

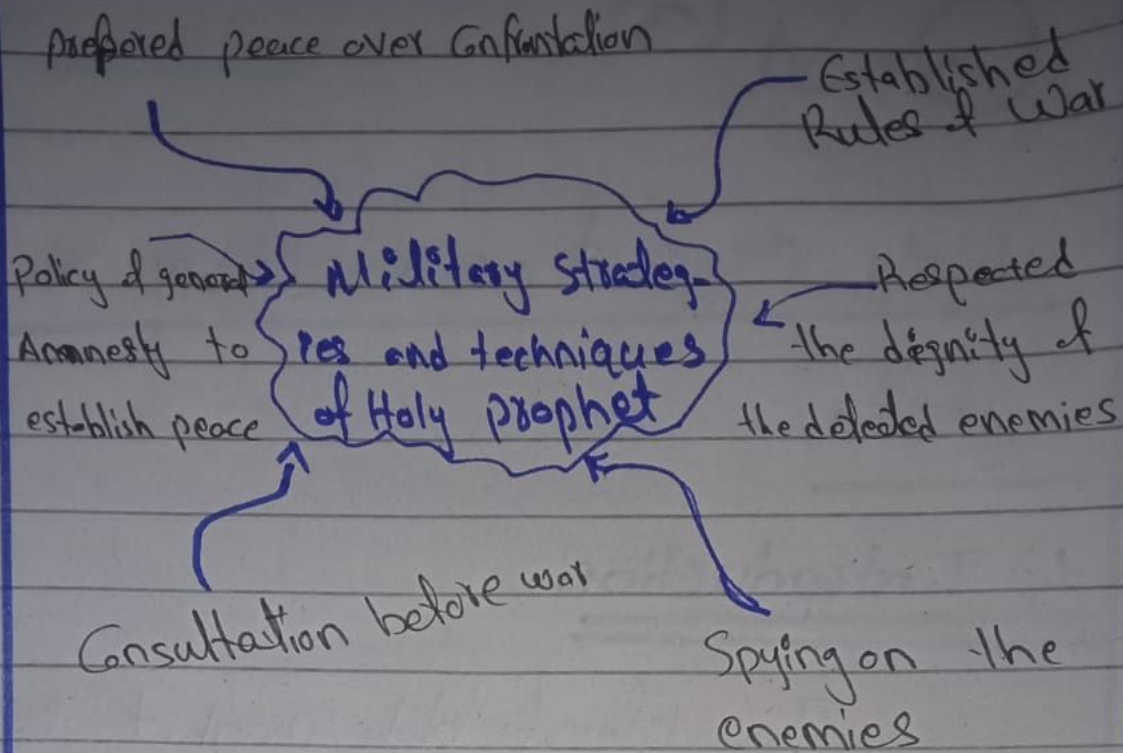
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Holy prophet as a military Strategist.

1) Introduction

The life of Holy prophet is a classic example of perfection. prophet Muhammad (PBUH), like in any other aspect of life was a perfect example as a military Strategist and Commander. He employed a number of techniques and led the muslim armies to Victory. His innovative war techniques included Spying on enemy, proper planning and Consultation for war, setting ambush traps for enemy and so on. Thus, he was a perfect example as a military Strategist.

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1) prophet always preferred Peace over Confrontation

Holy Prophet was the prophet of peace, therefore; He always preferred peace over confrontation. For instance, it is reported in Sahih-Muslim that prophet (ﷺ) advised the departing Muslim armies that try to avoid war at almost possible way and only begin the war when all channels of peaceful res-

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solution fail. This clearly illustrate that prophet always prepared peace over war.

2) Prophet had established Rules
of War to lessen less of
lives and exceed in Muslim
Response

"And, fight those in the Name
of Allah who fight you
But do not transgress. Indeed,
Allah does not like transgressors"
(Al-Quran 2.190)

To deter excessive use of force
and human rights violations, Holy
prophet strictly advised his fellows
to always consider laws of war
whenever they are in a war.

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As reported in Sahih Muslim, prophet told his Armies Do not kill the aged, the children, the women and the monks sitting in the worship places. Thus, this shows that prophet respected and followed laws of war.

3) After Conquest prophet adopted Policy of General Amnesty to establish peace

Since he was prophet of peace. He always demonstrated this with his actions. Like his other great deeds, one was giving general amnesty to their enemy after Conquest. For example, Following the Conquest of Mecca in 8th A.H, prophet announced general amnesty for those all who fought against him and Islam, Even prophet forgave

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Abu Jahal who murdered the beloved Uncle of Prophet. That's why, it can be said that his Strategy of Amnesty was a great step to establish peace and win ~~earth~~ hearts and minds of enemies.

4) Consultation was an important element in Prophet's War Strategies

As reported in Sahi Bukhari, prophet consulted with his Companions on all matters. For instance, ~~at~~ at the time of Battle of Trench Prophet consulted with his Companions and Salman Farsi (R.A) suggested digging of a trench to protect the City and deter the advance of the enemy. Thus, it proved to be a great measure. So, again it was another great war strategy.

