

The crisis of ethics and morality in international politics.

Outline

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B- Lack of ethics and morality in international politics ~~is~~ resultant in a crisis situation

1) The base of international system is a consensual legal order rather than moral principles.

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a) Lack of binding laws in an international system

Case in point : Preemptive doctrine of Bush

3) Revival of ideological expansionism in international politics

Case in point : Zionism

4) The persistence of philosophy of white men's burden in an international

System.

Case in point : Economic imperialism

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8) ~~Theory of dependency by~~
~~waller stein~~

Case in point : ~~Dependency theory~~

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9) Nexus between Core and ~~the~~ Core of
peripheres.

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6) Rise of populism in an
international system once again after
WWII.

Case in point : Trade war between USA and China
~~Deletion of TPP~~
as a president of USA.

8) Political and military alliances
leads to unethical policies

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Case in point : Gaza war

9) States are rational actors hence
they pursue the power politics
model of international relations rather
than ethics and morality

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Case in point : Realism

10) Individuals and ^{leaders} all power seekers
here, they pursue hawkish policies

Case in point: The price

11) International politics is based
on maximization of power

Case in point: Weapons of
mass destruction

12) Economy is detrimental for becoming
global hegemon in an international system.

So, actors maximize their interests
irrespective of ethical considerations.

Case in point: Military
Industrial Complex of USA.

13) The aspirations to control and
influence the world leads to
immorality.

Case in point: Global war on terror

14) The reason for prevalence of
immorality in an international politics
is due to the dominance of
realist - a male gender - in the international
politics.

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A traumatized, helpless, shivering and crying Abdullah is holding a dead body of his sister. He was the last alive member of his family. All died in a war, international politics driven by the interests of powerful. International politics is purely driven by the politics of maximization of power and interests irrespective of any kind of morality and politics. This is primarily due to the base foundation of international system which disregards morality and upheld the principle of consensus. The laws in an international systems are also non-binding, which gives confidence to the states to act unethically. Furthermore, the trends in an international

Politics like ideological expansionism and populism directs the politics towards immoral grounds.

Moreover, it is clearly observed that the economic imperialism has led to lack of ethics in an international system.

The tendency of the states to maximize power further fuels the crisis - The ^{political} military and alliances as well as nexus between the leaders of core and periphery to keep poor masses poor reinforces the immorality and crisis.

Hence, it is evident that the lack of ethics and morality leads towards crisis.

Most important factor which paves the way for existence of immorality and lack of ethics in an international

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System is the legal basis of existence of world order in the world. Present legal order of world is based on the principle of consensual legal order which means that anything will be considered legal irrespective of the morality if the states agree on it. UN is formed on this basis where all states agreed to join it but, the veto power in the UNSC gives unprecedented powers to P5 states which is against the moral principle of equality. So, these legal basis of an international system promotes inequality and immorality.

Secondly, the international laws are non-binding in nature. There are few compulsions to follow them and which are also for

the weak States. For example, use of force is prohibited under the Charter of UN. In state case of attack by enemy state may use proportional force but afterwards have to put matter in front of UN. However, President Bush of USA violated this law and launched war on terror while, declaring that this matter did not come under the ambit of UN. This non-binding nature of law led to the killing of thousands of innocent lives in Afghanistan and Pakistan as well which is a grave death of moral principles.

Moreover, in the current phase of international politics world is facing the ^{Prevalence} Ideologies of expansionism. States want to increase their territories and expand on the basis of

expansion of their ideology. They want to extend their rule over ~~German~~ whole region on the basis of ideology. Zionism is one of them. Jews want to expand their holy rule from River Nile to Mediterranean sea. These States want to expand at any cost irrespective of any humanistic concerns. These ~~ideological~~ expansionist thought ~~course~~ led to the trends of immorality.

Another important reason for crises of ethics and morality in international politics is the prevalence of philosophy of white men's burden. The global north ~~is~~ considers themselves as civilized beings. So, they have the responsibility to make the global north civilized as well. They try to impose their

economic, social and legal system
over the ~~best~~ best of the world.

Their values like democracy, liberalism
all the best models according
to them. However, they neglect
the values of global South and
consider them inferior. The
philosophy has led to the colonization
and now economic imperialism to
control developing world irrespective
of any regard to morality and
ethics.

