

ESSAY #3

Do you think that Pakistan is gradually becoming / Progressing to become a globalized and multicultural country?

Outline

I- Introduction

Pakistan is gradually becoming / Progressing to become a globalized and multicultural country, as it serves to be a pluralistic nation which favours inclusivity and protection of minorities, tends to adopt foreign cultures, and has availed membership to regional and global international organizations.

II- Unfolding the indicators of globalized and multicultural country

III- Pakistan is not gradually becoming / Progressing to become a globalized and multicultural country : A Counter perspective

A- Digital divide in Pakistan

(Pakistan Telecommunication Authority)

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B- Sectarian rift upheavals tension and conflict

(Parachinar, Kurram district)

IV - Pakistan is gradually becoming / progressing to become a globalized and multicultural country because,

A- Pluralistic nation with multiple ethnicities and cultures

(UNESCO World Heritage Centre)

B- Inclusivity and protection of all minorities

(Constitution of Pakistan 1973)

(Anthony Naveed, Deputy speaker)

C- Inclines to adopt cultures of foreign countries

(Indian, Westernization, Turkey)

D- Membership to multiple regional and global international organizations.

(SAAR, SCO, UN)

E- Multiple Educational - exchange Programs

(UNESCO Report, 2023-2024)

(Middle-East, US, UK, Canada)

F- Social Media access to nearly all communities

(Freelancing income report, 2024)

G- Promotes emigration of its skilled workers

(International Organization for migration report)

H- Economic integration with neighbouring countries and global powers

(Economic Survey of Pakistan, FY 2023-2024)

I- Military alliances with global powers

(UN Peace keeping missions around world)

(Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst, UK)

J- Ironclad ties with china

(CPEC, BRI)

K- Neutral foreign Policy of Pakistan

(Balancing ties with US and china)

V- Steps to facilitate progression of Pakistan to become globalized and multicultural country

A- Promote soft power exchange among

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countries

(Erasmus⁺ Programs initiated

by EU)

B- Enhance diplomatic ties with neighbouring countries

(NATO Article #5, SAARC)

VI - Conclusion

The interdependency and interconnectedness of nations have paved way for Pakistan to gradually progress to be a globalized and multicultural country.

Do you think that Pakistan is gradually becoming / Progressing to become a globalized and multiculture country?

"No culture can live if it attempts to be exclusive"

- Mahatma Gandhi

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is the flagship project of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) of China. This corridor connects Gwadar port in Pakistan to China's Xinjiang region via a network of highways, railways, network lines and pipelines. CPEC aims to enhance trade, energy cooperation and regional connectivity. Moreover, it provides platform for international cooperation, foreign investment, and economic growth. Through this economic corridor, Pakistan is able to widen its opportunities for rapid development of communication technologies, thereby, connecting Pakistan to the global community, exposing its citizens to diverse cultures, ideologies, and opportunities. The

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advent of globalization has encircled almost every nation which facilitates their coexistence in global arena. The prevailing growth in technologies and innovation have made it compulsory for every nation to be interlinked and interdependent on each other for upright growth and survival in international forum. Globalization in Pakistan has interconnected multiple cultures, norms, and tradition which ultimately, favours growth and prosperity in Pakistan. The former UN secretary General, **Ban Ki-moon**, states that, "Globalization is a fact of economic life. But I believe we have underestimated its social and political impact. Properly managed, globalization can lift people out of poverty and unite cultures and nations." Through this quotation, he argues that globalization not only has potential for economic growth, but it has diverse opportunities for any nation, thereby, enhancing international cooperation and promoting multiculturalism. Considering the positive aspects of globalization, is it even possible for Pakistan to grow socially, economically, and politically in isolation? Is it credible

to say that globalization has turned the whole world into a global village? Has interconnectedness and interdependency paved way for Pakistan to adopt multiculturalism in order to maintain integrity in global arena? Deliberating the current growth of globalization in Pakistan, it would not be wrong to confer that Pakistan is gradually becoming / progressing to become a globalized and multicultural country, as it serves to be a pluralistic nation which favours inclusivity and protection of minorities, tends to adopt cultures of foreign countries, and has availed membership to regional and global international organizations.

