

Is modern civilization a failure?

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"Modern civilization has become a monster,

a machine of oppression and destruction

that devours everything in its path, from
the environment to the soul of the individual"

In aforementioned statement Samuel P.

Huntington criticized the modern

society because it has become a

shadow of monster that has ability

to devour everything in its path. One

cannot deny the fact that modern

civilization has enhanced tensions

and stress, from environment to

the soul of the individual. He

further castigated those who were

considering modern civilization as

a successful civilization. Is

modern civilization not rising mental

health? Are communities living

together in modern civilization? Does

modern civilization not contribute in

loss of identity? Is there any

privacy in modern civilization?

Is the gap of rich and poor not widening

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in modern civilization? Although modern civilization has brought various changes, collapse of environment, enhancement of economic inequalities, rise of mental health, and breach of privacy are clear evidences that modern civilization is a failure.

In order to understand the failure of modern civilization, it is pertinent to contextualize the term. Modern civilization refers to the advanced stage of humans. They have facility of modern amenities, including advance technology. According to Samuel P. Huntington, modern civilization refers to the current stage of humans who possess all the perks and privileges of their lives. Undeniably technology in modern civilization has brought various changes, but it has also enhanced the worries of humans, such as environmental degradation, loss of biodiversity, loss of culture and identity, and rise of mental health.

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Though modern civilization is a failure, many people argue that it is a successful civilization. One of the most successful factors is the dissemination of education. Modern civilization has brought various changes. Among them education is most dominant factor because it is a powerful tool through which one can transform the world. Education has enhanced sense of awareness and civic responsibility. Owing to education, people have realized their rights in modern civilization. Thus, it is logically safe to assume that modern civilization is not a failure.

Like dissemination of education, advancement of technology is another sign of successful civilization. Technology has proved a vital factor in the modern civilization because it has provided several facilities of modern era. Additionally, technology has found the cures of those diseases which

could be the cause of death. For example, Covid-19 was a virus which fanned up in 2020. This led to the death of several people. Owing to technology, it was easy to find the cure of disease.

Therefore, it is wrong to say that modern civilization is a failure.

People might have their own justification of denying the fact that modern civilization is a failure, but evidences prove that modern civilization is a failure. One of the most obvious evidences is collapse of environment.

People are dying, people are suffering, and entire eco-system is collapsing.

Still, the deniers of failures are claiming that the world is moving towards development and progression. Greta

Thunberg, a Swedish activist, argues that the whole ecosystem is collapsing and the world leaders are talking about internal development. So, it is

a clear indication that modern civilization

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is a failure.

Apart from collapse of environment, modern civilization has enhanced economic inequalities. The world has divided into two classes, one is rich and other one is poor. The rich remain in the domain of 20%; but it controls the sources of 80%. As a result, people are suffering from abject poverty. For instance, Elon Musk and Bill Gates are considered as tycoon who contain majority of the resources due to technology. This widens the gap between poor and rich. Thus, it is logically safe to assume that modern civilization is a failure.

In addition to this, breach of privacy is another element of modern civilization. In modern society, technology has become the part of our lives which have indulged in every spheres of society. People are frequently sharing

and uploading their data on social media, such as Facebook, Whatsapp, Instagram, and Snapchat. As a result, privacy thefts use their data to extract money or using their data for illegal acts. Huxley writes in his book 'Nexus' that breach of privacy is one of the major concerns of modern civilization. Thus, modern civilization is a failure due to the lack of privacy.

Rise of mental health is another sign of failure because people have overly dependent on social media and technology. This dependence has exacerbated the mental health, such as lack of sleep, indulge in various issues, persistent scrolling of media. According to the World Health Organization, 60-70% of the people are mentally disturbed and depressed due to technology. Therefore, it is making crystal clear that modern civilization

is a failure owing to rise of mental health concerns.

Not only this, but political corruption is also clear indication of failure of modern civilization. Various aspects of political corruption prove that modern civilization has failed to achieve stability, such as lack of development, corruption, and provision of basic rights. Politicians always prioritize their interests over public interest. Even though people are extremely suffering from bad conditions, politicians always serve their own cause. For instance, third world countries are experiencing this issue. So, modern civilization has failed to achieve stability.

Moreover, cultural homogenization is another issue in which people lost their identity. Modern civilization has proved fatal for many cultures because it has

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faded away the culture of many people. For example, Chinua Achebe depicts in his novel, 'Things Fall Apart' that how British colonized their region and implemented their custom and traditions which eventually phase out their culture. Thus, it is logically safe to assume that modern civilization is a failure.

Further more, the breakdown of communities is also proving that modern civilization is a failure because it has separated people from one another. Owing to this, people have left meeting with each other because they can talk now on mobile and whatsapp. Apart from this, people are leaving their native places in order to live well-developed places. These things might have helped for them, but this has widened the gap between families and communities. As a result, it is clear that modern civilization is

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a failure.

In order to tackle the rising issues of modern civilization, it is incumbent upon people to adopt some measures. One of them is environment restoration and sustainability.

It is pertinent to adopt some policies which restore the environmental sustainability. For this, it is necessary to move towards renewable resources. By adopting this, the world can move towards stability and progress. Thus, it is required to apply fossil free environment.

Additionally, economic reforms are ~~necessary~~ necessary because it will abridge the gap between poor and rich. If the world is moving prosperity and development, everyone will enjoy the fruit of modern civilization. Thus, the ~~world~~ world must adopt some economic models. For example, South Korea

economic development model can be used to bring reforms in economy. So, everyone can get equal opportunities. Thus, it is required for countries to adopt this model to improve economy.

To cut the long story short, while modern civilization has become successful, ~~many~~ some people argue that modern civilization has badly failed due to collapse of environment, widening the gap between rich and poor, lack of privacy, enhancing mental health concerns, increasing political corruption, loss of identity, and enhancing social isolation. These indications ~~have~~ have proved that modern civilization is a failure. Therefore, it is necessary to bring some measures to tackle the rising issue of modern civilization.