

# Human rights are a dream of today's world

## Outline

### I. Introduction

Despite endeavors of organizations and governments to accomplish human rights aspirations in a real manner, human rights, unfortunately, seem to be an unfulfilled dream due to various factors, such as authoritarianism, economic inequalities, and non-state actors.

### II. How are human rights a dream of today's world?

(a) The Machiavellian approach of acquiring power at any cost renders human rights as an unattainable dream.

Case in point: Ruthless tactics of Vladimir Putin and Benjamin Netanyahu to consolidate power

(b) Spread of nuclear armaments at an unprecedented rate underscores the illusory nature of human rights

Case in point: Stockpiling uranium enrichment by Iran

(c) Political oppression and authoritarianism depicts the bleak picture of human rights  
Case in point: Civil wars and sectarian violence after Arab Spring

(d) Scapegoating minority groups under the guise of vested interests make human rights a distant dream.

Case in point: Human right abuses against Uyghur and Indian Muslims

(e) Escalation of humanitarian crisis due to economic sanctions ~~reduces~~ <sup>describes</sup> human rights as an elusive dream.

Case in point: Reluctance of giving humanitarian aid to Syria after devastating earthquake

(f) Widening economic inequalities due to exploitative tactics by Global North over Global South present human rights as an utopia

Case in point: Perpetuation of unequal relationship as per "The New Colonialism: The American Empire in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century by Herbert Schiller

(g) Continuous technological advancements leading to high level of carbon emissions illustrate human rights as an unfulfilled aspiration.

Case in point: Politicizing climate change mitigation resolutions

(h) Emergence of non-state actors for the implementation of self-perceived Islamic rules describes human rights as an unrealistic expectation.

Case in point: Rise of TTP, ISIS, and ISK

(i) Massive employment of Artificial Intelligence characterizes human rights as a mythical concept by threatening human existence

Case in point: Elon Musk's ventures into brain computers raises concerns <sup>of control</sup> over human thoughts

(j) Rising anti-Islamic sentiments in the west to disrupt world peace direct human rights as an impossibility

Case in point: Violence in the garb of Xenophobic sentiments

### III- What are the obstacles in the implementation of human rights?

(a) Weak institutions fail to uphold human rights

Case in point: Research of International Council on Human Rights Policy portray the impact of inadequate institutions

(b) Undue influence of major powers on international organizations impedes the actualization of human rights

Case in point: USA's continuous usage of veto power on Palestine issue

(c) Political and economic interests take precedence over human rights concerns

Case in point: The "Shock Doctrine" by <sup>Naomi</sup> Klein explores the link between new-liberal policies and human rights

(d) The desire for greatness and recognition by great leaders hinders the execution of human rights

Case in point: Sigmund Freud's Psychoanalytic theory portrays human's demigod nature

(e) Cultural norms prioritize rigid laws that leads to human rights violation

Case in point: Blasphemy laws in Pakistan disproportionately target religious minorities

#### IV- What should be the necessary measures for the enforcement of human rights?

(a) Strengthening global governance structure and institutions help maintain human rights standards.

Case in point: Law enforcement, transparency and accountability

(b) Encouraging the unbiased role of global organizations is the need of the hour

Case in point: Administering UN Charter in true spirit

(c) Prioritizing & Fostering a culture of diplomacy rather than confrontation paves the way towards genuine human rights progress.

Case in point: Mitigation efforts by China

#### V- Conclusion

In the world grappled with chaos and conflicts, the notion of human rights have become a universal utopic. The idea that all men are born free and they have integrity or privileges from the necessities of life to the freedom of expression and social, political, and economic rights have become dwindled. Despite having the presence of international organizations and state's governments endeavor towards the fulfillment of human rights, the man has to suffer the threat to his life. He has to bear the brunt of humanitarian crisis in the form of suppression of his thought, freedom, liberty, and political movement. With the vested interests of the west, people particularly in developing countries are <sup>no more</sup> considered ~~no more~~ humans. Some incidents are fair enough to depict the illusionary nature of human rights. The Machiavellian concept of attaining power at the cost of humanity, the unprecedented spread of nuclear armaments, and the rise of authoritarian regimes are a

direct threat to human existence. Under the pursuit of advancements, the humans face obstacles in getting their due share. Weak democratic institutions, the political and economic interests as a priority over human's interests, and the undue influence of superpowers on organizations are the major factors posing hindrance in the way of achieving human rights. Therefore, some pragmatic measures need to be taken. Strengthening the global governance structure and fostering a culture of diplomacy over confrontation are some strategies to carry on human rights. These solutions, if acted upon sagaciously, could make the world a better place for human's growth, development, and survival.