

Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.

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Every nation needs the love and loyalty of its people to stay strong, especially in times of crisis. Countries survive because citizens stand united, help each other and protect their homeland. But governments are not permanent, they change with elections and government can make both good and bad decisions regarding the country. A country is like a mother

that deserves unconditional support, while government is like a manager who must earn trust of civilians through honesty, fairness and good performance. Therefore, real patriotism means always standing with your country but supporting the government only when it works honestly for the people and deserves that support. This essay argues that patriotism is unconditional for the nation but conditional for the government.

Patriotism is the love, sacrifice, loyalty and duty of an individual towards its homeland. One supports his country throughout ups and downs and throughout all circumstances. When all the civilians of any country join their hands together to support ^{their} country. They share single identity, protect sovereignty and work towards collective future of betterment.

Supporting the country and government during war hysteria is a first reason why patriotism is required. During war like condition, it is necessary for civilians and authorities to be one and the same. This highlights internal strength of any country. Recent standoff between India and Pakistan showed how much patriotism is necessary for their one country. In the Pakistan, people were

supporting their army personnel for besieging India on its unproven allegation of Pulwama attack. On the other hand, there were mixed perspectives on the Indian soil. Some blaming their sitting Prime Minister doing so to acquire more vote bank at the time of elections. Civilian were not on the same page and having different views. The appreciation ^{Patriotic} ~~many~~ personnel get ~~was~~ received was astonishing and show the unity among the nation. Thus, ~~the~~ Patriotism is needed in war-like situation.

Suffering from natural calamity is the second reason why patriotism is required to support the country and government. Pakistan being developing and most climate-affected country, natural calamity such as flash floods, cloud burst and droughts have been a new normal. The episode of Buner, Swat and flash floods all over the country proved how the Pakistanis are patriotic and support their government. People and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) started to send their volunteers and financial and medical aids to the affectedes of Buner. However, their response was late but still the civilian show their courage to serve the people of Buner. Truly, proving the how patriotic minds help their nation ^{and government} at the times of natural catastrophe.

When country is being isolated at the international platform by the powerful players. Patriotic mind ^{Definitely} better support the government institution and country. After the United States of America (U.S.A) departure from Afghanistan soil in 2021, Pakistan was sidelined by the super power of the world accusing of insufficient support from the Pakistani state. But still patriotic people never step back from showing their loyalty towards sacred homeland. Even after ~~Pakistan~~ Pulwama episode, India's diplomatic marginalized Pakistan, but Pakistani nation never step reduce their support towards its state and institutions. Believing it is the era of media, they will broadcast what it is the real. Therefore ~~is~~ Owing to this, countries like China and Turkey supported Pakistan reflecting Indian aggression is biased. Henceforth, resistance ^{from} of people is much need at the time isolation and ~~that~~ power why patriotism is to support their country and government.

During economic hardships is also the forth reason of why patriotic minds need to support their government and country. Economic hardships like rising poverty and unemployment and other economic factors are to which country's economic engine runs. Owing to recession

In 2020 because of Covid-19 virus dilemma, Pakistani nation stay resist and supported their country by searching for alternative form of work and switching the ~~services~~ ^{services} to the online platform. According to Pakistan Economic Survey, around sixty three percent (63%) business were shifted to online platform due to recession in the global market. and This transition to e-commerce Pakistan was able to cope with the recession. Therefore, patriotism is supporting their country and government when there is economic ~~complication~~ complication and turbulence.

At the time of structural reforms and economic transition, patriotic minds support to the government and country. When state owned enterprises (SOEs) make persistent loss and that is visible to the people. People support to their government decision ~~to~~ so that less loss can be generated and beared by the institutions. In the 1990s, when the all commercial banks were privatized, they turn the economy from creeping growth to the exponential growth in the Pakistan. ~~Privatization~~ Privatization of commercial banks showed rapid and instant transformation in the banks. As per State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), privatizing the commercial bank has rise to growth in three percent (3%) in

the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2001 only. Evidently, love towards country and support towards government is indeed need during economic transition and transformation.

