

"WHY NATIONS FAIL"

A. Introduction

B. Causes of Failure of a Nation

1. Lack of a cohesive Binding force leads to disparity.

Case study of Kashmir.

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Deprivation from socio-political Right to the masses causes disintegration.

Case study of Bangladesh Formation.

3. Inefficient leadership could disrupt a nation.

US President Donald Trump:

4. Recurring territorial interventions and border skirmishes.

Case study of Lebanon, Syria.

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5. Masses deemed to low morality levels guide a nation to failure.
Pakistan.

6. Youth Bulge due to frustration leads a nation towards chaos.
1.6 Million Youth Migrated from Pakistan in 2024.

7. Economic Decline leads a nation towards failure.
Pakistan, Singapore.

8. The inefficiency to produce for its own needs causes downfall of a nation.
-wheat Import.

9. Miscalculated political alliance choices disrupt the progress of a nation.
Case study of KSA, ~~Pakistan~~.

10. Inadequate spending on Education and Health (social sector) causes fragmentation.

- Scandinavian Nations have highest Happiness Index.

11. Discrimination against women and other genders shatters societal fabric.

Case study of Afghanistan.

b. Over-reliance on arms and strategic means for defense causes rise in probability of a nation going to war.

Russia

C. CONCLUSION

"For one Empire to Fall, another has to Rise"

Nations are supposed to behave like parents; nurture its inhabitants and address their grievances. This is a common perspective based on intuition but unfortunately, this is not applicable to all nations of the world. The world has witnessed a constant rise and fall of empires and nations who ran them. There are certain factors which cause the failure of a nation; all equally significant. The first and foremost is the unavailability of a binding force; something that keeps the nation glued together. The root cause of failure also lies in disproportionate allocation of resources within a country that would lead to disintegration. Nations are led by charismatic personalities but one wrong leadership choice could dismantle the nation. The people of a nation would eventually

prefer personal gains if they feel unsafe in the environment offered to them. Low moral standards of the people of a certain nation lead to failure of it. There are various political, economic and social reasons that lead towards the failure of a nation.

The most imminent substance of nation is the binding force that drives it. It may be ideology to few, common benefit or unity against a common enemy to some. Nations fail where this binding force weakens. Its decline is directly proportional to that of the nation it holds together. Pakistan, for instance, operates on its Islamic ideology and it still remains the most viable ~~et~~ component of national

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integrity. The country witnesses massive binding, cohesion on religious grounds. Kashmiris are a vibrant nation too but they lack a cohesive foundational base or else they would have gained independence for themselves till date. They are disaligned amongst themselves, they do not feel connected to either India or Pakistan. The lack of such clear basis of togetherness in a nation results in an identity crisis.

The concept of a nation protecting its people under its warm embrace is skeptical because trees provide shelter to all under its shadow but when nations do not apply their principles equally upon all its believers, they began to decline. This equal provision of rights

inculcates all domains including political representation, respect for social practices, allocation of economic resources and even plea for justice. They must be free and fair for majority and minority alike and the rich and poor too. Bangladesh's Formation rather disintegration from Pakistan is one prime example. Bengalis retaliated as a nation because they were unjustly deprived of their political rights i.e representation in parliament. Despite being in majority, they were treated like a minority. Eventually, they gained freedom as a nation and disintegrated.

"Just like how Light Houses guide the ships in the dark, a good leader guides his nation."
Leadership is pivot in the

decision of a nation's fate. Most of the battles in history are won behind the command of brave leaders like Changiz Khan and even lost owing to leadership like Napoleon in his final one!

The very famous quote goes, "Give me an army of sheep led by a Lion and we will succeed" perfectly depicts the significance of leadership choices in the future of a nation. The world's leading nation is Americans at present. They elected a former President Donald Trump, a man who led based on supremacy of the white race. Mr. Trump's holds many successes and failure to his name and with them is attached the rise and fall of American Nation.

Every nation and its people

remain connected to each other and their driving force until they feel protected. The Hobbesian concept of survival is linked to national prosperity. Nations can fail if they ~~feel~~ feel unprotected and prone to attacks. The recurrence of territorial interventions and border conflicts provoke sentiments of no gain in nationals. Such deprivations can also be exploited by opponents of national integrity. This phenomenon is much evident in Syria, where a continuous civil war has abolished any sentiments of national unity. The people are moving to other places in order to protect the lives of their children.

