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The Rise of Extremism in Pakistan: A

Consequence of Foreign Interventions or  
Domestic Failures?

#### A. Introduction

#### B. The Rise of Extremism in Pakistan: A Consequence of Domestic Failures

- ① Lack of social security from the state  
has given space to extremist networks.  
Case in Point: Recruitment of people in TTP  
from underdeveloped areas.
- ② Propagation of extremist ideologies through  
social media has intensified extremism  
Case in Point: ASKP social media  
campaigns
- ③ Use of religious ideologies for maximizing  
political interests caused extremism to exist  
Case in Point: Islamization by Zia-ul-Haq
- ④ Absence of interfaith harmony between  
different sects has further accelerated  
extremism.

### Case in Point: Parachinar Issue

(5) Ineffective role of seminaries in countering the extremist ideologies has further created space for extremism.

Case in Point: Absence of proper Seerah courses in Madrassas.

(6) Misinterpretation of religion among masses has further aggravated the problem of extremism.

Case in Point: Misperceived Religion by Qutub

(7) Illiteracy and lack of knowledge gives birth to extremist actions.

Case in Point: Halwa dress at Jhnia Market

(8) Promotion and widespread instances of mobjustice give rise to extremism.

Case in Point: Swat Mob Justice, Treatment towards a Sri Lankan

(9) The culture of victim blaming and societal acceptance towards it

has lead extremism

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has lead towards increase in extremism

Case in Point: Jorawala Motorway Incident

(10) Presence of patriarchal mindset has given birth to extremism

Case in Point: Woman killed by inlaws due to delay in preparing lunch

(11) Practice of hero worshiping by the emotionally charged people has given rise to extremism.

Case in Point:

Post vote of no confidence situation

(12) Lack of implementation on law and absence of accountability towards extremists encourage others to do the same.

Case in Point: Recurrent acts of extremism.

## C. Conclusion

Twelve years old Sara was watching cartoons on the television, when her father asked her to change the channel to any news one. Her small heart was filled with grief as she heard the news of burning alive a person, allegedly due to blasphemy. She was more surprised to see the reaction of her father, who was perhaps used to listening such news. Undoubtedly, this is the failure at national level, where people are considering such instances normal as they are used to it. The rise of extremism is one of the biggest issues that Pakistan is facing currently. It gives birth to multiple other issues. Ironically, when asked about whom to blame for this issue, most people attribute it to foreign factors without taking a glance at domestic failures.

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Without an err of doubt, these are internal failures that have first given chance to the extremism in state. The lack of social security measures from the state results in the exploitation of masses. To add with the use of religion for political gains has further increased extremism.

The most tragic aspect is ineffective role of semanaries to counter the issue. Furthermore, illiteracy has further intensified the issue that results in promotion of culture of victim blaming. At last, the practice of hero worshipping has further worsened the situation. Absence of social security, presence of illiteracy and lack of accountability along with others prove that rise of extremism is a result

of domestic failures.

State is responsible for providing social security to masses and failure on behalf of state gives space to other elements to exploit masses. The rise of extremism in Pakistan is result of state's inadequacy. Most of the people that fell into prey of different extremist groups are struggling economically. With a promise of bread and butter, they are ready to work for such networks.

Recruitment of people in TTP from underdeveloped areas is a perfect example to illustrate. Most often these people are struggling to get basic needs. Hence, ineffectiveness by the state to give social security leads extremism to rise.

To add with, social media has provided a platform to carry out propaganda activities that results in spread of extremism. On social media one gets unfiltered news and opinions. Such opinions ~~can~~ further increase extremism. Islamic State of Khorasan and Pakistan have used the social media to recruit their people and conduct their propaganda online. Thus, social media has created a space for extremist propaganda to harbor.

Another unfortunate aspect is the use of religion for political purpose that leads extremist ideologies to spread. In another words, political actors often tend to pursue their narrow goals by creating a religious discourse.

This practice has lead towards growth of extremism. Pakistan has been affected by this problem too. The rise of Zia-ul-Haq and his policy of Islamization has increased extremism in state. To get political legitimacy, he badly affected the societal mosaic. So, the use of extremist ideologies for political ends has increased extremism.

