

# Essay

## The Unwanted Ambassadors: How Pakistani beggars abroad tarnish the country's image.

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High inflation rate, economic and social circumstances, organized network, survival tactics and lack of awareness urge Pakistanis to act as unwanted ambassadors intentionally or unintentionally, that tarnish the image of Pakistan internationally. There is a dire need of government intervention in creating employment and providing awareness that it is a shameful act.

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4.4.2) ~~media~~ ~~shows positive image and~~  
talent.

well organized and  
quite relevant

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## Essay

“ Reputation takes millions  
of year to ~~build~~ and  
a second to ~~destroy~~.”

Under the light in European  
city, an engineer in ~~the street~~  
introduces himself and creates a  
positive image of Pakistan. After  
~~sometime two to three streets away~~

a Pakistani, sitting in the street stretching his arms for alms, creates a negative impact on the same person. It's not the impression of engineer that lingers in the mind of foreigner but the image of beggar. He has spoilt the image of Pakistan intentionally and unintentionally as a whole in international community.

Unwanted ambassadors are the persons who are involved in the act of begging in abroad due to poverty, unemployment and unchecked organized network. Pakistan is a third world country and is facing numerous challenges to build strong economy.

Pakistan's unemployment rate has increased to 7.1% in fiscal year 2024-2025, which is double from the last two decades. Pakistan is a patriarchal society where females are not allowed to earn their livelihood. They face restrictions in getting education and employment.

So the whole burden is on the male member of the family.

There are many mouths to eat but only one person to earn.

So, in these ups and downs of life, they deem it easy to beg in abroad.

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Pakistan is a developing country. According to a survey, almost 5.9 million people are unemployed and faced a lot of difficulties in fulfilling their basic needs. 10.5% females are unemployed and this is an alarming situation. The poverty rate is increasing high and high with the passage of time. The rich are becoming richer and the poor are becoming poorer. The financial

condition of the poor force him to go abroad but due to lack of education and skills, he is unable to get a high rank job. This condition leads to worse financial circumstances. Family compels him to do something for survival.

So, this scenario urges him to beg because he is not capable to get a dignified job. Our education system also does not support the students to get job in the abroad because of lack of skills and experience. There are also not welfare programs by government. Government do not have any strategy to strengthen the people of Pakistan financially. Millions of people are graduated from different universities but are still unemployed due to incapable government and corrupt rulers. Millions of people are below the poverty line so they think this a safe ride to go abroad and beg to support the financial desires of the family.

Begging rings and exploitative groups are also the factors of unwanted ambassadors. Begging rings are organized groups that systematically exploit the vulnerable community like children, female and unskilled men to beg in public places. Exploitative groups are traffickers or network who get profit from the act of begging. These professional organizations make false promises with the people and send them abroad. They don't are not able to find job and find themselves in a miserable condition, <sup>being</sup> and helpless are left with the solution to beg. Exploitative groups force people to beg at traffic signals, religious sites and tourist places. Then they collect the money from the people and enjoy the profit. Moreover some groups also misrepresent the disabilities and miserable conditions of the people and earn money. Begging rings is also another factor to tarnish the image of Pakistan in the whole world.

Additionally, survival tactics also lead to beggary. Human life is full of hardships. Everyone faces ups and downs in life. But sometimes people gain advantage from their situation and take sympathy from others. They don't feel shame in doing these acts. They exploit the generosity of others and start stretching their hands in front of innocent and soft hearted people.

Soft hearted and God fearing people cannot help helping others. They do all possible efforts to relieve them and unintentionally support them in this immoral act of begging.

Studying in urban beggars in South Asia shows that story telling and visible display of suffering significantly increases alms received. This creates a cycle of exploitation that reduce the genuine charitable giving. 40% to 50% children (beggars) are controlled by adults in the urban areas according to the NGO. Exaggeration and exploitation are merely due to survival tactics that limit the pathway of charity.

to the deserved one.

Moreover, lack of awareness also intricates the scenario. Uneducated and unwanted people don't feel shame in the immoral act of beggary. The people have lack of moral values like dignity, respect, self esteem and integrity. Uneducated people don't feel it derogatory to spread hands in front of anyone. So they make the respectable citizens of Pakistan embarrassed. These unwanted ambassadors also lack of spirit of nationalism. Nationalism refers to a sense of pride, responsibility and loyalty towards one's country. These unwanted ambassadors exploit the pride of country. They are also not loyal to the country as they destroy the dignity and soft image of Pakistan. Pakistan, a nuclear state, <sup>once</sup> respectable country is now facing a harsh reaction from international community and feels humiliated in front of the whole world.

In the result of all these causes, Pakistan is facing alarming situation in the world. Beggars have deteriorated the international reputation of Pakistan. Saudi Arab has banned the visas on Pakistani. Saudi authorities have warned Pakistani government to take strict actions and stop people going there to beg especially under Umrah and pilgrimage visas. Gulf countries have tightened the visa policies for Pakistani due to their illegal acts like beggary, overstaying and criminal acts.

These beggars portray the image of Pakistan as a poor country and where the people are unprivileged. Pakistan is deemed as unstable and mismanaged country and is often portrayed as impoverished and destitute. International media highlight this exploited image of Pakistan. Everyone looks at Pakistan with contempt and disdain.

~~Due to the negative image portrayed by unwanted ambassadors, Pakistan's economy shatters badly. The economy of Pakistan is also dependent on tourism. These unwanted ambassadors add fuel to fire and try to close the doors of tourism. Due to this detrimental and hostile image of Pakistan, no one wants to come and visit the country. This also creates an image that Pakistan is unable to manage poverty, so nobody takes interest in investment. Investors feel reluctance to invest in the country who is socially and financially unstable. So, the foreign investment is also decrease. Remittances also reduce due to the strict rules applied on Pakistani workers, that reduce their ability to earn and send money back to their homes. Negative image can also shatter the economic growth and reduce the opportunities of employment as well as education. Due to these circumstances students also confront difficult situations in getting education abroad. Only a small fraction of~~

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people create a great difficulties for remaining population.

