

**Question** Write a short note on  
**'End of History'**

**Answer** Exordium

'End of History' is a concept given by Fukuyama. The fall of Berlin wall in 1989 made him aware of unique idea and he got famous of it. He was a journalist. He wrote an article in 'The nation', which was consisted of 16 pages. It had a title 'End of History'. The fall of Berlin wall so as collapse of USSR in 1989 was marked as 'End of History' by him.

He faced so much appreciation along with great criticism on the very idea. He had to write a book to reply all that criticism. He named his book, "End of History and the last man". This book was the reason of his popularity. He regarded 'liberal democracy' after

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the end of history as the last man.

### Explanation

Fukuyama in his book mentioned the fall of Berlin wall as the 'End of history'. The game <sup>of</sup> ~~was~~ history was started from ancient time and specifically by monarchy. The king had the divine right. A revolution which is known as 'French revolution' changed the history and this clash of ideas resulted in a new system. This system was 'democracy'.

Democracy with time turned into a thesis and ready to clash with other ideas. During World War I and II, democracy was challenged by 'Fascism'. Hitler was in clash with USA and UK. The clash of democracy and fascism resulted in 'capitalism'.

This concept of 'capitalism' was greatly criticised by Karl Marx.

and many other philosophers. Capitalism faced clash with socialism during cold war. US was with idea of capitalism and other side USSR with 'socialism'. This clash of ideas resulted into 'liberal democracy'. Fukuyama regarded this 'liberal democracy' as the last man. It can last ~~forever~~<sup>forever</sup> because everyone is getting due rights here and this system is best. With collapse of USSR, Fukuyama gave his view that is the end of history as well. As, liberal democracy is prevailing so no space for any new idea.

### Views about Hegel

Hegel <sup>and Marx</sup> argued about 'ideology' and 'material'. They both agreed that history is circle. But, Marx communism which is last stage according to him is not visible yet. However, Hegel marked 'liberal democracy' could be as final stage. Fukuyama said that Hegel had



more knowledge of history.

## Criticism

- 1- Many critics gave example of 'China', which is one of the biggest economy as well as highest populated country. There is no liberal democracy in China. So, how it could be the end of history.

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- 2- Some other critics gave example of Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Also, Russia gave 'right to work' in its constitution.
- 3- Fareed Zakriya mocked Fukuyama after 9/11 that you were saying this is end of history, where is end of history. Taliban are demanding 'Kilabut' on place of 'democracy'. A new concept is coming so it is not the end of history.

## Denouement

Fukuyama replied all this criticism. He discussed that there are all social right in China

but that time is not far when they will demand 'political rights'. Secondly, Qatar and Saudi Arabia as well as Dubai. All these have vast amount of resources and there are no taxes. Taxes are there where is democracy. So, there is no democracy as well. Thirdly, 'Khilafat' is nothing. 9/11 was just a terrorist incident. Even muslim brothers are not supporting them. Then, how it could be a challenge for liberal democracy.

He claimed that he is still on his point that liberal democracy is the last man. Moreover, the fall of Berlin wall and collapse of USSR also marked the 'End of History'.