Moreover, Pakistan is home to various sects. The absence of an interfaith harmony between the people is another significant issue the state faces. The absence of culture of acceptance and promotion of culture of confrontation has further increased extremism within state. The Parachinar issue is

the perfect example where stakeholders for a long adopted the policy of confrontation. The decision to adopt this policy has further created extremism in the area. Thus, the absence of interfaith harmony at societal level has given birth to extremism.

Ineffectiveness of seminaries in countering the religious extremism is another failure of state.

There are multiple seminaries and madrasas that are present in state. They often fail to illustrate the true picture of Islam. The absence of Seerah courses within many of seminaries is one of the issues. Seerah helps in illustrating the true sense of Islam, when coupled with memorization of

Quran. Hence, the ineffectiveness of the Maddrassas is another reason for extremism to harbor.

Along with this, misinterpretation of religion has given rise to extremism in the state. Islam has never encouraged any act of extremism or terrorism. However, its flawed interpretations by different people and associating the holy concept of Jihad with terrorism has given birth to extremism.

Muhammad Qutub in his book Misperceived Religion has pointed this issue. Islam has never promoted any act of extremism but its misinterpretation has given space to extremism. So, the misinterpretation of religion results in extremism.

Equally important problem is illiteracy that has given birth to extremism. The presence of illiterates in Pakistan and their inability to properly comprehend the information mostly lead towards extremism. In Jehra Market, Lahore a girl faced this issue, where a group of people were insulting her based on the dress she was wearing. The dress contained some alphabets of Arabic language, nothing more. But it was misperceived by the illiterate people. Thus, illiteracy leads towards extremist behaviors.

Another disturbing issue is practice of mob justice, an extremist act in itself. Justice is and should be supposed to given by honorable

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courts not a group of angry protestors. However, this act is also being practiced in Pakistan from previous years. The Swat Mob case, killing a Sri Lankan person are some of the many cases present. The act of taking law in ones own hand is actually an act of extremism. Hence, the widespread mob justice has further created extremism.

Another dark side of Pakistani nation is practice of blaming a victim. The victim blaming is another act of extremism that is widely practised within Pakistan. In moderate and civilized nations, victims are entitled to get justice. Unfortunately, in Pakistan they become the target of victim

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blaming Motorway Jaranwala incident perfectly illustrates this point. Instead of questioning the culprit, victim was become a subject to debate as why she was traveling at night. Hence, the acts of victim blaming proves that extremism is the practice of people.

Another tragic aspect is presence of patriarchal mindset within society that gives birth to extremism. Patriarchy reinforces the extremist opinions and always opposes the moderation in conducts. In Punjab, a woman was killed by in laws due to delay in preparing lunch. Such instances prove that the patriarchal society further strengthens

extremists viewpoints.

To add with, hero worshipping is another issue that gives birth to extremism. The people of Pakistan have multiple times opted for emotionality over rationality. Such emotionally charged people often do hero worshipping where they opt for every end to protect their hero - whether an extremist one or not. After the vote of no confidence, the political situation of state has taken an extremist turn. Hence, the hero worshipping and blind following leads towards extremism.

At last, the absence of accountability and an attitude

of taking the previous actions  
foregranted has lead towards  
the chains of extremism  
to strengthen. Since inception  
from political to social  
sphere, Pakistan has been a  
victim of extremism. However,  
lack of responsibility to handle  
the issue has given the  
rise to extremism over the  
decades.

Without an err of doubt, it is  
the failure at domestic level  
that has lead towards rise  
of extremism. From the use  
of social media to propagate  
the extremist ideologies to  
the absence of interfaith  
harmony among different  
sects, it is a domestic  
issue. The misinterpretation

of religion, promotion towards the actions of taking law and justice in one's own hands promote the extremism in society. The ills of many problems patriarchy and lack of implementation on laws gives rise to the extremism. As it becomes clear, that extremism is a domestic issue, efforts to solve it at domestic levels should also be considered. This involves the willingness from all the stakeholders to change the old practices. Only with a pure intent towards change and a desire to be a moderate nation, the issue can be solved.