

BRAINS, LIKE HEARTS, GO WHERE THEY ARE APPRECIATED

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Where merit is honoured, miracles happen; where it is humiliated, minds migrate. Throughout history, people have always moved toward places where they feel valued and respected. Just as hearts look for love and warmth, the human mind looks for recognition and encouragement. Whether in homes, workplaces or countries, people leave environments where they feel ignored and prefer those environments that appreciate their abilities. This is why the saying "Brain, like heart, go where they are appreciated" is true. Talent and commitment grow only where respect and opportunity exist. Therefore, this essay would explain the concepts and understanding of the saying "Brain, like heart, go where they are appreciated."

After that this quote would be underscore its influence at individual, regional and international level. Moving forward, this essay would shed some light on why talent brains are not appreciated. Lastly, it would provide some recommendations about how the brains can be appreciated.

This statement means people feel motivated to stay, work and grow in places where their talents and ideas are appreciated and valued. When individuals sense that their efforts or creativity is rejected, they naturally give more energy and commitment. But when their contributions are sidelined then they lose interest and start looking for better environment. In simple terms, people choose to stay where they are encouraged and leave where they are feel unimportant. Appreciation becomes the deciding factor that navigates both emotional belonging and intellectual contribution.

Appreciation increases motivation and productivity is the first reason why Brain, like heart, go where they are appreciated at individual level. Organisation having recognition and acknowledgement culture, ~~often~~ often have low rate of absenteeism and employee leave-out ratio. Companies enjoys higher profitability by retaining its employees as less cost would be

needed in recruitment and selection process. As per Gallup study, employees who receive recognition are twenty-three percent (23%) more productive and effective leading to less chances of quitting the job. clearly, ^{shows that} Brain, like heart, go where they are appreciated.

Creativity blossoms where ideas are respected is the ~~third~~ second reason why Brain, like heart, go where they are appreciated at the individual level. When a person feels his ideas are valued by the senior boss in the organization then ~~he~~ he would think more on better ideas that ~~lead~~ ^{lead} to creativity of a person. For example, Google's 20% time policy allows employees to use part of their time on self-chosen projects. This led to products like Gmail, Google News and Google Analytics product of Google. Hence, creativity flourish where ideas are appreciated.

Emotional appreciation builds trust and long-term loyalty is also third reason why Brain go where they are appreciated. When people are appreciated, they ~~become~~ ^{feel} emotionally good and ~~they~~ individual tend to be in the organization for longer time thus creating long-term loyalty. Such as Nelson Mandela, instead of taking revenge from its opponents, he included them in a decision-making process.

that resulted to long-term loyalty between two individuals who were ~~spend~~ against each other. Individuals feel good, ~~th~~ when they are felt care and this creates trust. On this Theodore Roosevelt once perfectly said that "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Hence, care ~~are~~ and inclusivity leads to better ~~sets~~ long-term relations and trust.

People leave toxic and unappreciative ^{toxic} environment is also the ^{toxic} reason brain like heart go where they are appreciated. When an individual feels, he is under-appreciated and under pay or he is being misused by his fellow colleagues then a person change its organization and same happens in personal life relations also. In the movie "The Debt Weas, Pradi", an individual leaves a glamorous job because her talent and individuality was not truly appreciated, reflecting that brain and heart exists from an unhealthy and ~~disres~~ disrespectful environment.

Personal relationships mirror the same principle of brain and heart go to the good grateful environment. Families who encourage their children towards reading and education produces higher outcomes and achievements. For instance, Malala Yousafzai's ^{family} supported her even tragic incident of target killing. After her successful recovery, her father showed her to continue her

education. Henceforth, relations with family who reflect the same principle of Brain, like heart, go where they are dignified.

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Regions that reward merit attract internal migration is the first ground of ~~regional~~ brain, like heart, go where they are appreciated at regional level. For better life and opportunities, individual moves toward where they seek respect, work and recognition. In most cases, they do not find any good opportunity of work ~~to~~ to learn good quality of education. Then people migrate to the ^{other} region. Youth migrate from rural areas to cities like Lahore, Karachi, Dhaka and Bombay because these urban centres offer various job opportunities, ^{and} ~~exams~~ educational institutions. Karachi and Lahore being host of HEC-recognized universities, attract students nationwide. ^{Hence,} ~~there~~ merit attract internal migration and brain go where they are appreciated.

