

True Peace is not merely the Absence of tension, but the presence of justice

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⇒ Justice serves as a prerequisite of peace. It ensures long-term peace in society.

4 How Justice is an essential part of peaceful state?

4.1 Justice ensures National cohesion and Unity

⇒ When everyone is treated equally and fair, there would be Unity.

4.2 Justice ~~guarantees~~ Social and economic development
 ⇒ Justice ~~abolish~~ Social ~~inequalities~~ and promote prosperity of state.

4.3 Justice lead to good governance and accountability
 ⇒ According to Shershah Suri, Justice is one of the excellent ~~rites~~ of Quran - that is why it is adopted by infidel and faithful leaders.

4.4 Justice ensures protection of marginalized ones.
 ⇒ In this way, Justice avoid Sectarianism - this lead to a peaceful community.

4.5 Justice provides freedom, rights and liberty of life
 ⇒ These elements are the fundamental requirement of peaceful state.

5 Counterarguments: For attaining Peace in a Society Justice is not essential:

Counterargument 1:

Peace can be maintained by law, order and power

Refutation

Order, law and Power only ensure peace for a short period of time. ✓ ✓

For Example Soviet Union enforced power and strict laws on Eastern European - but soon it collapsed.

Counterargument 2:

→ Peace can be ensured by having economic prosperity and development.

Refutation

When there is no justice, there would be only economic unfairness, and wealth would be accumulated in few hands. ✓

For E.g: In China workers protest against unfair wages. ✓

6 How can Justice be ensured in societies?

6.1 To ensure economic equality

6.2 To introduce reforms and policies in legal sectors

6.3 To ensure rule of law and accountability

7 Conclusion

Restating thesis

"True peace is not merely the absence of tension, but the presence of justice."

— Nelson Mandela

This statement reflects the deep connection of peace and justice.

Peace in traditional context is the silent guns, no wars and no any kind of uprising or conflicts.

But in contemporary context, it is all about regional or local stability in terms of prosperity, economic equality and non-discriminatory environment. Without these factors society would only have short-term calmness and peace, not effective long-term peace. Where there is justice there is healthy environment.

Justice is a very interdisciplinary term, it denotes ensuring equality in society and economic context, treating marginalized fairly, prevailing an environment of accountability and rule of law, ensuring protection of freedom, rights and liberty related to people etc.

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These factors ultimately lead to calmness, cohesion, equality and cohesiveness in a society. A

perfect just and equality-based society can be achieved by introducing reforms and policies for legal institutions, regulation economy equally and ensuring rule of laws and accountability. Thus,

it can be reasserted that Peace is not the only requirement of the prosper state but justice should be attained in order to built a prosperous nation. Where there is not an apparent war and any conflict but there is a discrimination, inequality and social conflicts based on religion and sect - it is not known as a Peaceful state but a negative peace.

Traditional meanings of peace is that a society where is not any social chaos, uprising, physical exertion of force or bloodshed.

While in modern context Peace is defined as economic equality, social and cultural non-discrimination, accountability, rule of law and national cohesion. A South African

Policy of Segregation on grounds of race - known as Apartheid, clearly defined

positive peace and Negative peace. At that times in South Africa there was not ~~any~~ apparent conflict or war but society was ~~very~~ badly targeted of racial or colour discrimination.

This shows ~~that~~ **informal language** not only the name of apparent silent guns.

~~This quotation of Nelson Mandela~~, actually highlights the strong interconnectedness of Peace and justice. Justice is actually the prerequisite of true peace.

Because when there is equality, fairness and development + people would ultimately seek peace by adopting social cohesion, calmness and love among each other. This ~~positive peace~~ is a long-term benefit, which also acquire global appreciation.

Now, there is a justified reasons which highlight that how can a justice become an essential part of a peaceful society. First, justice ensures national cohesion and unity. This is the foundation of any peaceful society. When there is a cohesiveness among people, it would be hard or

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even impossible to cause damage or disruption to society. This Unity can be achieved by truly adopting Social equality in terms of tolerance to religion and different Sects, regulating economy on best policies and reforms and comprehension of cultural diversity.

This will truly introduce Social cohesion and Unity among people of the state and community.

