patriotism in this case. Therefore, promoting patriotism in the nation can overcome the challenges faced by minority groups.

Furthermore, promoting inclusivity and social justice can overcome the challenges faced by minority. There should be inclusiveness and justice in the society.

The inclusive society and institutions play an important role in the success of a country.

Similarly, <sup>equity</sup> treatment <sup>to</sup> every segment and sector of a society leads to its development. There should be no injustice at all. According to Martin Luther King Junior, an American civil rights activist, he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to the justice everywhere." He was also awarded the Nobel Prize in 1964 for his efforts to end racial segregation and discrimination through non-violent measures. Thus, promoting inclusivity and social justice can overcome the challenges faced by minority.

Lastly, enhancing religious harmony and sustainable development can pave the way for eradicating the challenges faced by minority. Promoting religious harmony is *sine qua non* in this regard.

In fact, most of the minorities around the world suffers due to ideological and religious differences. Similarly, sustainable development goals should be achieved uniformly across

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the world. For this purpose, every country of the world should strive for its achievement. If Sustainable development goals are achieved, then the world will be free from various crises including minority persecution. Hence, enhancing religious harmony and promoting sustainable development can overcome the challenges faced by minority.

In conclusion, it can be agreed and said again that being a minority is a fate no one wants because minority lives are full of challenges. However, it reflects the strengths and resilience of a society. Therefore, pertinent measures are required to address challenges faced by minorities. In current era, minority across the world are faced with different kinds of discrimination and challenges. Some of the challenges faced by minority are threat of prosecution, systemic discrimination and prejudice, social marginalization and intolerance, inferiority complex, Hypernationalism, extremism, and many more. Besides, minority also reflects the positive side of a society, like diversity, freedom of life, advocacy for social change, and pluralism in society. However, to overcome the challenges faced by minority,

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Some recommendations ~~are~~ needed to be implemented, for instance - promoting patriotism as compared to nationalism; increasing social justice and inclusivity; and enhancing religious harmony and sustainable development. ~~At~~ Furthermore, in current digital era, different human rights organizations are advocating for the rights of minorities. On humanitarian basis, they should be given their due rights. The world can become racist free if it ends all forms of discrimination against minority. If sustainable development goals are implemented in true spirit, then in future, world will be free from any kind of prejudice and discriminations against minorities.

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