

Topic: CRISIS OF ETHICS AND MORALITY IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

1. Introduction :

Compromised ethics and morality in international politics; states are crushed on the name of ideologies.

2. Understanding the term "International politics":

Power operates within and between international area; power politics.

3. The crisis of ethics and morality in international politics:

a. Capitalism Vs Communism.

(Evidence: USSR and US; compromised ethics and morality)

b. Idealism Vs realism.

(Evidence: Harvard University research; Foreign Policy and morality)

c. Democracy and Aristocracy.

(Evidence: Bangladesh; A shift between Democracy and Aristocracy) and India's involvement).

4. Challenges for stability in international politics:

a. Human right violations; (compromised ethics.

(Evidence: War crimes in Gaza)

b. Refugees crisis and immigration policies.

(Evidence: Trump 2.0 policy to ban immigration).

c. Climate change; Intervent for developed nation.

(Evidence: COP-29; fails to met target)

5. Measures for stability in international politics:

a. Formation of United Nations

(Evidence: 193 member states united for peace)

b. Regional organizations; BRICS⁺ for stability.

(Evidence: Currency swap agreements to counter US)

c. Human rights laws; creating stability.

(Evidence: International court of justice; against Russia)

6. Ethics in international politics; Irrelevant or Indispensable?

a. National interest over morality.

(Evidence: Israel annexation of Palestine)

b. Failures of UN United Nations; to create peace.

(Evidence: Kashmir annexation by India ignoring ethics)
Article: 370A)

c. Territorial expansion; ignoring morality.

(Evidence: Machiavelli 14 principle of Princes while breaking ethics and moral conducts).

7. Long term impacts of crisis of ethics and morality in international politics:

a. Downfall of Democracy.

(Evidence: ~~Case~~ studies of rising powers in Russia, China, India; autocratic rulers).

b. Syria changing regime; International Hypocrisy.

(Evidence: US shift from terrorist label on Hafez Tahir-alsham to congratulations on Rise)

8. Solution/Remedies to cater crisis of ethics and morality in international politics:

a. Mixed approach; ethics and power.

(Evidence: International journal on political science; balance between power politics and ethics).

9. Conclusion:

Softpower over hardpower; ideologies are preferred over humans; Ethics and morality compromised; Mixed approach.

Essay: The Crisis of Ethics and Morality in International Politics:-

"I am not interested in preserving the status quo; I want to overthrow it",
Machiavelli Niccolo.

In 21st century, states revolve around power politics. They are ready to overthrow governments of other states for their own benefits. The need of power and mentality of "more and more" has generated serious crisis of ethics and morality in power politics; and influenced international politics. International politics is the power operating within states and between international arena. The changing world order has ^{raised} ~~raises~~ questions of ethics and morality in political decisions. Conflict of ideas causes conflicts between states such as Capitalism Vs. Communism, liberals Vs. realist, and Democracy Vs

Aristocracy. The conflicts exacerbate crisis among states. During crisis, decisions of great powers decide fate of many innocent lives. For instance, Human right violations during war raises concerns regarding morality principles. Moreover, humanity survival is at stake when ^{issues arise} a refugee crisis and immigration policies are dealt inhumanly. The future of world is at stake as majority states are preferring their interest over moral and ethics of international politics. These crisis have the potential to disturb the whole world. The need of hour is to focus on mixed approach and balance between ethics and power to restore ethics and morality. Nonetheless, there is no doubt in the fact that, States prefer National interest beyond an extent that it creates crisis of ethics and morality in international politics.

The debate of Capitalism and communism have corrupted ethics and morality in international politics. This debate is not new to the world. Capitalist supports the idea of wealth, giving opportunities of growth, and liberty. On the other hand, Communism, supports the idea that state should protect its people and make a parent-childern relationship. Conflict of ideas initiate constructive debates but unfortunately, wars on the name of ideology corrupts international politics. Cold war between Soviet Union and United states are the biggest examples of undermining ethics and morality in international politics. After world war II, till today these two states have been fighting for the cause of their ideologies. But none of them is considering humanity and its ethics. Another, conflict of ideas which is sabotaging ethics and morality is

Idealistic Vs Realistic perspective.

Idealistic school of thought believes in ideal system where all states respect rights of each other. While, realistic school of thought prefer their national interest on rights of an-other state.

