

"IN ONE Form or Another, Colonialism is still Rampant in the world"

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"THE ESSAY"

Since the second half of the second millennium, the world powers started to colonize the countries of Asia and Africa. The prime objective of these states were to maximize their power circle on political and economic fronts. The world was shattered the foundations of great powers and they were no more in a position to continue their illegal occupation. Apparently, these powers left the colonized states but the devil is in the details. Though the countries once colonized are no more under the ^{direct} influence of colonizers, ~~yet~~ they are ^{still} victim of colonialism in one or other way. The great powers exploit these countries through neo-colonialistic tactic to benefit in political and economic spheres. The forms of colonialism which still exists include influence on political system, economic exploitation, use of international institutions to influence the decisions. Likewise, the colonial mentality

is also manifested in state institutions of third world countries. Similarly, the colonial influence can be seen in cultures, language and education system of once colonized states.

To begin with, one major form of colonialism which is present in once colonized countries is political colonialism. The great powers influence the politicians, political system and political cultures. The political cultures and political leaders are manipulated to get the political and economic favours by great powers. Similarly, the control of state by feudals, is another manifestation of colonialism in politics. Feudals, like the colonial masters, exploits their respective tribes in terms of politics and keep them devoid of basic human rights. Similarly, the rule of dictators in third world countries is another form of colonial mentality. The exploitation and human right violation by dictators in Arab and African countries is typical

manifestation of colonialism. Likewise, the regime change operations in developing countries is another form of colonialism in which people are devoid of their right to elect their leaders. The elected governments are overthrown for political interests of colonizers. For example, the governments in Ukraine are overthrown by USA and Russia in 2013 and 2014 respectively. Similarly the Arab spring is another manifestation of colonialism in politics. The various Arab government were overthrown in name of democracy during the Arab spring. So in terms of politics, the colonialism is rampant in the world even in twenty first century.

Secondly, another form of colonialism which exists today is economic exploitations. The great powers, for controlling and influencing ~~under~~ the developing countries, use world's economic institutions to influence the developing states. For example, IMF and world bank are used as a manipulative

tools to control the third world countries. For example, the debt trap of IMF is used to exploit Pakistan strategic decisions involving China, to control the China in world politics. Through debt trap, the states are influenced and controlled just like these states were influenced and controlled during the colonial era. This is manifested in various writings and speeches of global leaders. "19th century was the century of Europe, 20th century was the century of US and 21st century is the century of Asia. The one who would be controlling the Asia, would control the world." US secretary of state - 2009. In response, the Obama, then president of USA remarked, "USA will be the influential player in Asia, and we are here to stay." The two statements by world politicians are acknowledgement that great powers are involved in developing Asian states to influence these states. Similarly, the USA invasion on Iraq and.

Afghanistan for the sake of exploitations were also a colonial act. As USA invaded the Iraq on pretext of biological weapons, which were never found. The world's analysts are of the view that the hidden agenda of USA invasion was to extract and exploit oil resources in Iraq, so, economic exploitation, either through IMF or through resource extraction are classical examples of neo colonialism.

Thirdly, another important form, through which colonialism prevails, is use of international organizations to influence the weaker countries. Veto power, with only five permanent members in United Nations, shows that these institutions are the tools to exert the colonial influence on poor states. For example, in order to suppress and control Arab and African states, USA has vetoed the UNGA resolutions on Palestine issue more than 20 times in a time period of less than two years. This was the manifestation of colonial values to keep

Arabs under their USA influence, like the colonial era. Similarly, to control the states through sanctions by UNSC is another way which manifests that colonialism still prevails. States are influenced and dictated by use of sanctions through United Nation. A series of sanctions on Iran is a manifestation of this type of colonialism. So, international organization are one of the prominent tools used to exert colonial influence.

