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Owing to the egoistic nature of humans, they have been in a continuous state of conflict. Their egoistic nature pushed the world into several deadly wars. To stop future wars, international organizations were formed with a commitment to protect human rights. Despite global commitments, human rights continue to be violated across the world. Some of the most vulnerable individuals are subjugated, while others are exploited and mistreated, making the dream of human rights elusive. In other words, powerful states suppress powerless states, the laws of wars are violated, religious and ethnic minorities are discriminated and women are subjugated across the world. Besides, authoritarian states are curbing freedom, capitalist system is exploiting labours, media

is being manipulated and the poor countries are **being** disproportionately affected by the environmental changes. Although human rights are the need of the hour, certain hurdles exist in realizing them. These hurdles include selective enforcement of human rights based on political interests, ineffective human rights enforcing bodies, unaccountable global powers, and the cults who fear ~~losing~~ ^{losing} religious rights. In addition, clash between international universal human rights and traditional values is also a hurdle. The other major hurdles include violation of privacy by misusing technology, lack of moral and ethical education, and the lack of any natural boundaries to stop environmental changes. Human rights violations are also seen in Pakistan. However, by bringing some structural changes in the governing bodies, human rights violations can be controlled.

Human rights are innate rights of humans. These rights are not specific to some races, castes, religions and geography. The rights are universally applied to all individuals. While there are many rights, the most commonly recognized rights are right to life, liberty, property, equality, security and justice. These fundamental human rights are inherent to all humans by virtue of their existence, independent of any worldly system.

The history of human rights is as old as the human itself. The right to life existed during the time of Adam (A.S) and Eve. At that time Qabeel killed Habel. For this violation of right of life, he was sent to hell according to the holy scriptures.

Later, during the course of history, another significant event, the Charter of Medina, happened. This was very important and holds a significant value in the history of Islam. This charter laid the foundation of modern human rights. The important developments, regarding human rights, in the history of the west are Magna Carta and Universal Declaration of human rights. All these events are old, and existing the rights have existed since the beginning of human existence.

Human rights are being violated in the world.

First, powerful states in the world are violating human rights by suppressing the powerless states. The powerful states have more greater economic, political and military

and military powers. These powerful states seize the economic, social and political freedom of any state confronting them. An example of this is the supremacy of the United States of America (USA). The US places sanctions on any powerless state which goes against the will of USA, as it did in the case of Iran.

In such a way, the powerful states suppress the powerless states, and ultimately violate human rights.

Secondly, human rights are largely violated in the wars happening in the world. The wars between different states largely affect the innocent citizens of these conflicting states. These innocent people are either killed or desecrated for no reasons. An example of the human rights violations in these wars state is the case

Israel - Palestine Conflict ✓ In this conflict of a state and a non state actor, thousands of innocent peoples have been killed, hundreds of families have lost their homes and lack proper diet and health facilities. ✓ All the fundamental rights of these people have been snatched. ✓ Hence, the war between the states involve the violation of basic human rights.

thirdly, persecution of religious minorities is another violation of human rights. ✓ Religion is the part of one's personal matter, and it has nothing to do with worldly affairs. ✓ Regretably, the religious minorities are mistreated due to religious extremism. ✓ These minorities are restricted from performing their own rituals. ✓ Not only this but they

are also tortured to death in some cases. Hindu extremism in India is one of the examples of the violation of the basic rights on Muslims in the country. In addition, the adversities are inflicted on Palestinians by Israelis. In both the cases Muslims are facing atrocities due to their religion. Therefore, the religious persecution is the violation of human rights and a manifestation that human rights is a dream in today's world.

Further, discrimination against ethnic minorities in the world is also a violation of human rights. ~~Religious~~ In different countries, the people of different ethnicities live. Some of them are in majority while others are in minority. The people in minority are discriminated. It is against

the rights of humans. An example of the discrimination against ethnic minorities is Yugars living in the far west of China. They are less in number and the marginalized ethnicity in China. Their area is the least developed area in China. In short, treating different ethnic communities differently is a violation of human rights.

Furthermore, the other face of violation of human rights is the subjugation of women. Women are, regrettably, not treated equal to men. The problem is not a new one. Till the 1980s, women were neither a subject in literature nor had they any dominant role in the society. It was after the industrialization when they stepped in the literature and other spheres of life. Although women are considered equal to men, yet treated

inferior in the third world countries. The case in point is Afghanistan. In Afghanistan Taliban regime, women are not allowed to go out of home with their male family member. Further, they are also not allowed to go to schools and colleges. These are both against the teachings of Islam and the UDHR. In other words, they are mistreated. Hence the subjugation of woman is the violation of human rights.

In addition to the subjugation of women, another violation of human rights is the limited freedom granted the people of authoritarian countries. In the authoritarian countries, the power rests with a single person or group. The power is not with the people. Such leaders give only a limited freedom of basic rights. No one is

allowed cross these limits this can be justified by looking at the political system of North Korea. The supreme leader of North Korea, Kim Jong, emphasizes strict control over society. He does not allow any citizen to interfere in his policies. Further, the media, the economy, the politics, each and every thing is under his control. He decides the fate of whole country. In the aforementioned way authoritarian countries violate human rights.

Along with authoritarian countries, the exploitation of labours is equally responsible for the violation of human rights. In the capitalist system, the economy is free and markets are free. In such types of economic system, a labour is put on full day work

on daily wages. The owner profits his work and pay him the little amount from that profit. Thus, the poor gets poorer and the rich get richer. The prime reason behind this - that - the poor doesn't have money to invest. This is seen in all the capitalist nations of the world. Therefore, the capitalist system violates the rights of humans.

Another platform where human rights are violated is - the media. The manipulated media, by supporting a powerful group, violates human rights. The media is used as a tool to shape thoughts of people by the stronger rulers. This is evident from the fact - that the international media, supported and influenced by the U.S depict a grim

image of the HAMAS, and depicts them as terrorists. Whereas, the Israel state is shown as the hero despite the fact that thousands of innocents has been killed in the war. Therefore, the manipulated media contribute in the violation of human rights.

Apart from these violations of human rights, poor countries and the developing countries are disproportionately effected by the environmental changes. Environmental changes are not limited to a particular country, they spread to a wide region. Some of the countries in the world are extravagantly using biofuels to benefit their economy by the cheaper sources of energy. This emits huge amount of chlorofluorocarbons into the atmosphere. This higher amount of green

house gases are equally effecting the environment of those states which are involved in this activity. Pakistan is an example of the effecters therefore, the rights of poor countries are violated by effecting their atmosphere.