

Youth Bulge: a demographic dividend or a demographic bomb?

Outline:

I. Introduction

Youth bulge is a demographic dividend as it plays a decisive role in driving the economic, political and social development of a country. Sometimes, it can become a demographic bomb because of social unrest.

II. How is Youth Bulge a Demographic Dividend?

(A) Youth bulge is a potential labour force.

Case in point: Labour force survey 2025.

(B) Provides base of scientific innovation

Case in point: Singapore

(C) Forms a robust civil society

Case in point: UK's DIC civil society

(D) Breeding grounds for transformational political leadership

Case in point: Nihad Hossain of student led coalition in Bangladesh

(E) Forms base of accountable governance

Case in point: Reports of Democratic Think tank of US

(F) Welcomes the gender equality case in point: The second sex by Simon De Beauvoir

(G). Precursor of street journalism case in point: Reports of United Nations'

(H) Source of foreign direct investment

Case in point: US investment in India

(I) Catalyst for social change

Case in point: Green 2 protests in Nepal

(J) Source of international recognition in sports

Case in point: Arshad Nadeem

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III. Manifestations that Youth Bulge is a Demographic Bomb:

(A) Strain on resources

Case in point: Conquering the Ungovernable south by Ishtat Hussain

(B) Rise in Unemployment

Case in point: Report of World Bank

(C) Breeding ground for social Unrest

Case in point: Gen Z protests in Bangladesh

IV. Conclusion:

How one can imagine that a country having a high youth pool compete with the world's leading powers? Yes, this is the case of India, having youth bulge and now at a competition with China. Youth pool in India, like many other countries is a demographic dividend. As the youth bulge is a potential labour force, and provides the base of scientific innovation. In addition to this, youth bulge is a potential breeding ground for transformational political leadership and accountable governance further, youth pool is also a catalyst for the social change. When, this bulge is not utilized effectively can become a demographic bomb. Demographic bomb, in a sense that it strains the natural resources and ~~the~~ rise the ratio of unemployment. Youth bulge is a demographic dividend as it drives the social, political and economic

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development of a country. Sometimes, if not managed effectively, can become a demographic bomb as it triggers the social unrest.

In conclusion, youth bulge is a demographic dividend because of its role in the social, political and the economic development of a country. In case of mismanagement, it can become a demographic bomb because of social unrest and strain on resources. However, the development is a witness that countries are using this bulge to leverage international recognition, catalyze it for social change and a source of street journalism. In addition to this youth removes the taboos and welcomes the gender equality, the very pre-requisite for development.