Both of them are not perfect for restoration of ethics and morality in international politics. According to a

Harvard university research, American foreign policy is influenced by morality, but their own definition of morality. Idealist

on a realist state manipulate their definition of morality according to their national interest. This manipulation

is working as fuel in the fire of crisis of ethical and moral ignorance in international politics.

Moreover, Democracy Vs Aristocracy is another debatable point when it comes to ethics and morality crisis in international politics. Democracy can

be interpreted as to the people,
for the people and by the people.
On the other hand, some analysts
have interpreted Autocracy as to the
ruler, for the ruler and by the
ruler. Unfortunately, neither of them
is a perfect solution for the
crisis of ethics and morality in
international politics. Both are supporting
a stance and none of them is
preferring humanity. Shift between
Democracy and autocracy in Bangladesh
and India's involvement in their
domestic politics raises the question
of ethics. A state is ^{or} at the verge of
collapse but other states like India
are preferring their national interest.

This situation evokes the concern,
that national interest is being ^{Prioritized} over humanity.

The world has to go through
several challenges in order to maintain
stability in international politics. Compromised

human rights is one of its biggest challenge. On the name of politics many innocents are killed by state or militant groups. Myanmar, Syria, Bangladesh, Kashmir, Palestine, Kurd borders, Iraq, Parachamar, Khurram, Lebanon, and many other areas are converting into bloodpool in power politics of great powers. These innocents are victims of the war, they do not even know the reason. One of the ^{biggest} atrocities in the list, are in Gaza, where 45000+ humans including majority of women and children are killed on the name of national interest. And no state of human rights advocate is coming forward to dilute the issue. The atrocities in Gaza and international silence is triggering the agenda of ethics and morality by great powers who pretend to be ethically concern about happenings in the world.

Another serious challenge is

refugee crisis and immigration policies.

The issue of refugee crisis is exacerbating as many people become emigrants due to instability in their own country. But no state is welcoming refugees on the name of humanity. Turkey is unable to bear burden of syrian refugees, Pakistan is unable to bear burden of Afghani refugee and many other states are showing red signals for refugees. Developed countries, who can bear the weight of refugees are tightening their immigration policies.

Trump 2.0 is tightening American immigration Policy and trying to rewrite policy of immigration. The limitation on immigration would cause severely negative effects on many emigrants. Where Trump is preferring national interest of America but at the same time ethics of international politics are being ignored.

Furthermore, climate change is a common enemy for whole world but developed countries are ignoring it as if its irrelevant. Paris agreement and than one COP after another COP, but majority of developed state are unable to consider climate change a real threat.

Reason behind this is preferring national interest as if they accept the fact that climate change is not a myth they would have to contribute in its financing. Therefore, majority of developed states are closing their eyes when agenda of climate change is being discussed.

Target of COP29 was to collect 1.3 trillion dollars but developed nations ended up agreeing on only financing of \$300 billions. This is a prove that, national interest, when takes the steering wheel ethics have to ~~take~~ ^{take} on the back seat.

Beside challenges, many measures have been taken for stability in international politics. Formation of league of nation and then converting it into United Nations is an example for dissolution of wars in a peaceful manner.

The world has already faced many wars, atomic ^{bomb} attack, genocide, formation of united nations was a forward step towards mitigation of crisis of ethics and morality in international politics. 193 countries are part of united nations and it has performed 71 operations since 1948, and two-third of them are successful. This is a way forward towards stability in international politics, by restoring peace, ethics and morality.

Furthermore, regional organizations are also playing their role to bring stability. BRICS⁺ is its biggest example. The world, where

US is the Hegemon power and has the ability to manipulate ethics in its favour. Regional organizations such as BRICS are playing their role to bring balance of power in the world. Currently, world order is divided among two groups. US block and china block. BRICS is giving china an edge over US, hence, morality and ethics won't be define by one state as other states are always ready to counter it. Majority of BRICS countries, such as Iran, china, Russia are criticizing United states and Israel over atrocities in Palestine. No matter how powerfull a country become, there will always be someone to counter it when ethics, morals, and humanity are the concern.

Similarly, human rights issues are also a measure in creating stability in international politics. The world has

learned its lessons from history and try to resolve issues through law. Many atrocities against human rights laws are pursued in international court of justice. Through international court of justice the wounds of ethics and morality in body of international politics are healing.

International court of justice decision for Ukraine, there war crimes, by against Russian President Putin is a way towards stability in international politics.