Moreover, Justice is the only factor which can ensure accountability by holding everyone responsible to answerable. Justice which ensures rule of law, make everyone equal before law. Because of rule of law, leadership and governance would also be fair and good, they would definitely work in a good and perfect way. Even, Sher Shah Suri said, Justice is the most excellent rite of the religion - it should be adopted by infidels and faithful leaders. This shows the government and leaders are obliged to be just in their actions. If they would fair, there would be an ultimately

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a fair society.

Furthermore, Justice grants equal rights and treatments to the minorities and marginalized one in a community. When minorities are treated equally there would be not any religious discrimination. Sectarianism, which usually give rise to social chaos and conflicts in a state. For instance Sunni-Shia conflict in Pakistan, greatly cause sectarianism and conflicts.

This conflict greatly destroyed social cohesion and equality because everyone started to consider himself good from other in religious context. But Justice is the only solution for abolishing social and religious discrimination.

Another claim which highlights the fact that justice is the essential of a peaceful state is that Justice actually ensures social and economic development. Through Justice, economic means would not be confined to a particular hands but it would also be a part of layman fate. Most of the time wealth accumulation in

a particular hands cause authoritarianism and economic inequality, which further aggravates social discrimination. Justice can also ensure social development in equal terms i.e. Prosperity and welfare of Society. This eliminates status and position concept, which eliminate grudges that people holds for each other due to their social status. This abolishment of injustices ensures a peaceful Society or states.

Moreover, justice which is the name of protecting human fundamental rights. It helps people to enjoy their constitutional and fundamental rights. It includes right to speech, walk freely, religion and education etc. This helps people to aware of their situation and basic fundamental rights. Due to this prevailed concept of freedom in any society there would be an environmental

peace and calmness. Justice' quality of being providing protection of rights and basic fundamental liberty enhances people love for their governance and leadership. In this way they would want

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to stay United and always at peace with each other. This would ultimately lead towards a peaceful and prosperous nation.

After analyzing the fact that justice is an essential component of a peaceful Society and it can also ensure peace, calmness and prosperity in a society. Now there are some counterarguments which highlights that law, order and power can help us in attaining a peaceful state justice is not much important. This can be refuted by saying that law, order and power, exert pressure and force. This leads to a short-term peace in a society. Because, these factors only suppress or oppress the people, it does not grant any sort of help, aid or assistance to people. In this way a society collapse in a very bad manner. For example; Soviet Union enforced strict laws on Eastern Europe. They kept Under the power of USSR but for a very a short-time. People become frustrated out of USSR unequal treatment,

this led to widespread protest and Soviet Union eventually collapsed.

Additional, counterargument is that Peace can also be maintained by economic prosperity and development - there is no need of justice. This can also be refuted by the fact that without justice i.e. equal division of wealth, economic means would only be a fate of elite ones. This would create further chaos. Therefore, justice is a fundamental requirement of peaceful society. For instance, China being a developed and prosperous country, still there is a protest by labourers - who demands their fair wages and economic equality.

After realizing that fact that justice is an essential and unavoidable element of any peaceful society. There should be a focus on how to achieve a just society. First, government should introduce reforms and policies which obliged the legal institutions to be just and fair towards people. Courts should be independent of political factors,

they should remain neutral. Corruption and gorging people should be entirely abolished from legal sectors. This would help them to decide matter on equality terms.

Secondly, a forum should be on economic equality. This would diminished the concept of social status and prestige. Under this no one will be exploited or vulnerable to unequal treatment. Ultimately, this would lead to peaceful society.

Last but not the least, rule of law and accountability help state to enforce laws on everyone equally and eliminate evil inclination by holding anyone answerable for their actions.

In a nutshell, it can be reemphasized that true peace does not mean merely absence of tensions, but also presence of justice. Apparent peace is not the real solution or beneficial for state because in a situation where guns are silent, there are not any wars or conflicts but there are

unlimited underlying ills which weakens the social cohesion and unity. For a long lasting, peace and prosperity justice is the only solution. Justice ensures true peace if it create an environment so conducive that it provoke people to be united and cohesive with in a state. But creating

such a conducive is responsibility of a state to make favourable conditions where everyone is equal and prosperous, bound legal institutions or sectors to be confined to laws and ensure economic equality. This will lead towards a state with true meaning of peace where justice is an integral factor of society.

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