When national security is under threat, patriotic mindset is pre-requisite to stabilize the country. In order to wipe out the militants and their hideouts towards civilians and police ~~personnel~~ personnel. According to Dawn editorial experts, more than 230 military operations have been done against Afghan-based militants in 2021 only that were destabilizing the Pakistan's economy and political arena. Ensuring the national security within the country and civilians supporting to their army personnel is also the love towards the country and government. Hence, Patriotism is when national security is at stake and people are supporting to their government and country for protection.

Moving towards major development Pakistanis need to show loyalty to their government and country. Patriotic individuals want to create the country better and advance and therefore they are ready for massive developments and infrastructure projects. Individuals are looking for the

opportunities arising from the China-Pakistan
Economic Corridor Phase 2. (CPEC-Phase 2).
to It was with the bad cooperation of
Pakistanis due to which CPEC Phase 1
was successfully ended. That led to infrastructural
development throughout the country. Such as
ML-1 ~~highway~~ highways, metro train in
Lahore and Karachi. Owing to such development,
Pakistanis are expecting to explore more opportunities
for such projects. Ergo, redevelopment projects
is encouraged by the Patriotic people and
because of this also, people support their
government and love their country.

When national image and reputation need reinforcement at the global arena patriotism is highly needed to appreciate their government and strengthen their loyalty with homeland. Multiple international cooperation and contacts have globally recognized Pakistan as a great nation. However, the recent Defense Agreement between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan has created a new ~~new~~ bundle at the international level. This defense pact not only send the waves of shock to the rest of the world but it further strengthened the patriotism in the country and great achievement towards the Govt.
government & patriotic support towards government and love to country further rised.

Previous paragraphs shed lights on the patriotism mean supporting your country all the time and government when it deserves it. Succeeding paragraphs would highlight when to support government when it deserves it.

When civilians are deprived for their basic fundamental and constitutional rights then government should not be supported. Various occasion and times people are ~~oppressed~~ ^{right of} suppressed from the rights such as ^{right of} freedom of speech, right to vote in fair electoral process and right to get sufficient royalties in case of discovery of natural resources. It was government's and Election Commission's responsibility to timely upload Form 47 of election, in 2024. When civilian wanted fair and transparent elections. The delayed in updating form on the website was seen as act of manipulation, by the state institution. Circumstance like there, civilians do not support to their government. Ergo, when rights are infringed, government do not support deserve support.

Secondly, when natural resources are ~~mismanaged~~ mismanaged and exploited, government do not deserve civilian supports. Local people have equal responsibility and share in natural resource as government or state has. Exploiting those natural resource

is extremely against the moral actions. Moreover, mismanaging or selling those resources without adequate share to local is also wrong act. It is because, multinational companies look for profit maximization, hire the employees from their own country, and profits are repatriated to their host country. Exploiting the environment behind that cause various life-threatening diseases to the people local resident. Such as Profit of Sain Dig and Reeco Dig are repatriated to their host country and pay only ten percentage (10%) of the profit to the local. Thus, undermanagement and exploitation of resource is, also responsible factor of which government do not deserve support.

Absence of meritocracy in the state owned institutions, is the third reason why government do not deserve citizens support. There has been lack of transparency and accountability in the hiring of a person in the government institutions. Most of seats are loaded in the black market prior to final results announcement. According to Dawn editorial experts, more than 65% of seats are loaded on cash in the Sindh Public Service Commission. Such stark reality show the backwardness in the merit selection ~~secret~~ recruitment process. "Government institutions flourish where meritocracy prevail". This

quote by Indira Gandhi highlighted the importance of meritocracy in the government sector. ~~Back~~ Henceforth, lack of meritocracy and flawed selection process is also one of the ~~exigent~~ ~~exigent~~ sectors why government do not ~~need~~ deserve support by its own people.