Provinces investing in education retain

Talent is the second reason at the regional level. When provinces ~~and~~ invest in educational infrastructure, provides good quality of education then students prefer to study there instead of ~~not~~ opting for another city. For example, ~~Kerala~~ Kerala, India has high literacy rate ~~as~~ compared to other Indian states, Kerala is able to retain educated and skilled youth in the province. In contrast to this, Balochistan, Pakistan has lowest literacy rates in Pakistan, owing to this, brightest students migrate to other provinces for better opportunities. Ergo, investment by province in educational institution retain the asset of the province.

Brain drain within a country when regions don't appreciate talent. Paucity of educational infrastructure, and job opportunity, people move to other region for better job options, and good quality of education. Many aspirants from small towns move to Lahore and Islamabad for academic and study purpose. Moreover, when doctors, engineers and also civil servants prefer their position in developed regions where their work is valued, proper facilities are provided. Because of this, poor districts remained understaffed. Clearly Brain, like heart, go where are are respected even at regional level.

Strong provincial institutions act as magnets for skilled person is the fourth reason why people go where they are appreciated at regional level, when provincial institutions ^{have} ~~are~~ professionalism, and good image then people tend to go there for their self-recognition and respect.

After Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Police reforms in 2010s, most of the young people preferred to go in the Police due to its professionalism and attractiveness.

According to KP Police Academy, Academy witnessed ~~got~~ one hundred twenty five percent (125%) spike in the job applications in 2013.

It is evident that institutions that respect expertise hardly have a shortage of ~~skilled~~ skilled persons. Clearly, people go ^{where} ~~where~~ when states have robust institutions.

Regions that suppress merit loss economic competitiveness is the fifth ground why hearts go want to change their region. When power is retained only to few ~~few~~ feudal lords and elites then there is low merit, literacy and business and job opportunities.

Several Sub-Saharan countries passes feudal lords, due to which they ignore their talented youth. For this reason ^{Saharan} ~~Sub-Saharan~~ countries are ranked low

in Human Development Index (HDI) and Global Innovation Index (GII). Henceforth, suppressing merit is also the reason why Brains go where they are appreciated.

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Global brain drain towards developed nations is the first reason why brains go at the international level. Developing countries provide few opportunities, infrastructures and facilities to their youth population. Owing to this, young people migrate to the developed countries for better life causing brain drain of the host country. Countries like Pakistan, India, Nigeria, Philippines send their large number of skilled doctors, engineers abroad because talented people seek for appreciation, pay, research opportunities, and facilities and better living standards.

According to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), from 2019 to 2024, Pakistan faced 750,000 young migration in just five years, to the developed nations.

Truly, world brain drain towards advanced economies is also the reason why hearts go where they are appreciated at the international platform.

Countries that celebrate intellect become innovation leaders in the world is second reason, brains go where they are encouraged. Nations that ~~are~~ value their intellectual people become innovators in the world. South Korea spends heavily in Research and Development, around 5% of GDP, owing to this, South Korea ~~is~~ has become tech powerhouse in the world. Adding to this, one philosopher rightly pointed that "The wealth of a nation is the number of superior ~~minds~~ minds it harbours" - Ralph Waldo Emerson. Thus, hearts go to those countries that celebrate intellect.

Academic appreciation attracts global scholars is the third reason of why Brains go to the international platform. Academic Higher studies is also the main contributor of the global brain drain. It is because there is no better academic infrastructure and quality is also not good. There is meagreness of research work, scholarships and diversity of programmes.

Universities like Harvard and Oxford attract students from developing countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh and India through scholarships, providing advanced research facilities and good reputation. Just like Dr. Abdus Salam, a Pakistani Nobel, was appreciated at CERN and Imperial College London not in his home country Pakistan. Therefore, brains go in search of better academic experience in the ~~inter~~ foreign countries.

Growth of international tech hubs is the fourth reason ~~why~~ of brains, like heart, go where they are appreciated at the international level. In the current times, the world's most valuable resource is no longer oil, but data. Data is futile without the mind that can interpret it. Companies like Google, Microsoft and Tesla hire ~~employees~~ immigrants in their organization due to their intellectual and creativity. Silicon valley is solely built by immigrant brain and hearts such as Indian, Chinese, Pakistani and Eastern European engineers. Ego, rising tech giants is the reason why brains go at the international platforms.