Before proceeding to the discussion, it is important to know the indicators of globalized and multicultural country. Globalization fosters interconnectedness of societies, cultures, and economies worldwide. It enhances cross-border trade and investment which integrates various cultures within market. Moreover, it facilitates mobility of people across borders for employment, education and refuge. The rise of social media, internet, and digital platforms has facilitated

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the rapid exchange of ideas, languages, norms, and cultural traditions. **Thomas L. Friedman**, an American author, is well-known for his analysis of globalization and foreign affairs, defines globalization as a medium of interconnectedness, technological advancement, and multiculturalism.

In his book, **The Lexus and Olive Tree**, he emphasizes on duality of globalization encircled around economic progress and cultural identity and traditions, highlighting that nations are gradually progressing to become globalized and multiculture countries through interconnectedness and interdependence.

Proponents of opposite school of thoughts claim that Pakistan is not gradually becoming/progressing to become a globalized and multiculture country. The prevailing digital divide in Pakistan has negatively impacted Pakistan socially and economically. This divide hinders the ways of many Pakistanis to reach out global opportunities, such as finding quality job or availing educational opportunities. It enhances divergence between rich and poor. According to **Pakistan Telecommunication Authority**, only 35%

of Pakistan's population has internet access, and urban centers, such as Islamabad and Karachi dominate digital media, thereby marginalizing rural areas, such as Balochistan or Chitral.

Hence, digital divide hinders the way of Pakistan to become globalized and multicultural country.

Moreover, sectarian rift upheavals tensions and conflicts between religious sects in Pakistan, it obstructs Pakistan progress towards globalization and multiculturalism. Pakistan's population comprises of 90% Sunni Muslims and 10% Shia Muslims, which increases hatred and radicalization among Sunni Muslims to marginalize Shia Muslims. Recent incidents in **Parachinar, Kurram district** of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, highlights deadly attacks on Shia which has killed around 150 people in recent months. ^{It} illuminates that internal unrest in Pakistan based on diverse norms, values and traditions inhibits Pakistan's progression towards multiculturalism and globalization.

Despite the claim of opponent school of thoughts, it can not be overlooked that Pakistan is gradually becoming / progressing to become a globalized and multicultural country.

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Pakistan inherently serves to be a pluralistic nation with multiple ethnicities and cultures coexisting together. It comprises of four provinces with diverse norms, values and traditions. Around seventy different languages are spoken in Pakistan; Punjabi, Sindhi, Pashto and Balochi being the most common ones. Through globalization the provinces are able to interchange their different cuisines, lifestyles, or dress codes. Being a member of **UNESCO World Heritage Centre**, Pakistan is able to adopt many global cultures and portray its own pluralistic society in global forum. Therefore, it is believed that Pakistan is gradually progressing towards multiculturalism and globalization.

Furthermore, Pakistan provides inclusivity and protection of all minorities residing in Pakistan. Article # 36 of **Constitution of Pakistan 1973**, claims protection of rights and interests of minorities and allot 10 reserved seats to minorities in **National Assembly**. By the means of globalization and prevailing multiculturalism Pakistan plays a supportive role to encourage minorities to top notch positions in Pakistan.

Presently, **Anthony Naveed**, Roman Catholic Pakistani, serves the charge of deputy speaker of Sindh as third non-muslim. He was elected through order of Pakistan's law of allotting seats to minorities of Pakistan. Through empowering minorities, it is evident that Pakistan is gradually progressing to become globalized and multiculture country.

In addition, Pakistan inclines to adopt cultures of foreign countries which facilitates it to be a multicultural country. Through interconnectedness and interdependence Pakistan has adopted **Indian** culture by means of media and internet. Hindu culture is openly practiced in Pakistan, such as celebrating Holi, Dawali, Basant festival or even eating in taalis to mimic Indian culture. Moreover, **westernization** in Pakistan, has completely transformed the life of Pakistanis. Western culture is also practiced in public administration of Pakistan and military services. Pakistan is seen to adopt Turkey culture, through **turkish** drama series, such as Ertugrul, prevailing culture of sufism is also adopted from Turkey folks. Hence it is evident that through adopting foreign cultures Pakistan is gradually becoming a globalized and multiculture nation.

