

"OUTLINE"

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Increasing use of drugs in modern age is attributed to a number of causes including state policies, lack of accountability, corruption in drug control authorities, irresponsible parenting, association of drugs with status ~~quo~~, negative role of media and lack of resources to curb this cause. The consequences of drug ^{abuse} ~~use~~ compromise on sovereignty, loss of human resources and social evils.

II- CAUSES OF INCREASE IN DRUG USE IN MODERN AGE

1. Failure of states

a- smuggling

b- Ineffective institutions

c- ~~Attention~~ ^{case study}

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a- Flaws in judicial system

b- Loopholes in drug act

3- Corruption in drug control authorities

a- Lack of accountability

b- Low wages

4- Irresponsible parenting

a- Multiple children

b- Financial constraints

5- Drugs: As a status symbol

6- Negative role of media

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b- Role of social media influencers.

7- Lack of Resources to curb this issue

a- Ignored issue at state level

b- No Budget allocation

III CONSEQUENCES OF INCREASING USE OF DRUGS.

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3- Promotion of social evils

a- Noot madam case: A drug victim.

IV- WAY FORWARD

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"THE ESSAY"

During the first half of second millenium, Chinese civilization was at its peak. Their empire was at its full zeal. Then, a drug, "Morphine", was introduced in China by British. Their young men and women started using this drug. Ultimately, the whole nation became addict. Their affective man power collapsed, and resultantly their economy become dependent on the foreign aid. The sixteenth century is known as century of humiliation in Chincos history. This shows how parlous the issue of drug abuse can be for a nation, if not managed properly. The issue of drug abuse is not new, but it has resurged recently in third world countries. The major causes of drug abuse include state failure, lack of accountability, corruption in drug monitoring authorities, irresponsible parenting, associating drugs with status, negative role of media and lack of resources to

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curb this abuse. The consequences of drug abuse include a threat to state security, loss of human resources and promotion of social ills. The issue can be addressed by making institutions effective, curbing corruption, constitutional reforms, counselling the parents and budget allocation.

To begin with, one of the major cause of increasing drug abuse is the failure of the state to curb the menace. The government has not prioritized the issue. This lead to increasing use of drugs in society. The government failed to stop the cross border smuggling of drugs. This lead to the easy availability of drugs to youngsters. Similarly, government failed to modernize the institutions, and equip them with modern technologies. Resultantly, the state institutions proved to be an ineffective tool to manage the issue of drug abuse. So, it is the overall failure of the state which

lead to increasing use of drugs in modern society.

Secondly, the lack of accountability is another factor which has significantly contributed to promote the drug addiction. In most of the third world countries, the accountability mechanism is faulty. The people involved in selling, smuggling and using drugs are not held accountable. This is mainly due to flaws in judicial system. There are a number of loopholes in accountability process, which are cashed by drug abusers and smugglers. For example, there is no proper mechanism to safeguard drug testing laboratories, which are responsible for drug identification. These authorities are influenced by smugglers, and are compelled to give fake or ambiguous reports. As their reports in courts are considered valid, these fake reports impede the transparency in accountability. Similarly, the drug control act has a number of flaws. For example, the amount of

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drug mentioned in act is very high, and the recovery of drugs lower than that limit is not punishable. This leads to another hidden way to escape the accountability process.

Similarly, the corruption in drug regulatory authorities is another issue. According to the report of transparency international, drug regulatory authorities are second most corrupt institutions in Pakistan. This is due to lack of accountability mechanism with in the authorities. The individuals involved in corruption are hardly convicted. Low wages of lower ^{servants} in these institutions and less spendings also contribute to corruption.

So, corruption in these institutions is major cause of drug abuse in modern society.

Another important reason for increasing use of drugs is at the end of parents. Improper or irresponsible parenting is the major cause of increasing drug abuse.

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in third world countries like Pakistan. The behaviour of the parents is usually authoritative. Due to this authoritative behaviour, children do not share the details of what are they going through. They do not disclose any experience they are going through in their college, school or university life. This trust deficit do not allow parents to judge any mishap at children and leading to drug abuse. Similarly, due to more children, parents are usually not able to focus on activities of each child. This also lead to unawareness about children involvement in any drug related evil. Similarly, due to financial constraints, parents do not find proper time to focus on childrens activities so, irresponsible parenting is one of the reasons of increasing drug abuse in modern society. Another important factor is that drugs in modern days are taken as a

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status symbol. For example, the increasing use of potent drug, "ice" is mainly due to its association with elite status. This drug is mainly consumed by elite class men and women and is considered as elite stereotype. The men and women from middle class uses this drug just to present themselves as elite class. This leads to an increase in use of drugs in modern society.

Another most important reason of increasing use of drug is the role of media. The drugs are glorified in dramas and movies. It is shown as status symbol in dramas. The use of drugs is associated and related with elite culture in Pakistani dramas. Some goes for the movies. Apart from media, social media is also an important factor in promoting the drug abuse. The social media influencers promote drugs in one or other way. These social media

influences are copied by millions of people. Hence, the media and social media has a prominent role in promoting drugs in modern world.

Last but not the least is the lack of resources to curb this issue. The government lack the technology to curb this issue. This is due to ignorance at state level. The issue of drugs is not taken seriously. Therefore, the budgetary allocation are not made. This leads to increase in consumption of drugs.

The increasing use of drug abuse has a number of consequences. One such consequence is that the increasing use of drugs is a threat to state security. If drugs are consumed by state officers, this could be a serious challenge and threat to state security. These officers can easily be manipulated and trapped. The fall of Chinese civilization

in early sixteenth century is a manifestation of drug impacts on a state sovereignty. This shows that increasing use of drugs in a society can be a reason for downfall of a state.

Similarly, the drug abuse can lead to loss of precious human resources in a state. The individuals are not able to perform their daily task. They are not able to earn for their families and hence cannot contribute to state development. They become burden their families and state. Hence increasing use of drugs cost loss of precious human resource of a country.

Similarly, increasing use of drugs promote a number of social evils in society. Drug abusers commit social evils. They are involved in a number of social crimes. For example, Noor Mujadom became a victim of drug abuse. She was killed by a drug abuser.

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in a cold blooded way. Hence, drugs can lead to social evils and crimes in a society.

In order to curb the menace, a number of steps are required. Firstly the state must empower the drug regulatory authorities. Corruption must be dealt with iron hands in these authorities. Similarly judicial reforms are inevitable in order to curb this menace. Parents must be counselled to curb the menace at start. The media must be regulated in letter and spirit to stop the normalization of drugs. Budget must be allocated to curb this menace.

Conclusively, the issue of drugs has a number of causes like state failure, lack of accountability, corruption, irresponsible parenting and negative role of media. It imposes a number of threats to state security, human resources and promote social evils.

A number of steps like
improving drug regulatory
authorities, constitutional reforms
and media regulation is
inevitable to curb this issue.

By taking all these steps, this
evil can be eradicated from
the society.

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دل نا اہل کو نہیں نا اہل ہی کو یہ۔“

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