

Drug Abuse: A Growing Threat To Pakistani Youth

1- Introduction

- Thesis Statement: Drug abuse is a growing threat to Pakistani youth because it spreads every passing day and causes physical, educational, and socio-economic damage to society.

2- Drugs in Pakistan: A Growing Peril

- 2.1 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, 1970s
"The Golden Crescent" title, 1980s
Post U.S.-led Afghanistan — Porous borders
World's largest youth bulge — Pakistan

3- Why drug abuse is a growing threat to Pakistani youth?

- 3.1 Difficulty in identifying drug dealers
Threat to educational institutions
Threat to physical and mental health
Loss of human capital
Societal breakdown

4- How drug abuse is a growing threat to Pakistani youth?

- 4.1 Becoming common every other day
Easy access and availability through digital platforms
Cheaper in prices
Pakistan acts as a transit route — damaging global image
Lack of facilities or treatment — rehabilitation

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centres and psychiatrists :

5. Pakistan's role

Pakistan's Narcotic Control Board

6. Way Forward

7. Conclusion

Today, 7.6 million people in Pakistan use drugs, including 860,000 heroin addicts.

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(UN Report)

Pakistan, with world's largest youth bulge, suffers from drug abuse which is growing each passing day with less or no improvements. Since the partition of Pakistan, the youth has been involved in the 'dirty game' of drugs. The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in the 1980s saw a rapid increase in drugs abuse in Pakistan due to porous borders. Everyone was involved in the drug trade and law enforcement became weak due to the war economy reliance on drug profits. Moreover, post-Taliban regime ^{collapse} in the 2000s also increased drugs ~~production~~ ^{trade} into Pakistan's tribal areas: FATA and Balochistan. Besides, drug abuse is a threat to the young generation of Pakistan because it has become common now — particularly among the elite class. It is normalized among the university friends groups and consumed ~~on~~ just for the sake of style and experience. Drug dealers cannot be identified easily due to the use of digital media by dealers because it cannot be traced. Consequently, it reaches educational institutions easily without any accountability and whereabouts of the dealers. It also causes physical and

mental illness: kidney, heart diseases; weakens memory focus, creativity. Resultantly, careers of young generation is destroyed which in turn causes harm to human capital. The ways through which drugs reach an individual is easy ~~is~~ and less costly which makes it a growing threat that cannot be tackled if the same situation continued. The lack of facilities in rehab centres and the ~~presence~~ ^{absence} of psychiatrists worsens the situation. Most importantly, the societal breakdown such as relations with parents, friends, and others is also ~~is~~ the result of growing threat to Pakistani youth. ~~It's~~

A Non-Conformist.

Along with love, Manto also faced hatred from the society. He was criticized and called vulgar. The moral validity of his writings was questioned. However, he was determined to talk about the harsh reality of life disliked by the so-called purists. He tried to unveil the realities of sex in a non-abstract way that reflected care for the depressed and unprivileged class of society. He artistically unveiled the irony of life and the hypocrisy everybody shows at different ~~levels~~ phases. Manto handled vulgarity skillfully and even today, man find peace in his writings.

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