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of prophet to Consult with his
Companions.

5) Prophet used the strategy of

Spying on an enemy to formu-

late a proactive war strategy

As a crucial war tactic, prophet used spying in many battles. For example, during the Battle of Kandel (Battle of French) prophet sent a spy to know the number and strength of the enemy and this was decisive in the Battle once again proving prophet's war strategies exemplary that are still used in the modern warfare. For instance, now there are professional departments for spying on enemy like ISI, CIA etc.

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6) Prophet Emphasized for respecting the dignity of the defeated enemies

As reported in "Sahi Muslim" that prophet said "Once the enemy is defeated and killed do not disrespect and mutilate his body, rather return it with utmost respect". Thus, emphasizing that prophet set a tradition of respect for defeated enemies, so that the future generations respect these.

The Geneva Conventions and others are newly introduced but prophet laid down the precedence for this before 1400 years. Thus, showing the perfection of Holy prophet as a military Strategist and Commander.

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2) Conclusion

To sum up the discussion, it can be clearly said that Holy prophet was a perfect example of a War Strategist and a Military Commander. The success of his strategies can be understood in the context that today rules of war and war strategies are the same that Holy prophet employed 1400 years ago before. Thus, it can be concluded that prophet was a perfect model as a military Strategist.

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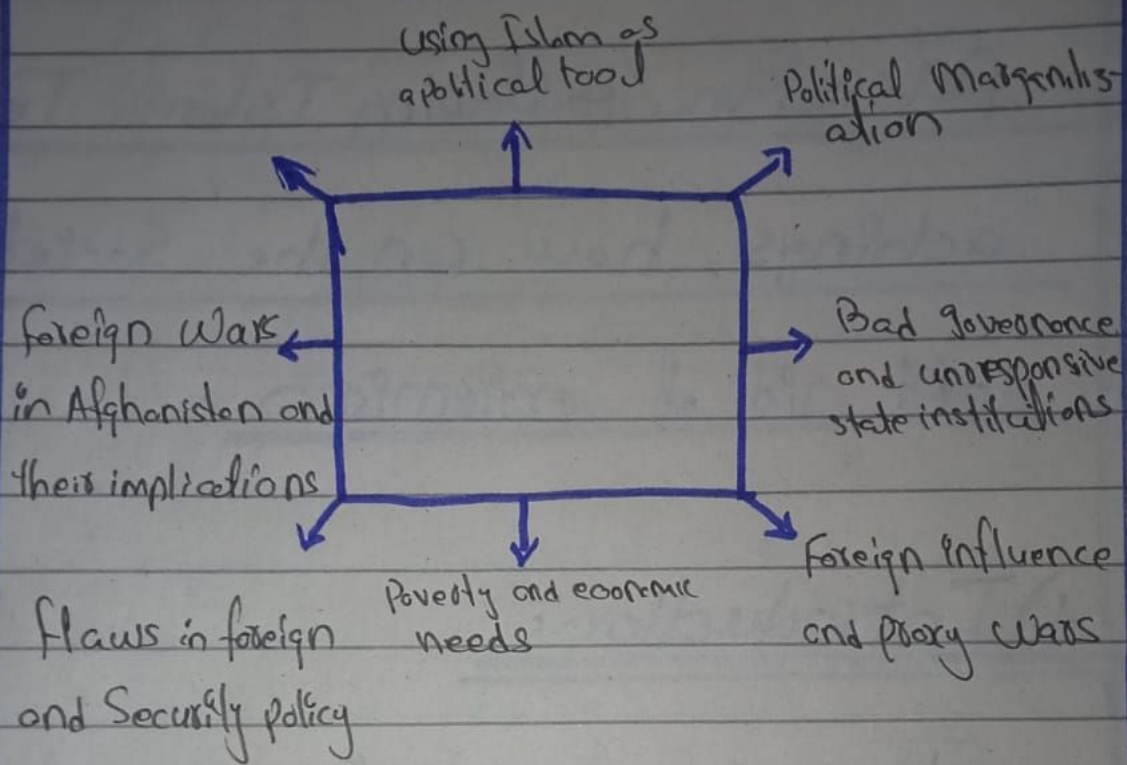
Motives of Extremism in
Pakistan. Following Islamic Te-
achings, how can the Society
Get rid of extremism

1) Introduction:

The concept extremism means to exceed the limits as the great Muslim philosopher Al-Farabi said "Crossing limits in any matter fall in the Category of extremism". Though Islam discourages extremism, it is prevalent in Pakistan. There are a number of Socio political, economic and historical motives that are driving extremism in Pakistan and extremism can only be

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Countered ~~using~~ fellow Islamic teachings in their true Spirit. Following are some motives of extremism in Pakistan.



1) Foreign Wars in Afghanistan had great implications on Pakistani Society, and resultantlly extremism rose in Pakistan.

