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5. " THE CRISIS OF ETHICS AND MORALITY IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS "

OUTLINE:

A. Introduction

B. Crisis of ethics and Morality in global politics:

(1) Political agendas result in war where human rights are disregarded

Case in Point: Gaza War

(2) The imposition of economic sanctions by superpowers is immoral.

Case in Point: Pressler's Amendment

(3) Social Development is secondary to realists in pursuance of politics.

Case in Point: Warrior State Concept of Laswell.

(4) Political Mudslinging is a practise that conveys moral decay of nations.

Case in Point: Trump

and Kamala Harris during
US Election Campaigns.

(5) Manipulation of public sentiment
to justify cross-border interventions
is immoral.

Case in Point: 9/11 and
Afghan Invasion.

(6) Targeting specific ethnicities to
gain support of masses is
immoral.

Case in Point: Nazist
Hitler vs Jews in WW-II.

(7) States promoting their allies to
fight bloodied wars for economic
gains is non-ethical.

Case in Point: MI Complex
and wars by US allies

(8) Affluent states do not
allow smaller states to grow

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out of economic dependence on them.
for political superiority.

Case in Point: Paul Prebisch's Dependence Theory

(9) Powerful states monopolize
political decision-making without
consulting concerned parties.

Case in Point: P-S States and Veto Power

(10) Personal disdain among political
leaders leads to false practices
like regime changes.

Case in Point: Gaddafi in Libya (Arab Spring)

(11) The killings of leaders that do
not pursue dominant agendas is
an inhumane practice.

Case in Point: Iranian President and controversial plane crash.

(12) Political ideologies are extended by funding violence; showing no regard for morality.

Case in Point: US
funding AQ/TTP in
1980's.

C. Conclusion

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"War is an extension of politics", said the former US president John F. Kennedy. Politics is a multi-faceted game of agendas that is marked by leaders, their ideologies and destructive events. Global History is replete with incidents that were based on politics and resulted in chaos. This dirty game does not regard moral practices of truth and honesty. Human rights are seldom considered during wars. The economic implications of divergent political narratives are unfair for certain actors. International politics does not provide the required attention to human development. Campaigns and rallies disregard any bit of morality when leaders address each other. The masses are used as tools to gather

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sympathy and win the public support for unjust actions.

Pin-point agenda against targeted enemy results in non-recoverable losses.

It is a pertinent fact that International Politics does not regard moral and ethical values of justice, freedom and sovereignty.

International Politics

is marked by events of war.

There is a visible divergence of interest between various countries.

Such differences lead to war which results in grave violation of human rights. During war

times, there is little to no regard of non-combatants. Children,

elderly and women are unjustly affected by the occurrence

of disputes. Other immoral acts like rape, genocidal intent and amputation of organs

are also associated to events of war that are a result of political disdain. The recent war in Gaza served as a case study. The war of political ideologies led to over 50,000 civilian deaths.

Global Economy is interlinked to politics. A strain on political ties poses economic repercussions for countries. The powerful countries tend to offer economic assistance to poorer states for the extension of their interests. In case of double-crossing or non-compliance to the hegemon, economic sanctions are imposed. These include higher taxes on imports, cancellation of agreements or curtailment of aid. In late 1990s, Pakistan faced harsh economic sanctions, termed the Pressler's Amendment, for testing

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its nuclear ability against US will. Such sanctions destroy stability on all fronts for the smaller state.

International Politics is driven by idea of realism. This means states are inclined towards maximization of power. It is often witnessed that political entities spend on weapons and strategic abilities. Only a minute portion of budget is reserved for human development and social well-being. In order to pursue the larger aims, ethical values of equality are ignored and social evils of hunger, poverty prevail in the society. Harold Lasswell elaborated this very concept in his definition of "warrior State"; one where military spending is a core idea.

Political Leadership is also devoid of any moral

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values. Mudslinging, character assassination and exploiting each others deficiencies remain the driving factors of global politics. Leaders target their opponents by false narratives and dishonest projections. They use harsh and hurtful words in their election campaigns or public addresses. Recent US Presidential Election campaign showed heated exchange of morally objectionable words between Trump and Harris. Such events depict the moral decay triggered by global politics.

