

Hero worship is strong where there is
least regard for freedom.

The Essay

- "It is dangerous to be right in matters on which the established authorities are wrong."

Throughout history, societies have grappled with complex challenges shaped by shifting political, economic, social, and technological forces. In the contemporary world, these challenges have become more intricate, interconnected and global in nature, demanding critical analysis, informed policies, and collective actions. This essay argues that hero worship thrives in environment where freedom of thought, speech and institutional accountability is compromised, as individuals seek security and salvation in charismatic figures rather than in system, laws, or rational governance.

In recent decades, hero worship has emerged as a major concern demanding urgent attention and action. The prominent figure of Chinese society, "Mao Zedong", who led the Communist revolution in China. He was not

just seen as a leader but also as a god like figure. People used to memorize his quotes from Red book and treated them as ultimate truth. He was being followed by millions with questioning. Those who criticized him, were labelled as traitors and like this thousand^{of the} people shed their blood to make the china as communist state.

Similarly, nowadays, the current president of America is the great example of cult personality. Million of the people follow him without questioning or criticizing. His supporters called the mainstream media "as a Fake news", who criticized him. In January 6 capitol riots, many ~~are~~ analysts see the capitol riot attack as a proof blind loyalty. Trump's supporters stormed the US capitol, believing they were "saving democracy" based on trump's words.

An authoritarian environment thrives the hero worship. An authoritarian environment also compromises the democratic system through various perspectives. It is the result of weak democratic institutions. In the era of xian-ut-haq, democratic system

System was Compromised. He Suspended the Constitution and dissolved the national assembly. He ruled through ^{the} military powers and imposed the martial law. He exposed himself as a Islamic figure to country. It was, all the result of weak democratic institution that the judiciary was under order to perform any kind of justice. The cult personalities comes to the screen when a state is observing the crisis. They took the advantage of national crises in their favour. As Germany was suffering from massive unemployment, poverty, inflation and through great depression. He promised to provide jobs, stability and many more. But later on he gained the power and took over the control on media, public and on everything. without Nazi party, all parties were banned. No one dared to ask any question to him those who did something wrong were jailed, killed and Punished in different ways. Both examples Shows that how authoritarian environment menifes through politics and their effects on nation.

Most of the dictators become heroes through propaganda and media control. They create their image as a hero in the eyes of the nation. Vladimir Putin is one of them. He is ruling Russia from decades. He raised his power controlling the media. He changed the constitution by extending the period of prime minister. He used military action by annexing Ukraine and Crimea to unite Russia.

His rule is marked by fear, propaganda and a tight grip on power. Like him, Joseph Stalin in the period of USSR, he used his power in his favour. He eliminated the oppositions like Lenin, etc. After the death of Lenin, he eliminated the rivals to become the supreme leader. Many people were killed if felt threat. He ruled by fear, propaganda and violence, leaving a legacy of both power and tragedy.

Dictators represent themselves as saviors. They create their glorifying image in the eyes of people. Independent thoughts are discouraged. Blind loyalty is demanded and rewarded. People begin to equate obedience with patriotism, while dissent is labeled as treason.

In Mussolini's Fascist regime, freedom of expression, press, political opposition were crushed. Any form of dissent branded as traitor, and those who disagreed were imprisoned, exiled and executed. Even their own party members were not safe. Example: ~~after~~ⁱⁿ 'world war II', when Italy began to lose, ~~their~~ Senior Fascist leader Dino Ciaraldi criticized Mussolini's leadership. Rather than accepting criticism, Mussolini saw him as a betrayal of the nation and the party. This shows how leaders become ~~hero~~ so-called heroes in dictatorship demanding absolute loyalty, equating any disagreement with disloyalty or national betrayal. Here is another example of "Iranian ruler" Saddam Hussein who ruled the Iran through propaganda, representing himself as a protector by silencing media, critics and opposition. Saddam Hussein became a national hero not through democratic legitimacy but by suppressing freedom and demanding absolute loyalty. In such an environment, a dictator becomes a hero only because all voices of dissent are silenced.

Its consequences are extremely severe, affecting not just a country but every citizen.

Firstly, in this condition an individual loses his rights, right of freedom of expression, ~~his~~ right of living freely as a citizen. Dictators do not mercy upon any citizen, if they are dissent.

An individual lives ~~their~~ ^{his} life in fear during their regime. Secondly, These "heros" suppressed the dissent. No matter, he is leader or a citizen, any ^{one} who disagrees them, is branded as a traitor, disloyal to nation, exiled and killed. No One can speak loudly against their cruel actions.

Thirdly, instead of concentration on nation's stability, they focused on gaining power to suppress the opposition. They gain power to ~~us~~ instead of using it on enemies, they utilized their power upon their people.

For gain of power, they can experienced any kind of cruel action. Fourthly, leaders made decision which are ^{not} made on logic

or facts, but they are not denied and rejected any more. In many authoritarian regimes Fear is used to silent the opposition. If people knows that the action or decision is wrong, still they are quite because of punishment. This authoritarian regimes had also led the country in corruption and mismanagement where a single department ~~has~~ was not free from corruption and their consequences or affects are still being observed globally. At last but not the least, these all Consequences has given the long term damage to a nation. Many nations are still in fear, afraid of opposition, not allowed to express their ideas experiencing the corruption, mismanagement and So on. These all, ~~etc~~ issues has left a severe damage to a nation in different ways.

As hero-worship, itself is a great damage, if it follows for longterm. But it can also be rectified or resolve through many

ways. Firstly, strengthen the democratic institution. These institution must be abide by the law. Remove the corruption and strict the management. If the demand of institution is fulfilled and management members are being paid with higher salaries. Then it will be easy to remove corruption and strengthening the institution. Secondly, promote political awareness and education. At the time of schooling, political courses must be suggested so that every one very well knows about politics and citizenship. It can restricted through awareness. Thirdly, limited the political powers. politician should not be allowed to interrene in others department. So that, it can work as a resistor to suppress the someone's rights. Furthermore, All the rules and laws must be followed or supported by ~~the~~ every citizen. And built the culture of collective leadership. break the chain of politician son will be politician, minister's son will be minister,

~~The~~ peasant son will be peasant. The people who are skillful must be treated on their skills. Every skilled person should be eligible to become a leader. This can give better experience to the nation in their ~~welfare~~ prosperity. At Last but not the least, Media should be free from any restriction to cover the truth. ~~The~~ hateful speeches and claims must be banned or rectified. So that every one can survive freely in a state system.