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Pakistan has availed membership to multiple regional and global organizations which assists it to be a multicultural and globalized country. Pakistan is member of **SARR, OIC, SCO, ECO, UN, WTO and WB**. These institutions help Pakistan to integrate with world on international forums, thereby, enhancing peace, security, religious and economic integrity. Through these platforms, Pakistan is able to voice its Kashmir issue and lean to solve it through diplomatic means. Furthermore, being member of international financial institutions, such as IMF or WB help Pakistan to avail bail out ~~packages~~ packages to overcome its economic downturn. SCO focuses on people-to-people exchange programs among its member nation, this enables Pakistan to adopt to multiple cultures and tradition which results in peace and prosperity through growing diversity. Thus, it is evident that Pakistan's membership to international institutions helps it gradually become a globalized and multicultural nation.

Moreover, Pakistan has multiple educational-exchange programs with Middle East

UK, US, and Canada. These programs help Pakistani students to adopt to multiple cultures and avail scholarship programs worldwide to strengthen its educational sector. According to **UNESCO Report 2023-2024**, UAE serves to be the most popular destination for Pakistani students, hosting around 38.4% of Pakistani students. Furthermore, Commonwealth Scholarships, Study in Canada Scholarships, and Qatar University Scholarships programs provide educational opportunities to around 30000 - 35000 Pakistani students. Globalization has made online education a lot more easier, it has opened opportunities for Pakistani students to get virtual university degrees from well-known universities of world. Therefore, it is not mistaken to say that Pakistan is progressing to become a globalized and multicultural country.

Furthermore, social media access to nearly all communities of Pakistan has amplified opportunities for Pakistan socially and economically. Through social media applications: Instagram, Facebook, snapchat or TikTok, Pakistani youth is able to reach world and adopt their culture, promoting global integration. According to

Freelancing income report , 2024 and Gig-Economy

Index , Pakistan ranks to be fourth largest freelancing world wide. It increases Pakistan per-capita-income and provides opportunities to many technocrates to boost their business through online platform. Globalization has made it alot easier for Pakistan to interconnect to the whole world through media and internet. Therefore, it is apparent that increased access to social media has advanced Pakistan's way towards globalized and multicultural country.

Pakistan promotes emigration of its skilled workers to us, uk and middle eastern countries to gain labour productivity and cultural exchange, mainly with western countries.

According to International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UN migration report,

around 1.7 million Pakistanis moved aboard in 2023 and 2024. These Pakistani workers gain jobs based on their skills and facilitates remittences of Pakistan. In reference to

State Bank of Pakistan, around 28 billion remittences have been received through formal channels. ^{in 2024} It increases economic stability of

Pakistan and helps it to adopt western cultures to increase rank of Pakistan in human capacity building and human development index.

Pakistan is putting efforts to widen its economic platform by emigration of skilled worker which has helped Pakistan to gradually become a globalized and multicultural country.

In addition to this, Pakistan has moved miles ahead to economically integrate with neighbouring and global economic leaders to increase its trade and overcome balance of payment deficit. ~~Pakistan~~ The US is Pakistan's largest export market of garments, leather and rice, according to **Economic Survey of Pakistan**

FY 2023-2024, Pakistan sends 30% of its export products to US. Moreover, Pakistan continues to Barter trade with Iran through proximal border which also facilitates people-to-people exchange. Pakistan ~~receives~~ receives its major energy resources from middle-Eastern countries, mainly UAE and KSA. Pakistan's economy completely rely on other countries which is promoted through globalization. Hence, it is evident that Pakistan relies on other countries

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for economic survival, therefore it is believed that Pakistan is gradually becoming a globalized country through acceptance of multiple cultures.

Moreover, Pakistan forms military alliances with global powers, to strengthen its military and gain power to counter its rivals and maintain deterrence in South Asian region. Pakistan has formed alliance with **Russian military** to counter US-India military engagement, by joint exercises, training and weapon exchange. Additionally, Pakistan provides joint training to military troops of Saudi Arabia in **PMA Kakul**. Pakistan sponsors its top notch officers to serve in **UN Peace Keeping Missions around world**, presently around 23500 Pakistani soldiers are deployed under UN. Furthermore, Pakistan has deep-rooted military ties with UK under **Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst**. The diverse military ties of Pakistan worldwide has proven the point that Pakistan is ultimately moving ahead to be a globalized and multicultural country.

