

Is Colonial Mentality Impeding Pakistan's Progress?

Introductory Paragraph

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"Colonialism was not only the economic or political control; it was about how people think, how they see themselves, and how they interpret their past." It implies that colonialism is the system of domination that colonizers use to exploit economic and human resources of colony. It ingraves the sense of inferiority in people of colonized society, which shapes their mentality as "slaves" and their masters as "superior". This master-slave mentality trapped the people in the quagmire of regression and bigotry. The system has left a deep imprint on the South-Asia. In 16th century, the British came in the sub-continent and got settled there through military assertion. They create the differences of caste, religion, colour, and language between the Hindus and Muslims. They imposed their language, legislation system and cultural values on the people in colonized society, in the presence of civilization of society. This system still has strong strong roots in this region. The Post-colonial states that were once a colony

are still struggling with the issues of political governance, economic development, identity crisis, and regional security. Since Independence, these states started ~~from~~ with the promise of poverty alleviation, illiteracy reduction and enlightenment policy promotion. But the local rulers and elites have a deep imprint of their colonized masters' training. They serve for their masters' interest rather than serving their people. In Pakistan, the condition is no different, impeding country's ability to grow. It has represented by the institution of bureaucracy, judiciary, police, military, feudalism and educational system, hampering the social, political, and economic progress.