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Essay Writing

Topic: "Rise in right-wing politics
- a threat to global peace"

Outline

- Introduction

1. Hook

2. General discussion

3. **Theme:** A paradigm shift

in the thought process of political leaders over the past few years, online radicalization of youth, legal protection to extremist groups and algorithm fueled amplification is pushing the right-wing politics from margins to mainstream causing a threat to democratic norms and global peace.

- Main body Paragraph

1. Understanding the root cause of right-wing politics

a- Nationalism oriented mindset of political leaders.

- b. Prioritizing isolation over cooperation.
- c. Authoritarian and populist mindset of political leaders.
- d. Elections of 2024.

2. Charismatic populist leaders in power

- a. Leaders like Brexit, Trump, Modi, Imran Khan brainwashing youth.
- b. Nationalism based and authoritarian doctrine of these leaders influencing youth.
- c. Anti-liberal and state oriented speeches of leaders.

3. Protection to extremist groups

- a. Weak implementation of anti-terror law
- b. Right of expression resulting in hate speeches.
- c. Neo-Nazi rallies in Germany and anti-islamic statements

4. Youth radicalization at online platforms

- a. Social media spoon feeding false narratives to youth
- b. Alt-right movement in US and Europe
- c. Anti-immigrant laws
- d. Hindutawa youth movements in India.

5. Blind race of economy and power

- a. Realist mindset of political leaders.
 - b. Blind race of economy, undermining multilateralism.
 - c. Poor tactics of leaders to make 'Global India' or 'Greater America'.
- How right-wing politics causing a threat to global peace?

1. Rise in xenophobia, racism, islamophobia

- a. Hate speeches against minorities resulting in exploitation of youth
- b. Gender and religion discrimination among youth.
- c. Burning of Quran in Sweden, killing Muslims on the false accusations of cow slaughtering.

2. Undermining multilateralism and cooperation

- a. Isolation causing a decline in cooperation.
- b. Self-sufficient and state centered doctrine hollowing international relations.
- c. India, Iran and America.

3. Climate inaction leading to resource war

- a. A surge in industrializing causing immense climatic changes
- b. Poor strategies and implementation of climatic reforms.
- c. Trump's fossil fuels policy.

4. Hollowing the international institutions for peace and harmony

- a. Providing legal protection to extremist raises a question to international institutions.
- b. Poor strategies against terrorist and extremist groups.

5. Eroding the democratic system

- a. Authoritarianism and populism weakening the democratic system.
- b. Poor implementation of international law.

- Critical Analysis
- Conclusion

The greatest threat to peace is not war but normalisation hate. Over the past few years, the world has entered a new era and a different form of cold war that is based on strong criticism and global mocking, inducing high tariffs on each other, hate speeches against opponents and social media wars. This is re-defining cold war as geopolitics is shifting from multilateralism, cooperation, trade exchanges to unilateralism, isolations and trade war. The paradigm shift in the thought process of political leaders, radicalization of youth online, legally protecting extremist groups and algorithm fueled amplification is shifting the right-wing politics from margins to mainstream line causing a threat to democratic norms and global peace.

The idea of right wing politics comes from nationalism and state centered policies but it becomes ugly when turns

into hate against other nations and countries, when it is fueled by extremist movements and authoritarian behaviour.

These countries and their leaders isolate themselves from world to protect and their own state and economy. Moving in that race, they start playing blame game on other countries spreading world-wide hate against them via social media. Now, as the 21st century is progressing, the world has witnessed a global surge in far-right politics and their tactics to be more powerful.

The key factor that is fueling this surge is political leader. These authoritarian leaders are pushing the ugly side of right-wing politics to rule the world and the irony is people are falling for it. Year 2024 can be considered as the year of elections because elections were witnessed in almost every country of world like U.K, U.S, India, Italy, Germany, Europe and

many more which gave a rise to populist leaders around the globe.

The fact that the world is falling this doctrine of right-wing politics is charismatic and influential personality of leaders like Brexit in U.K, Trump in U.S, Imran in Pakistan and others. The young youth falls for this personality and vibe trap of leaders without critically questioning their ideologies. This gives them edge to play their dirty politics by spreading hate against each other. During their speeches they promote nationalism by exploiting other countries, justify their own shortcoming by blaming minorities and immigrants and then feed them false promises of safety and power. But in actual, they have failed in doing so. This hate oriented mindset is raising right-wing politics.

These hate speeches and rallies by influential political leaders has

a right of expression to the extremist groups too. They spread hate and get involved in terrorism by playing the card of right of expression because the state is protecting them.

"U.S has given protection to the extremist under the 1st amendment"

This proved to be a pat on the back of these extremist groups because **killings in Charleston church** and **Neo-Nazi rallies in Germany and anti-islamic states** are world known incidents. Poor implementation of anti-terror laws has made extremist to carry out their activities without any hesitations. Suicide bombing, honour killings and domestic murders are common ways adopted by these extremist in developed and under developed countries causing a surge in far-right extremism.

