

Is colonial mentality impeding Pakistan Progress?

Outline:

1. Introduction
2. Colonialism and its psychological impacts
 - i - History of colonialism
 - a) British Rule in Sub-continent
 - b) American Rule in West
 - ii - Colonialism is rule over the minds
 - a) After 1857 era of sub-continent
 - b) American hegemony on the world
3. Pakistan's ~~mentality~~ ^{progress} is continuously impeding by colonial mentality in many ways such as:
 - i - Impacts of colonialism on the political system of Pakistan
 - a) Federal - Parliamentary system of Pakistan is designed on the British framework mostly
 - b) The ideology and the national geography of ethnicities not align with the current political system.
 - ii - Economic hurdles in Pakistan progress due to colonial mentality

a) Similarly, like a colony the dependence of Pakistan's economy on the capitalists

b) The debt trap of economy brings the country in colonial spin.

iii - The cultured colonial mentality impacts the social cycle to hinders the progress

a) Day by Day, the mental pressure on the society to meet living standards of west

b) As an ideological and cultural country the basics of living contradicts with west

iv - The environment sector has a visible signs and effects of people colonial mentality

a) From architecture to infrastructure of country is influenced, rather than local needs.

b) Environmental disasters impact the progress highly.

v - In technical era, Pakistan is still dependent on west like a colony of it.

a) Restrictions from west leave no room for technical inventions

b) Economic dependence on west hinders the technical growth

vi - Legal system of Pakistan is highly influenced and framed on models of west

a) Leverages to elites is part of colonial system

b) Different law interpretation for higher and lower classes ignites injustice and unfair society.

4- Recommendations to way out the inherit colonial mentality and make a way to progress:

i- Reforms in political, Economical and Judicial System of Pakistan to shape them according to countries need.

ii. Cultural and awareness programs should be held with policy making and proper funding strategies.

5. Conclusion.

Mental slavery is more chronic than a physical slavery. Pakistan as a part of sub-continent remained in colonial system for almost 90 years. Colonial mentality has a strong roots, embedded in the Pakistani Nation. Country's progress is highly dependant on the Nation's perspectives and ideology. Therefore, the colonial mentality of Pakistani Nation is continuously impeding the country's progress from the very start to till the day. In every field and sector of Pakistan there are traces of colonialism of west that left the impacts on minds. From political system to economical structure every other area is highly influenced by west. Later on, the systems and policies of other sectors shows, how they are influenced and effecting the Pakistan's progress. Along with, the few way outs to speed up the progress and change the colonial mentality.

British Colonies in the history, and the current Block system of US is the perfect example of colonialism. In colonialism,

a country makes the other countries its colonies and rule over it. Such as, Before WWI, almost half of the world was under British rules as the part of their colonies. In colonial system the ruler country would decide the faith and destiny of their colonial countries. The nations and the peoples of the colonial countries are under the rule of ruler country not only physically but also mentally. This colonial mentality is difficult to wash out later on for generations.

Slavery of Minds, passed on from generations to generations as part of their inheritance. The British colonies were so used to of colonial system that, when after WWI the British colonies break as the British empire collapsed. The most of the countries even after their independence as a separate country were in search of some capitalist to rely on. Then the Great America emerges as a capitalist and made its own block. By defeating the war of communism with capitalism, the US becomes the head of the main Block.

Like this, the hegemony of America over the world developed. It leads towards the new and innovative style of colonialism.

Pakistan has a colonial roots of British empire. Nextly, we will discuss how Pakistan's progress is continuously impeding by colonial mentality.

Democratic country like a Pakistan should have a strong and flawless political system to ensure its progress with such a geostrategic location and resources. The political system of Pakistan is federal - Parliamentary system in which the representative are selected by voting. Also the federal authorities have power over the provincial government and authorities. As the Prime Minister (the main representative of the state) is selected by members of National Assembly not on public voting. It leads mistrust between provinces, as the seats and representation of each province is not on equality in the National Assembly.

Pakistan as a representative of multiple ethnicities should have a specialized framework of political system. In country

the largest province have the lowest population and less representation in the National Assembly leads to inequality. Provincial resources are not equally distributed among all the provinces ignites the ethnic and provincial clashes. Alongside the unfair policies fuels the ideological differences between provinces. The threat to National Security and the one of the major hindrance in the country's Progress.