Thirdly, the colonialism also prevails in institutions of countries which once remained under the influence of colonizers. Thana culture in South Asian states is one such example. Like in colonial era, people are feared and misbehaved in police stations. Similarly, Thana culture is used to undermine and harass the political opponents, just like it was used in colonial era. Similarly the judicial practices in courts of third world countries are enough to remind one of colonial era. For example, the

use of specific words like "my lord" and practice of standing on entrance of a judge to a court shows that the colonial mentality prevails in courts of third world countries. Similarly, the bureaucratic culture, and protocols and attitudes of bureaucracy in third world countries is a classical manifestation of prevalence of colonialism. Same is true for clerical staff in developing countries. The monopoly of clerics in ^{developing} countries is not a unknown mystery. This shows that colonialism still prevails in state institutions in developing countries.

Similarly, the socio cultural invasions of Western countries is another form of colonialism which prevails in Eastern countries. The Eastern states had their own socio-cultural norms when the Western states colonized these Eastern states, they brought their culture and norms here. Western states glorified their culture and mocked the Eastern culture to undermine the socio-cultural values. The colonized states started

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to follow the western culture and lost their identity. The era of clash of Empires is gone, the era of clash of nation states will end soon, but the clash of cultures will be the only decisive factor ^{in world politics} - Samuel P. Huntington. This shows that cultural invasions are another war fronts. The western countries are working on saying "If you cannot win them, infuse your culture and transform them, they will no longer be a threat." The cultural infusions of western states are visible in Islamic states. For example, the rise of homosexual practices in Eastern states are a manifestation of cultural infusions from west. Similarly, the the concept of brands and inferiority complex regarding local products is another form of cultural infusion. Likewise, Saudi Arabia, abolishing its centuries long practice of Islamic values, has allowed to open the cinema hall in KSA. Likewise, there was no concept of old age homes in Eastern societies but the cultural infusions

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by West brought this concept to ~~was~~ East and shattered the family system, a unique socio-cultural beauty of Eastern societies. Thus, cultural infusions are another important colonialistic manifestations that shows that colonialism still exists in the world.

likewise, the educational system of once colonized countries is a classical manifestation of neo-colonialism in this world. The third world countries seem to be influenced by their colonizers and has adopted their educational system. For example, the oxford educational system is followed in many developing states. It is a matter of great concern that these once colonized states are not able design a reliable education system to protect their interest. The problem with the Oxford education system is that it glamorize the western civilizations and undermine the Eastern values. Similarly, the system of education developed by colonialist states was

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aimed to produce the clerical staff, only capable of running offices under instructions of colonial masters. The locals were devoid of quality education to run the state affairs at their own. The so called education system did not provide any critical thinking abilities. The states which got rid of colonialists were not able to get rid of their educational system and hence colonialism. They are still under colonial influence as a consequence of educational system. If you want to ~~not~~ completely subjugate the people of sub-continent, devoid them of their cultural values, and the only way to devoid them of their cultural norms is to devoid them of their education.

- Lord Macaulay's report. Colonialists followed the Macaulay's recommendations and even after the ~~the~~ more than half century has passed, the people of British colonies are still victim of colonialism due to their education system.

Similarly, language is another form of colonial exploitation. The language is manifestation of cultural superiority. When the colonizers captured the African and Asian countries, they glamorized their language. Local started adopting their language. For example, in sub-continent, people started speaking English. English became a distinction between superiors and inferiors. After independence, the English became official language of Pakistan. This is a clear manifestation how deep rooted the colonialism is. The English became a source of ideological infusion of English culture. Language is the first line of influence regarding acceptance of a culture. On the other hand, language became a source of inferiority complex. The people started to accept the norms that the language proficiency is a measure of intelligence. For example, in Pakistan, English, ^{not the national languages} is a compulsory subject to join the elite positions, but only 4% students pass ~~over~~ the English, and are given the prestigious positions. ~~For~~ This

demonstrates that colonialism still prevails in post colonial era. Last but not the least is domestic violence as a product of colonialism. When the colonialists captured the states, they exploited the man power of the post states. Women were less paid than men. Due to labour exploitation of these states, women become victim of domestic violence. Similarly, children were also abused for labour purposes. Though the colonialists left these states but colonialism is still there in form of domestic violence practices promoted by colonialists.

Conclusively, though it is believed that colonialism does not exist in the world, but it is present in forms of political influence, economic exploitation and cultural invasions. Its seeds are deep rooted in language and colonialistic educational system. World can fully get rid of colonialism by economic development, educational reforms and cultural promotions of norms and values.