The protection to extremist was not enough, so social media youth radicalization appears as another major cause polarizing the world order and prevailing the right-wing politics. The youth that is often termed as the backbone of any nation is now being spoon fed by so-called social media influencers who are using their follower and engagement game to spread hate between east and west just to create a dichotomy.

"In this age of social media, algorithm are the new political recruiters feeding outrage, tribalism and hate"

This radicalization has resulted in strict immigrant laws affecting many students, **Alt-right movements in U.S and Hindutva movements in India** mostly based on islamophobia.

Another noticeable factor, promoting far-right extremism in today's world is blind race of economy and power. It seems that world order is again shifting back to history but in an advanced way. As it is said that,

"History never looks like history when you are living through it"

~John W. Gardner

The thought process of world political leaders seems to be shifting back towards realism and monarch system because people are witnessing an open showcase of power by different states whether it is in battle ground or in a trade ground. The world has adopted the doctrine of power, power in economy, power in arms race, power in trade by hook or crook.

The policies of Trump in America about **'The greater America'** and that of Modi in India **'Akhand Bharat'** shows a blind thought ~~between~~ behind their hypocritical policies and their dumb, poor decisions can be seen in the form of **false flag operations** by India and America **supporting Israeli genocide in Gaza**. This shows how blindly they are passionate for power and the world has started to witness the consequences of their poor tactics.

Whatever the reasons may be but they are creating a threat for the democratic norms and global peace. First of all, the hate speeches by charismatic popular political leaders in their campaigns are quickly giving rise to xenophobia, racism and islamophobia. The widespread of extremist crimes against islam has made islamophobia the new buzz word

and global issue of 21st century. Muslims from all around the world are facing serious repercussions from non-muslims in educational, social, political and in practical walk of life. **Burning of Quran in Sweden and unjust killing of muslims in India on false accusation of cow slaughtering** shows how these extremist and anti-islamic people have exploited the minds of masses towards islam. Beyond islamophobia, 'Black men' also faces a lot of discrimination and hate about their appearances that eventually resulted into the creation of slogans like,

'Black lives matter'

Hence, it is not wrong to say that somehow politics and the hate speeches of influential leaders are playing a dirty role causing a rise in right wing politics and risking the global peace.

Moreover, the doctrine of isolation and nationalism that some global powers has adopted over the past few years is eroding the multilateralism and cooperation between the states. The world that is developed and advanced today, was made possible due to efforts of multiple countries, their scientists and their people but now it is hollowing the roots. The countries are not agreeing to invest multiply because their key priority is their own state and people and they have come so far in this nationalism that they want to make their people and their country economically powerful even at the cost of regional peace and that is what's happening in **Russia and Ukraine** and the world has isolated itself from the cause that might result in WWII.

Furthermore, the rising far-right extremism might not be ready to pay a high cost of climate inaction and resource war for power and authority risking the life of 8 billion people and their peace. This power oriented politics is industrializing the world to strengthen economy but neglecting its farmost and long term consequences. ① People of planet earth are risking their life by increasing industrialization. We are already facing nature's repercussions in forms of heavy floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruption and famine.

"The 2022 floods in Pak, earthquakes in Turkey and immense fire eruption in LA have caused significant damage and huge number of casualties"

The leaders of right-wing political system are irresponsible towards climate and

preservation of resources for future generations. The mighty example is **Trump's fossil fuel policy** and Brexit leaving the BRICS summit on climate. This careless behaviour is raising a red flag towards human welfare and must be encountered.

The far-right politics of the world is shattering people's trust on the international institutions who claims to be the peacemaker and delegate of harmony. The hypocrisy of political leaders have hollowed the efficiency of international institutions like UN, NATO, EU, etc to address the current issues.

The organizations that were meant to work for welfare of humanity have failed at doing so and a mighty example is **disunity of vetoes on Palestine-Israel, Ukraine-Russia and Kashmir issue in UNGA**. World could have been living in way better and peaceful circumstances, if these issues were addressed effectively on time.

The democratic system for which revolutions were passed and struggles were made to end monarch system is now getting replaced by authoritarianism and dictatorship of mighty political leaders. The dictatorship of Trump in America, the realist mindset of Netanyahu in Israel, and authoritarianism of Modi in India is toxifying the democratic system and eroding the democratic norms prevailing here in the region.

Hence, the world that was imagined as the most advanced and peaceful is falling a prey to its own people who failed at delivering peace. The picture of world that these charismatic leaders has painted is failing to meet their colours. The people have been brainwashed so well over the years that now they have become habitual to live with current dynamics. It does not bother masses anymore, whoever the leader is

because their issues remain the same. Their mind have been disabled to think critically even against their opponents that now they can't question their leaders and their decisions. A roman poet, beautifully quoted,

"Give them bread and circuses and they will never revolt"

~ Juvenals

This quotes beautifully paints the current geopolitical dynamics in the world.

The world needs to wake up and see the bigger picture behind the curtains. People need to understand how the fake promises of their favourite extremist leaders will eventually cost their lives by risking the global peace through their poor tactics. Ending the debate on a high note as 'When dictatorship is a fact, revolution becomes a right.'