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Foreign Wars had great implications in inculcating extremism in Pakistani Society. Starting from Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 till the withdrawal of last US Soldier, these wars have inculcated Drug culture, Kandahar culture in the Society encouraging extremism.

2) Pakistani Civilian and Military leaders always used Islam as a political tool to fulfill their political motives

Be that military dictator Zia Ul Haq or civilian leader, they had always used ~~military~~ Islam as a justification tool. For instance, Zia Ul Haq termed Soviet Invasion as an Afghanist-

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on as invasion of infidels on a muslim State. He even justified US support in fight against Soviets on religious grounds saying Muslims and Christians are "People of the Books" and the Soviets are unbelievers. Thus, this was another reason why extremism found ground in Pakistan.

3) Pakistan's enemies are Waging Proxy Wars against State.

Pakistan's two provinces Balochistan and KPK had been witnessing proxy wars for decades causing loss of millions of lives. For example, According to Pak Insttute for Peace Studies, from May 2023 till September 2025 over 6000 Casualties were reported in attacks carried out by foreign sponsored proxy groups in Balochistan and KPK. Thus, it shows that foreign influence ^{is} ~~has~~

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also contributing in rise of extremism in Pakistan.

4) Poverty and economic needs also contribute to rise of extremism in Pakistan.

A huge chunk of Pakistan's population is below the poverty line and more worrying is that over 60% of the population is of young people. So poverty, joblessness and other economic hardships make the vulnerable to extremist elements. For example, in May 2017 a Soci-fighter of TTP (Tehrik Taliban Pakistan) was captured and in the custody, he confessed that he was jobless and TTP leadership offered him a monthly salary due to which he joined them. Thus, proving that poverty and economic hardships are also driving extremism.

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in Pakistani Society.

§ 5) Bad Governance and unresponsive-
ness of State institutions are
also contributing to extremism
In Pakistan.

Bad governance is an old issue that is haunting Pakistan since its independence. Similarly, today like all other factors, bad governance and unresponsive nature of the State institution are also contributing to extremism in Pakistan. For example, when State institutions fail to provide basic services to the people, while the hostile force facilitate them, the obviously the people will be most loyal to extremists than the State. Thus, until State institut-

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ions become responsive to public needs, it will keep pushing the common people away from the state

6) Political Marginalization has also
greatly contributed to the rise
in extremism in Pakistan

Despite being a federation, there is a wide gap between the Centre and the federating units and among the federating units. To illustrate this, the case of Balochistan is an example where its People get very little representative in the National Assembly. Similarly, in the federal pool under National Finance Commission (NFC) once again Balochistan's Share is only 9.9% while other much more developed provinces like Punjab gets around 57%

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which is why there is a decades long Separatist insurgency in Balochistan. Thus, it is evident that political marginalization is contributing to rise of extremism in Pakistan.

7) There were flaws in Pakistan's Security and foreign policy.

The policies that Pakistan adopted to deal with militant groups and superpowers pushing Pakistan for alignment were flawed. For instance, Pakistan sided with America in the War on Terror-2001-2021 which resultantly motivated Pakistani militants to form TTP for fighting against the State of Pakistan on the pretext that Pakistan is an ally of the West. Likewise, Pakistan's security policy also had flaws, for example, the state institutions termed Hafiz Gul

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Bahadur Group of FTP as "Good Taliban". State institutions helped this group, but ultimately this group turned against State of Pakistan showing a clear flaw in State's security policy. Thus it is once again evident that the State's policies had flaws that gave rise to militancy in Pakistan.

How Can the Society get
Rid of Terrorism and extre-
mism following Islamic
Teachings?

1) Islam discourages extrem-
ism.

Islam clearly discourages any

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Said of extremism as proph (PBUH) said,

Try to stay away from
strictness in religion.

People before you
were destroyed due to

Religious extremism

(Source - Sahi Bukhari)

So this saying of prophet clearly
illustrate that Allah does not
like extremism and, thus, prophet
advised his people to stay away
from extremism. So now, to get
rid of extremism in Pakistan such
teachings of Islam can be useful.

The state should employ its propaganda
resources to spread peaceful and
anti-extremist teachings of Islam,
so that the society may get
rid of extremism.

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2) True Concept of Jihad Can
be narrated publically to dennoun-
ce the proxy Wars Waged
Against State as Jihad.

Today there are a number of groups claiming to be doing Jihad in the way of Allah, but in they are completely ignorant of the true spirit of Jihad in Islam. For instance Holy prophet advised departing Muslim Armies that do not kill old people, children, women and the people in the religious places, but in contrary to this, today terrorists are killing children women and bombing holy places, so Government can use Islam's this true concept of Jihad to denounced the so called Jihad of these terrorist groups.

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2) Conclusion

To Conclude at all, it can be said that today extremism has rooted in Pakistani Society due to multiple reasons, however, following true teachings of Islam terrorism can be defeated and the Society get rid of terrorism. To discourage extremism, state should use its propaganda resources to spread true Islamic teachings about jihad and other exploited topics, so that no one can use these teachings to justify using violence.