Every country's population assume that Pakistanis are beggars. They have no respect and are undignified and unworthy people. So, people humiliate them. Even well and highly educated people face the same things. This stereotype has been created over all over the world. Students and professionals are judged as unrespected people of the society. Pakistanis are mentally tortured in all over the world. Some districts of Punjab like Kasur and Multan are banned to have visas or faced difficulties in issuing visa. Host countries regard them link them with crimes or trafficking networks and apply more sanctions on residents of that country. It not only destroys our image ethically but also religiously because Pakistan is a country founded on the basis of Islam. So Pakistanis also annihilates the image of Islam in front of whole world. So it damages societal ethics, pride,

~~trust and cultural integrity.~~

Last but not the least, unwanted ambassadors are strain on bilateral relationships. Diplomats face the outrage of the host countries due to beggars and confront the pressure to explain this behaviour. This damages the diplomatic relationship as it depends on the collaboration, mutual respect, understanding and reliability. These unwanted ambassadors ruin the relationship as the countries face reluctance for the joint projects, trade agreement and security cooperation. So, firstly we have to restore our image other than building further foreign policy goals. The host country increases monitoring policies that further creates hardships for the hardworking all and bonafide people. It creates a huge tension between governments as UAE and Gulf countries deport thousands of Pakistani citizens because this act may damage their tourism industry. Saudi Arabia deported 56,000 Pakistani due to

allegations of organized begging in 2025. USA imposed strict visa policy on Pakistanis. Pakistani government has taken action and deported 66,000 travellers at airport to check the issue.

We have identified the issue and its ~~impacts~~ devastating impact on economy and society, now there is ~~due~~ need to check this issue. This ~~can't~~ be sought out without the help of international community. International community should help to stop human trafficking as this vast network cannot work without third party interference. Pakistan is an under developed country and its resources and economy don't allow it to support this huge network. So, this is the right time for the organizations like UN, Interpol and ILO to play their role. Countries can share data on illegal travelling, begging rings and trafficking networks to prevent.

the exploitation of citizens abroad. The international community can also launch different projects that create employment to reduce beggary. The developed countries have to play role to promote education and <sup>increase</sup> employment opportunities that limits the number of unqualified ambassadors.

Secondly, Government of Pakistan should make employment and awareness programs. Government has to take initiative to change the mindset of people that government can not provide jobs to a vast number of people. People should learn other earning opportunities like Banking, e-commerce, banking, freelancing and business. Government should provide simple easy installment loan for business. There are vocational training institutes but unfortunately are not working accordingly. There are lack of trainers and facilities. There should be advertisement of vocational training institutes in rural areas because more than half of population

is residing in rural areas. There is also a dire need to strengthen woman financially because half of the sky is lift up by women. Due to feudalism, people, residing in feudal areas, are restricted to educate women. That is also against the fundamental right of women according to article 25-A. Government should take strict action against these feudal because a single earning hand cannot feed a large family.

The role of NGOs is also very crucial in this regard. NGOs can raise fund raising campaigns to promote education in our country. Education is the most powerful weapon to eradicate any social evil from the society. Through education government can change the thinking of the people and compel people to think that beggary is a social disease that can engulf the pride, integrity and trust of this nation. Not only

in upbringing but it can also increase the opportunities of job. If we focus on education, then there will be more vacancies of teaching, so people can have respectful livelihood. There are already some NGOs and organizations working to promote vocational training, digital skills, entrepreneurship and specialized programs for differently-able people like CARE International, The Citizen Foundation, Edhi Foundation and many more. They teach handicraft, tailoring, IT courses, vocational training for street children. Government should facilitate them more to work more efficiently. The number of NGOs should be more to create more skilled and proficient women and children.

Public is not well aware of impacts and effects of begging in foreign countries. Media can play a vital role in public awareness campaign by showing the negative impacts of unwanted ambassadors.

on economy, country's diplomacy, reputation, moral and ethical image. Education and awareness has the strength to erode hundred years old regime. There should be workshops or seminars with the students and youth who plan to study abroad and with the overseas workers and migrants that there is dignity and respect in doing work with hands. Begging is not more than shame. Pamphlets, brochures and posters should be distributed in schools, colleges and universities in urban as well as rural areas.

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done in this regard is the use of media to show the talent of Pakistani to spread the positive image of Pakistan and to shake the prevailed <sup>negative</sup> image of Pakistan due to unwanted ambassador that there are also talented and skilled people who earn by hardwork through their education and skills. We have many talented personalities like Nobel

price winner Abdul Salam, Oscar winner Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy, Social Activist Abdul Sattar Edhi, Aima Jahangir, Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousaf Zai, Squash champion Jahangir Khan, Imran Khan who led Pakistani team to win cricket world cup 1992, world known Qawwali Singer Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and many more. In short a small number of beggars cannot spoil the work of these legends.

To conclude all these arguments, unwanted ambassadors are a huge threat to our economy, foreign policy and integrity. It is spoiling our image which was created by great efforts. It invites foreign criticism on our pride. Pakistan can address this issue by awareness programs, educating people, creating more job opportunities and taking strict actions against human trafficking organization. It is dire need to solve this issue because we cannot afford any damage to our economy and strain

to diplomatic relations. Hence it is proved that high inflation rate, economic and social circumstances, organized network, survival tactics and lack of awareness urge Pakistanis to act as unwanted ambassadors intentionally and unintentionally that tarnish the image of Pakistanis internationally.