Nations can not operate

without the inclusion of moral values in their system. The downfall begins the moment social and moral evils engulf the people of a nation. Such nations where corruption, deception, injustice prevails no longer remain on the path of success. This concept is explainable because in a society where the masses are unaffected by lies or are used to bribery, stealing etc. they would never question their leaders or hold their institutions accountable. People on a low moral ground would never desire a growing nation. Pakistan is an example in this regard. The nation is ruled by people on similar moral grounds as the public and accountability is zero.

The youth of any nation is the future of its people. In the years to come, they would take up key positions in administering the state. The failure of a nation is evident if their human resource, the future remains frustrated, unemployed and is not provided with adequate means to lead a better life.

The case in point is Pakistan where 1.6 Million Graduates left the country and migrated for jobs or better opportunities.

This massive youth bulge depicts the failure of this nation because these fresh minds would not return to serve the nation. It is indeed a loss that lack of provision of good opportunities resulted in loss of human capital for the nation.

Economic Decline of a nation engages it in a vicious cycle of debt and leads towards its failure. High inflation, lesser salaries, widespread taxes and poor standard of living all cause excessive frustration and mental health issues in population. A person unable to purchase food for his infant would care least about national cohesion. He would be ready to do anything - be it a terror attack - in order to provide for his family. This is the intensity of issues caused due to economic turmoil. Matters of wealth disrupt all sane abilities of a person. Singapore and Pakistan are countries where economic crises have led to extremely low HDI's. Pakistan ranks 161 on HDI just a step above Afghanistan. Economy drives a nation to progress and decline.

The inability to be self-sustainable leads towards downfall of a nation. Nations that can run themselves without external aid or are not excessively reliant on ~~external~~ ~~and~~ imports to meet domestic needs are self-reliant and self-sustainable nations. They could produce food for themselves. Unfortunately, climatic, terrain or geographical constraints limit nations to be self-sufficient. This creates dependence on external sources, may lead to bargain diplomacy (issue-linkage concept) or require compromises. Pakistan had to import wheat from Europe due to insufficient yield in 2022. Such steps have long lasting impacts.

The International Arena is not isolated, states have to

intermingle with other nations. Factor of significant value is choice of political alliance made by a nation. This particular choice of deciding which other nation is a friend or foe remains crucial in deciding fate of a nation. Only in difficult times can one analyse if the choice was correct or not! The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; an apparent flag-bearer to be the Head of Muslim Ummah failed its claim when it was on verge of recognizing Israel and signing a peace deal. The Arab nation lost trust of its Muslim brotherly states due to a miscalculated alliance choice.

The strength of social fabric of a nation is based on Education and Health Sector. How much

value is given to these facilities provision to the youth determines its success. one indicator could be percentage of GDP invested in the progress of such social sectors. ~~This~~ Doing so enables the youth to become a favorable citizen for the very nation. on contrary, if deprived from such basic facilities national unity is doomed - eventually leading towards failure. The Highest Happiness Index exists in the Scandinavian countries. Also, these states spend the highest percentage of their budgets on Education, Health and social sectors.

Women are important part of every society and discrimination against their inclusion in national progress result in failure of a nation.

When women are particularly

deprived of gaining education, not allowed to work and support economic activity or generally restricted on basis on clothing~~s~~ or language - such a gender biased nation fails because no progress is possible without females. Afghanistan is country unable to stabilize itself ~~by~~ post the US Exit in 2021. One of the prime reasons is injustice towards women in their society.

No nation can progress if they adhere to conventional means of power for self-defence. This arms race only piles up burden on national economy and raises probability of war. The famous maxim goes "The pen is mightier than the sword". Instead nation-building should be prioritized because arms and

military force expansion are just means of deterrance. Russia, for instance, is a revisionist power. It highly relies on armament for protection yet it failed as a nation and the USSR was disintegrated into 21 states post cold-war.

In a nutshell, various reasons are responsible for the failure of a nation. National Unity is a sensitive matter which can be dismantled by petty exploitations. Economic vulnerabilities remain crucial in instigating individuals to act against the interests of their nation. Nations that are not self-sufficient fail due to dependence on other nations. A miscalculated decision on the affiliation of a nation can also lead

to failure. Social fragmentation of a nation becomes relatively easy when masses are not well-educated or lack social service provision by leaders. The exclusion of women from national decision and leadership is main factor of failure. In order to succeed, nations must be resilient. People must be tolerant enough to bear pain and deal with problems for the sake of national progress. Every night is bound to witness dawn and the sun rises after every storm!