Misleading public sentiment for extension of political goals is a prevalent immoral practice. It means false portrayal of positive intent to legitimize use of force in the masses.

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subject of rulings are misguided by concealing evil intentions. This pretentious concept certainly abolishes any ethical element. The United States of America has used such tactics for invading Afghanistan and Iraq post 9/11 incident. It was concealed to be an act for civilizing the barbaric global south.

Politics operates on ethnic preferences. This refers to gaining public support by fuelling ethnic nationalism. Certain leaders have targeted particular ethnic groups, killed them in violent and barbaric ways to win mass support. One such example lies in Nazi Germany's leader Adolf Hitler. He abolished Jews in Holocaust during WW-II to extend his agendas in European politics. Certainly, there

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are no boundaries of in politics.

The politics of economics does not cater any moral values. The combination of political and economic goals is destructive for the world. Certain states persuade their allies to extend a conflict to a full scale war in order to enjoy economic gains for themselves. They are regarded as sole owners of the "business of wars". They do not consider the bloodshed, damage and unrest such actions would trigger. The United States, for instance, favors wars in order to effectively run its Military-Industrial Complex. Wars are viewed as economy escalation means for them.

Stronger states maintain undue dominance on the weaker ones. The exploitation of a smaller

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entity is a common practice in the International State System.

There exists a harmony of interests between the ruling elite of core states and weaker nations. Such groups pay no heed to the moral considerations while formulation of policies. They plan to pursue their self-vested interests on the blood and resources of the poor citizens. This phenomena is validated by Paul Prebisch's Dependency Theory of Global Politics. It is indeed devoid of any moral binding.

Non-inclusive decision-making curbs ethics in International politics. This refers to the idea of power of making decisions to rest in a few hands. It is unfair to decide on behalf of all involved parties without

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involving them. Such monopolized decisions disregard the boundaries and troubles of weak states. The Veto Power states (P-5 Nations) operate to achieve their goals while deciding for the rest of 188 countries. They do not regard moral consideration of others.

Personal Interest

pursuance during foreign policy formulation is non-ethical practice. Political Leaders often operate on individual-centric approach. They intervene in matters of another sovereign entity to prove their antagonist sentiment for a counter-part. These events turn into disastrous and chaotic revolutionary movements. The Regime changes during 2011 Arab Spring, particularly in Libya against col. Gaddafi was

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driven by US establishment's hatred for the former. The unfateful event was marked by protests, revolts and bloodshed.

Leadership nexus is the cornerstone of international politics. Paralell efforts to achieve a common agenda is often witnessed. In case, a leader does not join hands to pursue a dominant idea or interest, they are eliminated. It is a morally corrupt practice of killing a leader in order to pave way for extension of political interests. The recent plane crash of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has errupted certain propogandas. It is not just below morality to kill for politics, but also inhumane.

The use of money to instill violence remains

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an illegal but common political activity. The affluent countries extend support to various actors in this regard. The rise of non-state actors, their backing by interest groups in order to maintain status quo do not abide by any ethical norms. The powerful try to crush the weaker ideology or engage them in chaos in order to dominate policy making. The US funding of VNSAs (AQ and TTP) to counter Communist USSR disregarded morality. Such unfortunate acts have been centre of politics.

In summary, it is a visible practice that political ideologies and actions are triggered by selfish agendas that do not consider moral or ethical rules. The operation of businesses of war and

generating income out of blood is one such activity. The evil connection of rich people's interests and their dominance in global decision-making is also an illicit practise. Individual level differences and divergence of interests result in regime changes and undue killing or assassination of leaders.

The financing of terror groups and violence on foreign lands blur all limitations of morality. With the emergence of critical thinking and globalized economies, there is still hope that future of world politics would be inclined towards cooperation rather than conflict.

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c. Crisis of ethics in politics - a
misperceived notion:

(1) States have collectively
drafted agendas for whole
world to achieve. ~~but they are~~

Case in Point: UN SDGs