

Write an essay on the development of modern nation-state

Exordium

State is derived from a Latin word *stare* and state refers to group of people living together in a territory and have sovereignty of government. The development of modern nation-state has a long history. Half is recorded and half is assumed history of state. The modern nation-state are very defined one and differed from early concept of state. The modern nation-state is ^{established} ~~example~~ after 'Treaty of Westphalia'. The use of force by the powerful group to subjugate weaker group is the reason of emergence of modern nation-state.

⇒ Assumed history

The start of state is not recorded in history however, the records are available from when

gave the theory of state. Historians have assumed the starting of this system with help of different records. It is included on different stages,

1- Family - 1st stage

This was the first institution in the history of man. Family is consisted of spouses and their childrens. The concept of sovereign was also present in families either matrarchal or patriarchal. The theory of base lead one stage to the next stage and ultimately modern - nation - state.

2- Clan - 2nd stage

The combination of different families led to the emergence of clan. Clan is a collection of many families which now become like a big family. It has its own territory. A system to govern. A sovereign either ^{matrarchal} matrarchal or patriarchal who ensures his power.

3. Tribe - as 3rd stage

Tribes are the collection of different clans. The sovereign of family was ended by sovereign of clan and then sovereign of clan was ended by sovereign of tribe. Tribes have more population than clan. They live in a territory.

4. City states - Aristotle

History recorded the gradual development of modern nation-state from city states. At time of Aristotle, he lived in city states. The most famous examples are Athens and Sparta. These city states are more developed and democratic societies but mainly patriarchal ones. For instance, in city states of Athens male members casted vote. These city states were established back in 1000 B.C. These city states were famous for different attributes as Greece.

have differed cultural traits in different islands.

5. Empires

Empires have huge territory and huge population. They are biggest in all stages till modern states. The most famous is Roman empire. Empires also have a sovereign and their boundaries were not fixed. The borders were also flexible. They focused on the expansion by using force and subjugating weak. Machiavelli notes, states must expand or expire.

The other famous empires after Roman empire was 'Persian empire' and 'Muslim empire'. These empires broke down and formed modern nation states. Till now one stage combine to form a big institution but empire broke and form small states. The reason is 30 year war in Europe. It resulted in Treaty of Westphalia (1648) and

last empire was ended after WW II. In treaty of westphalia, one nation can have one state.

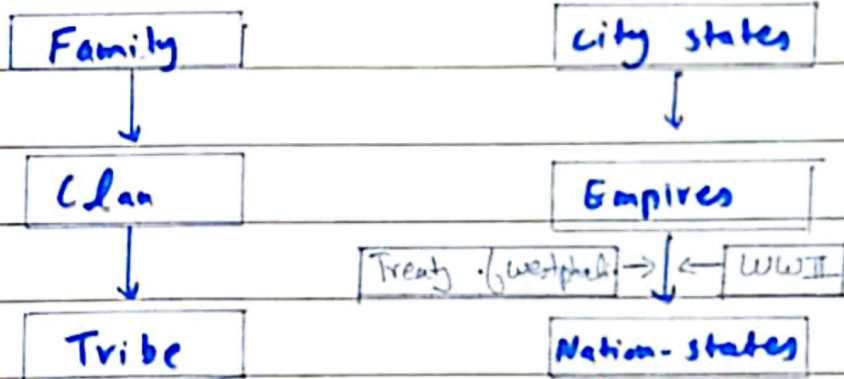
6- Modern nation - state

Modern nation - states are more independent and well established. These are broken pieces of empires. Modern nation - states have big population but fixed borders. The boundaries are fixed and can not be expanded unilaterally. The sovereignty is associated to general public in west. Modern nations respect each other and build bilateral relations.

⇒ Violation of modern nation - state

The nations resulted in treaty of westphalia which asserted that one nation can live under one state. It fixed the boundaries. However, in present times many states violated this treaty and occupied territory of other state by force. For instance, kashmir

is occupied by India by force and even it is a separate nation. So, can not be one nation. Israel occupied Jerusalem and West Bank. Russia occupied Crimea and Ukraine. All these attempt resulted in ^{number of} wars and it disturbs the balance and peace among states.



Denouement

The one family which converted into a clan and then into a tribe became the foundation. City-states from 600 BC to empires in 14th and 15th century. The abolition of last empire in WWII is the story of birth of nation-states. Nations-states are more autonomous, well governed and powerful.