Furthermore, there is
a nexus between Core and
the Core of peripheries. Core
is a developed world whereas
Core of peripheries are the
leaders and elite class of
developing world. They have
harmony of interest to not let
the peripheries state develop.
of these states was

develops they will threaten the
hegemony of core. This ~~principle~~
~~principle~~ has led to a crisis
of ethics in an international
system. - Walter Stein's dependency
theory has claimed this. - This
immoral principle has led to a
crisis situation of ethics in an
international system.

The rise of populism
and populist leaders have
resurfaced in the world.
Populist leaders instigate the
emotions of people to gain
their support. That can
be on the basis of religion
ideology, nationalism etc. To
gain the support of people
these leaders often pursue
unethical policies. Donald Trump imposed
trade embargo on Chinese goods
in 2018, which was

against the moral principles. So,
the rise of populism is a threat
to ethical considerations in an international
system.

In addition, the military
and political alliances leads to
immoral policies. When states
ally with each other they
support one another in their
economic, social, political and
military policies. State gets
confidence to initiate every action
when it has strong support
of other countries. Some situation
has been observed in the
Gaza war. Due to the
military, economic and diplomatic
support of west and USA in
particular, the Israel was able
to continue a war for more
than a year. So, the
policies of alliances leads to

Immorality in an International System
States are rational actors.

They take decisions on the basis of cost and benefit analysis rather than morality. If they take decisions on the basis of morality the other state will not. The other state will maximize his power, the state who runs on the basis of morality will be destroyed by power. Upon theory of realism, the states function. By following this theory states do not opt for morality which in turn creates crisis situation of ethics and politics.

Moreover, at the individual level, individual and leaders are power seekers. And to seek more power

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the adopt hawkish policies. According
to the book The Prince leader
should be cruel not moral
So, none can challenge his
power. The influence of these
philosophies in an international
system has led to a crisis
situation of ^{morality} in any
international
system.

At broader perspective, the
international system is based
and run upon the principle
of maximization of power.
State maximize their power
even by illegal and immoral
means. They even maximize power
at the cost of humanity.

The development of weapons
of mass destruction is an
evidence. State even
knowing its devastating consequences
has acquired it and

adopted immoral policies.
In the 21st Century,
Economy is the main determinant
for any State to become
hegemon. Economy provides
leverage to a State to
influence other states through
loan, debt and infrastructural
developments. For this regard,
States expand their economies
irrespective of any ethical
consideration. Military Industrial
Complex of USA is an ideal case
where which fuels the
American economy by selling
weapons all over the world.
So, the ~~maximization~~ ^{expansion} of economy
through unethical means increases
the principle of immorality in
an international system.
More over, the
aspirations of the states

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to control and influence the world leads to immorality in an international politics. States do everything legal, illegal, ethical and unethical to control the world particularly weak states in their hand. They may even launch a war to achieve their interests. If any state go against the interest of powerful, they crush even do not hesitate to crush them.

Global war on terror is an evidence where countless number of ^{including} people/civilians have died by military operation of NATO. So, the ambition to control the world leads to immorality.

In addition, the prevalence of immorality in an international is due to the dominance of

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male gender in international politics
They are power seekers by
nature which also reflects in
the politics. of war oriented
individuals are replaced with
cooperative individuals - females -
world would ~~not~~ be ~~less~~ peaceful
and function on the principles
of morality. Theory of feminism
has given this concept.
So, male dominance in international
politics reinforces immorality.
In ~~this~~ ^{conclusion}, it is a fact that
the world is facing the
crisis of immorality and lack
of ethics. The maximalist
and power oriented tendencies
are prevailing in the world.
Human nature is one of
the cause of lack of
immorality in an international
politics. Furthermore the

the maximization of power is
another reason. To have
expanded economy to influence
others is also a key factor.

The ~~political~~ aspiration to
control the weak states

also leads to immorality

The control of politics by
male gender reinforces immorality

Rise of populism, ideological
expansionism has also played

its role in increasing
immorality and lack of ethics
in an international politics.

This phenomenon has been
best concluded by Machiavelli
in the following manner

State either expands or it dies