Hence, the crimes against humanity would not go waste, ethics and morals of international politics are restored through international court of justice.

Ethics in international politics are indispensable but few states are blinded by their national interest. Preference of one's own state and their interest is a positive gesture but when this

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interest become lethal for other states and exceeds morality then it become a problem. In such circumstances states prefer themselves and go at any extent against the rival state. America use atomic bomb on Japan, this bomb have killed 95% civilians, but the only justification of this humanitarian crime from United States was national interest. Another hideous example is, Israel annexation of Palestine and justifying it as their national interest justify this annexation. During such crimes, humanity is always suppressed and ethics, morality and humanity become closed chapters of book of international politics.

At the same time, United Nations fails to create peace at the time of crisis. The United Nations is corrupt by elite states. Misuse of veto power during crisis further

damages ethics and morals of international politics. It has become a body of elites, where Kashmir issue, Palestine issue, Syria issue are not in the interest of elite states. Hence, there role is missing from table of discussion. In early years of division of sub-continent, Kashmir issue was discussed in United Nations and a ~~place~~ ^{site} was finalized but neither Pakistan nor India fulfilled conditions for ~~place~~ ^{site}. And, whenever Pakistan discuss or highlight Kashmir issue and their violation of human rights, big powers like India and United States manipulate United Nations to believe that India is a victim while Pakistan is a terrorist state. During ~~the~~ of war between India and Pakistan, ethics and morality are being sabotaged.

Ethics in international politics are being ignored when territorial expansion

become the new normal of world. In Ancient times, territorial expansion was part of growth. Then, humanity evolve and become civilized. The passage of time have took a new turn and now territorial expansion over morality is normalized. A state during territory expansion do not consider rights of the other state. For instance, Trump 2.0 foreign policy includes, making Canada 51st state of united states and Greenland a part of America. While expanding territory of United states while only considering their national interest such policies instigate crisis of morality and ethics in international politics. Mechiavelli book "the prince", describes 14 principles of a prince (ruler), it emphasize that a state should invest in expanding its power and territory or it will die. Such principles donot take into account ethics and morality.

Long term impacts of crisis of morality and ethics in international politics would be fall of democracy. When every state would only focus on expanding power, rule, ideology democracy would fall down resultantly. States would prefer more and more power, no matter worsening conditions of existing territory. Indeed long term impacts of crisis in ethics and morality would end up in a lawless world. Rising powers have autocratic rulers, Russia, China and India; their political leaders have become face of the country. As a result democracy falls within state and ethics and morality falls in international level.

Another female impact of crisis of ethics and morality can be seen in Syria changing regime and international Hypocrisy. The world decide their side

according to their interest. Syria has a long history of war but united nations and developing world fails to resolve their issues. But, as Hayat-Tahir-al sham took charge of Syria, the world's response towards them changed. This shows that the world decide these ethics according to their interest.

As a result, humanity suffer. An example of international hypocrisy in Syria is the developed countries who earlier consider Hayat-Tahir-al sham a terrorist group but then their interest align and majority states congratulated them.

Hence, national interest is the basis of international interest and ethics and morality are not present on horizon of decision making.

Remedy to resolve crisis of ethics and morality in international politics is a mixed approach. The world has to balance between capitalism and

communism; Idealism and realism; Democracy and Autocracy. The only remedy is a balance world where human rights are preferred and ethics and morals ^{would} ~~are~~ become part of every international political decision.

As per research by international journal of Political science, a balance approach between power politics and ethics are the only solutions for survival of humanity.

To conclude, there is no doubt in the fact that states prefer their national interest over ethical and moral principle of international politics. It creates various challenges such as human rights violation, refugee crisis, and lack of emphasize on climate change. But hope exist in the form of measures for stability in international politics. These measures includes, :- formation of United

nations, balance of power by regional organisations; BRICS, Human right laws enforcement. The reason behind preferring national interest over morality is self-interest of state. This preference is justified to an extent where it do not create crisis of ethics and morals in internal politics. Moreover, united nations fails to stop breaking of ethics and territorial expansions keep on expanding. In the world where, Ends justifies the means, soft power should be preferred over hard power, ^{moreover} ideologies are part of humanity but wars on conflict of ideas is against humanity. Furthermore, instead of extending from national interest boundaries, a mixed approach should be used. It is upon humanity to save itself by lessening crisis of ethics and morality in international politics.