

Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely

1. Introduction:

Power itself does not corrupt; rather, absolute power leads to corruption.

2. Power itself does not corrupt:

2.1. Power is a neutral tool; its ethical outcome depends on the character of the individual.

~~Case Study of~~
Hazrat Ali (R.A)

2.2. Power does not inherently corrupt; ethical self-restraint determines its exercise.

~~Case Study of~~
George Washington

3. Absolute Power corrupts
absolutely: Validation from history

3.1. Had Caligula not
acquired absolute power,
his personal whims could not
have translated into systemic
cruelty

3.2. Had Ferdinand Marcos
not consolidated absolute
political power, personal
enrichment and suppression
of dissent could not have
been institutionalized

3.3. Had Hitler's totalitarian
power been constrained, the
holocaust could have been
avoided

3.4. Had Ivan IV not held
absolute power, mass
executions and oppression

~~could have not occurred~~

4. Societal validation of the fact that absolute power corrupts absolutely:

4.1. Parents exercising their absolute power over their children's individual choices

- Forced marriages and career choices

4.2. Teachers wielding unchecked authority over students, leading to harassment and exploitation

- Harassment of female students for grades

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5. Literary Perspective: How absolute power corrupts absolutely

5.1. Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'

5.2. George Orwell's 'Animal Farm'

6. Psychological Perspective: How
absolute power corrupts absolutely

6.1. 'The Lucifer Effect'
by Philip Zimbardo

7. Conclusion