The Ironclad ties of Pakistan with China, has expedite Pakistan to be

a globalized and multicultural country. **CPEC** project is worth ^{of} \$65 billion which ultimately strengthens economy of Pakistan. Under this initiative of China and Pakistan, Pakistan is able to gain global recognition, thereby enhancing international cooperation among countries and promoting multiculturalism. It has connected Pakistan to Eurasian countries and middle-East countries, and strengthen Pakistan's geostrategic importance. Pakistan has completed 36 projects under CPEC with a total investment of \$24 billion, several other projects are under construction which further ~~strengthen~~ reinforce Pakistan to gradually move towards globalization and multiculturalism.

Apart ~~of~~ from this all, Pakistan withholds a neutral foreign policy without ~~any~~ having any clear tilt to westernized or non-western countries. Pakistan owns a neutral tassel in geopolitics and leans to balance it ties with US and China, this inturn facilitates Pakistan to maintain cardinal ties with US, Russia, China, and Middle-Eastern countries. Foreign policy of Pakistan is national interest

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driven and learn to solve lingering conflicts, like Kashmir issue through diplomacy rather than military confrontation. **The balancing relations with US and China** has allowed Pakistan to secure economic aid, military support, people-to-people exchange and infrastructure development. Pakistan's consistent neutrality in geopolitics, such as Saudi-Iran rivalry, Syrian civil war, and Russia-Ukraine war, has ~~set~~ solidified Pakistan's gradual progress towards multiculturalism and globalization.

In spite of several hurdles Pakistan indisputably move towards globalization and multiculturalism, several steps should be taken by Pakistan to facilitate its progression to become a globalized and multicultural country. Pakistan ought to promote soft power exchange among countries, it enhances cultural diplomacy, educational programs, humanitarian assistance and people-to-people social and economic exchange. For instance, Pakistan should adopt to **Erasmus⁺ Programs** initiated by European Union, these programs offer opportunities to youth to study or work in

different countries, fostering cultural exchange. Pakistan comprises of 60% of youth bulge, Erasmus⁺ Programs serves to be ideal programs for Pakistan soft power exchange which would facilitate Pakistan to be a globalized and multicultural country.

Moreover, Pakistan should enhance diplomatic ties with neighbouring countries with proximal borders. Pakistan should sign free trade agreements with Iran, Afghanistan and India, thereby, increasing their economic integration. Further, they should form collective security alliances to counter militancy, such as **NATO, Article #5 of collective security alliance**. Additionally, Pakistan should positively use regional organization, **SAARC**, to enhance regional integrity, promote peace and security and facilitating cultural exchange. Through upright diplomatic ties and peaceful coexistence of Pakistan with its neighbouring countries strengthen Pakistan to gradually move towards globalized and multicultural nation.

To sumup the discussion, it is evident

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that Pakistan is gradually becoming/progressing to become a globalized and multicultural country, because it provides homeland to multiple ethnicities, cultures and religions to integrate together. Moreover, Pakistan tends to adopt cultures of foreign countries, enhancing its interconnectedness and interdependency through membership in international institutions. One of the famous excerpt from speech of **Quaid-e-Azam** which was delivered on August 11, 1947, to constitution Assembly of Pakistan reflected that, "Pakistan should live peacefully and maintain cordial and friendly relations with the world for survival. We are starting in the days when there is no discrimination or distinction, expand your culture and promote diversity." Quaid-e-Azam emphasized on the notion that Pakistan should not restrict its relations with the world and ought to promote multiculturalism. In prevailing era of globalization, it is not possible for Pakistan to grow socially, economically and politically in isolation. Furthermore, it cannot be ignored that globalization has integrated the whole world into global village which facilitates Pakistan to gradually

move ahead to be a globalized and multicultural country.

"Globalization knits us into a single garment of destiny, where cultural exchange becomes the thread that binds us together"

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Précis #3

Question

Write a précis of the following passage, suggesting a suitable title.

One of the fundamental -----
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Different Semantics of Same Words

The words commonly use have different meanings. This feature makes them useful in many contexts. It is almost applicable on all common nouns and verbs. Moreover, the sense of speaking clearly and being understood by another person is an important feature of language. It is vital to decode the meaning of each word in accordance of its contextual use, and choose the most relevant meaning of the particular word which portrays its meaning in respective context.

Approx. words in Passage = 209

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