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and international level. Coming paragraphs would highlight the reason ~~dece~~ of why brains, like hearts, are not appreciated.

Prevalence of Nepotism, favouritism and patronage culture is the first ground why brains are not respected. In many jobs, bureaucracies, promotions, and even at individual level, the only factor exist there and that is connections "Siparish" rather than competence and meritocracy. There are various scandals in public institutions, university and state enterprises. The dark uncomfortable truth is that more than half of the seats in the South Public Service Commission (SPSC) are loaded in the market through connection leaving competitive candidates behind. Owing to which they individual are disrespected and decide for better future in foreign countries. Truly proving that how connection suppress the talent & student and how one is being not appreciated.

Authoritarian mindsets suppress questioning and innovation is the second reason of why hearts are not appreciated. In many universities, gathering or even normal family gathering, one is ^{discouraged} forced not to ask questions. That undermines innovation and creativity. Moreover, journalists,

academics and activists faces censorship for their critical thinking in many countries. According to Freedom of the Press, developing countries ~~are the~~ have ~~now~~ ranked lowest in the freedom of speech. Such as Pakistan. Heinrich Heine has correctly said that "where they burn books, they will also ultimately burn people". Ergo, traditional mindsets also pressurize innovation and questioning of an individual.

Poor infrastructure, low salaries and paucity of research funding is the third ground why brains are not appreciated. There are countless underfunded labs, outdated equipments and delayed salaries for researchers and teachers in developing countries. According to Pakistan Statistics of Bureau (PSB), ~~the~~ there are 675 plus ghost schools in Sindh rural areas only, which means due to inadequate funds, schools ~~are~~ and infrastructure, schools ~~are~~ are documented on papers only. Moreover, Various PhDs holders ended up in low-paying salaries in the ~~best~~ higher educational institutions that makes them financially insecure and try to move in other part of the world. Hence, low packages, poor infrastructure and meagreness of research funds ^{is one of} ~~are~~ also the responsible factors, why brains are not appreciated.

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Building meritocratic system is one of the suggestions to retain brains. State institutions must ensure transparency ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ recruitment process and examinations. Government ~~is~~ need to certify that they prioritize competition rather than appointing someone on the basis of connection. Additionally, statutory and compliance authority must set a indicators for promotion and one must be promoted based on those criteria. Furthermore, legal protections and laws must be implemented against discrimination and nepotism so that competition among ^{future} candidates can increase. Nations need to ^{with} let the best rise, and the rest will rise ^{with} them" strategy to meritocracy system. Hence, creating meritocracy is ~~first~~ ^{first} ~~second~~ ^{second} way out of how brain can be appreciated.

Creating a culture of recognition and respect ^{investment} in education, research and intellectual freedom is the ~~second~~ ^{second} recommendation how brains can be appreciated. Respective government need to ^{Celebrate} ~~celebrate~~ the national heroes in textbooks. These heroes

can be from diverse fields like, doctors, engineers, researchers, freedom fighters and honest civil servants. Apart from this, national awards and media coverage should be given to teachers, scientists and social innovators for their painstaking efforts. Nelson Mandela rightly pointed that "If you want to predict a country's future, look at how it treats its teachers today." ^{Therefore,} Recognition and acknowledgement is also way to retain brains.

lastly, investment in education, research and intellectual freedom, is the 1st measure to ~~help~~ appreciate brains. Governments should increase ~~the~~ their education spending towards 4-5% of GDP. legal protection for universities should be provided to ensure academic freedom. Moreover, research grants ~~are~~ for higher education sector must be given timely. It is need of time for universities to create academic-industry links through which students would be able to get practice knowledge of the industry. Programmes like Co-Op must be introduced. Through this co-operative education program students get opportunity to work and study simultaneously. Truly, investment in these mentioned sectors can retain the brains.

To cap it all, appreciation is the driving force that directs both hearts

and minds. Where it exists, individuals give their best, where it is missing, people leave quietly. At the individual level, brains go where there are opportunities, and respect unlocks motivation. It also shapes internal migration and innovation at the regional level. Whereas, it shows how brain drain and global inequality in knowledge and technology is being impacted by at the international level. Societies that fail to value their brains, they lose people and futures. When societies learn to respect their minds, they no longer import progress, as societies create it, sustain it and share it with the rest of world.