Misuse of power and public office is last reason why government should not ~~support~~ ~~deserve~~ public support. Those in authorities misuse their power through various ways. This fundamental problem lies in every government's institutions. Most of government officials and servants pressurise local for the corruption. The one who pay high amount, ~~per~~ get work done earlier. Moreover, an Assistant Commissioner (AC) use its power to ~~re~~ suppressed the poor people by threatening him through various ways. Unluckily, impoverished person, being an uneducated, does not know what legal action he can take against ~~that~~ that AC. ~~Most~~ ~~At~~ Urban areas and peri-urban regions and village local faced this kind of ~~horror~~ in their daily life. Subsequently, Lord Acton rightly said that "power tends to corruption, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Hence, abuse of power and public office is also ground why people should not support their government because government

do not deserve to be approached when power is squandered.

Preceding paragraphs underscored why people do not support government. Following paragraphs would underline some pragmatic remedial measure to create Patriotic and accountable nation.

Firstly, government need to ensure to guarantee fundamental freedom and civil liberties of the nation. It is responsibility of state to effectively implement Universal Declaration of Human Rights and also certify constitutional rights. If these are properly provided, then nation will be more supportive towards government and the concept of ~~patriotism~~ patriotism will further strengthen. Local government must need to cater all issues encounter by the local people. By ensuring and protecting their rights, people will be in the ~~best~~ position to support their government.

Ensuring and enhancing transparency and accountability at every stage of government is also the push factor to create good nation support. According to Global Transparency Index, Pakistan stands at 130 country out of 176 country. ^{being} Govt. need to ~~bring~~ ^{bring}

more measures to ensure transparency in these institutions. ~~At~~ Furthermore, accountability institutions such as Federal Investigation Agency, FAT (FIA) need to take stringent action against the official who is misusing his power. There should be no political interference, or pre-bargain system against the culprit. ~~With~~ With transparency and accountability, Pakistan will be satisfied from government action and later on will support and their government. Hence, accountability and transparency is indeed a pre-requisite reason why ~~people~~ government ~~are~~ deserve the nation support.

Restoring meritocracy at all level of governance is third reason why people should support their government. With meritocracy, deserving candidates ~~comes~~ appear from different strata of society. This help, in creating a competitive environment within the country. State needs to ^{scrutinize} ~~have scrutinize~~ the whole recruitment process. Recruitment and selection audit must be done by third party to ensure there is no candidate coming on the ~~pre~~ basis of patronage. This ~~and~~ auditing process must also be introduced at provincial level. Moreover, guidelines from British Council Examinations must be taken to ensure transparency

and credibility in the recruitment process that will bring meritocracy within the country. Thus, meritocracy will create more patriotism in the nation and nation will be ready to support their government.

Lastly, empowering youth through diversity opportunities such as educational, vocational training, and other extra-curricular activities will also lead to more patriotism within the country. Government should do partnership projects with private entities to facilitate their youth by ^{teachably} high-demand skills and providing trendy recreational activities. This will create reliance on the government and youth. That is the future of the country will be loyal towards government. There would be high chance, some government may win the elections because of youth vote banks and empowerment. Ergo, strengthening youth is the last way to create patriotism and government accountable in the public view.

To cap it all, Patriotism is unlimited supporting to the country all the time and in every situation. While, government supporting government when it is on the right direction and path. By doing so, countries and nation can grow quickly. Being anti-nationalist and supporting bad

governance mechanism would only create
 hurdles and bottlenecks in the development
 of the country. This would create bad
 image of the country at the international
 arena. Patriotism is ^{needed} good because it
 supports the country at the time of
 external aggression, natural catastrophes,
 economic turbulence, national security
 at stake, and when country is ^{transitionally} ~~one~~
 towards major ~~devel~~ development. Whereas,
 government should only be supported when
 there is meritocracy, transparency and
 accountability at all stages of governance,
 when resources are effectively utilized and
 power is used to create justice in the
 society ~~to~~ not to suppress one. Francis
 Bacon said "If we do not maintain justice,
 justice will not maintain us. Hence forth,
 this essay highlighted the ^{various} reasons of
 why patriotism love their country, and
 support their government when it deserve.
 Then Then, it also signified the remedial
 measures to create nation more patriotism
 and government accountable.