Economic dependance on the west, one of the leading hurdle in the progress of the country. Due to weak economic policies, the dependance on the capitalist west increases day by day. The series of loans and aid from the west makes the country a slave with no personal motives and interest. As the conditions of the institutions like IMF and World Bank for a country mostly like a web. But, you have to follow their requirement and conditions as a debt collector.

In the end, economic dependance leads to full dependance on the capitalist country.

Debt is the weapon of the capitalists to control the colonial countries. The receiver country should have to implement the conditions and policies of the capitalist country, no matter are they align with their national interest or not. The debt over debt to repay the interests of them is like a spin-wheel. Once a country trapped their no escape. Similarly, Pakistan is under the debt of IMF for years now. This debt trap pulled the country in the colonial spin and blocks the country's progress.

After 1857, as a part of sub-continent, Pakistan and its Nation is embedded with strong roots of slavery. Even after the independence of 1947 the colonial mentality of the peoples passed on generation to generation. This mentality is well cultured that it becomes part of our values, norms and culture. The Islamic ideological base country is totally influenced by the west culture now. The Nation that forgets its ideology, remains in the dark for forever.

The cultural values and norms of the society contradicts with the west culture brings the individuals in a mental pressure and depression. They confused as an individual what to follow and what not. This confusion reflects in their personalities and they remain in the spin to achieve perfect standards. This makes them mostly useless for the national progress.

Architecture and the Infrastructure of the country should be the reflection of its culture and Art. As a Muslim country we forget our own special touch of art just to meet the standards of the western culture. The uniqueness of Muslim's architect work loss in the darkness of the history due to colonial mentality effect of west and British on the sub-continent. Geographical needs of the west and South-Asia is totally different, so how their Structures meets with the standards and needs of Pakistan.

Infrastructure of Pakistan, should be designed according to its geographical location. As we are lower side country and more on risk of Natural disasters such as floods. But the western influenced infrastructure leads the country in mishaps every now and then. We face economic, livestock, infrastructure losses everytime. We should deprogram the mentality of "What's good for them, should be perfect for everyone".

Digital era, of the world, demands the continuous innovations and advancements of the countries to progress and be in the leadings. But the countries like Pakistan, who are dependent economically on the west and mentally captivated by their ideologies that only they are able to make innovations in the world never made progress.

Alongside, the control of west is so strong to restrict ~~forther~~ dependent countries from technical advancements in every field with colonial mentality.

Similarly, The most important system of a society is its Judiciary. For Just and fair society a strong Judiciary systems needed. But from the early days to till now the colonial impacts on Pakistan's Justice system are clearly visible. Here elites are above the law, while the only poors have to face the consequences. Different interpretations of law for elites and lower class is the ideology of colonial system. This leads to a injustice, unfair and criminal society. Such societies plays the biggest hindrance in the Nations progress.

However, Every problem has its solutions. So, to make the Pakistan progressive and to bring the nation out from the colonial mentality there are some way outs.

The Reforms in the Political, Economical and Judicial System is the urgent need of the country's progress. The unequal representation

in National Assembly leads to unequal political and economical rights to the provinces brings the National Integration and National Security Issues. Solving these should lowers the internal threats to the country progress. Other way, is the direct elections for the Prime Minister would be favoured. Judiciary should be self rely not on the political powers. It ensures the equal justice for all and the healthy society. The healthy minds should be used in better ways for the country. Economic policies should be regulated to low down the debt trap and be self-reliance more, as Pakistan is a resource rich country.

In Addition to above, to tackle the impacts in social, technical sectors the proper awareness programs should be launched. The entrepreneurship should be encouraged. Government should allocate special funds for these trainings and loans.

Cultural events and programs will be beneficiary to bring back the rich Muslim History which helps muslims in ruling the Sub-continent for over 800 years. Small steps will make large impact in the progress of Pakistan.

Conclusively, the Pakistan's progress is impeding by colonial mentality uptil now. But, it requires measures and reforms to leave that mentality and polish ~~their~~ ^{its} skills and abilities as a Nation. Once the Nation unites against this mentality, progress will be our destiny. We as a country and as a Nation always remember our Ideology. The ideologies of the Nations make or break them.
