

# Pakistan's fall is not economic — it's Moral

## Thesis Statement

State and Society are two organs of ~~one body~~, and health of economic and Political systems depends on moral strength of the society. Pakistan's crisis today are not only fiscal or administrative, ~~they are~~ <sup>these</sup> deeply rooted in deteriorating social values, weak rule of law, corruption and unethical practices of the society.

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deepening corruption

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Essay

The moral strength of Citizens is the foundation of the state, as quoted by Aristotle demonstrates that Nations seldom collapse solely due to financial scarcity, they decay when moral strength of its Citizens erode. Pakistan's Problems are not only due to financial scarcity, but its immoral practices of its Citizens, which further intensifies its economic crisis. Increasing corruption, weak rule of Law, illegal economic Practices, increasing crime rate and low morality are the Causes behind Pakistan's Chronic Problems, whether economic or administrative.

Having established the claim that Pakistan's fall is not economic - it is moral, following arguments are provided in support of above mentioned claim.

To begin with, lack of moral strength in the society intensifies the economic problems. It is morality of citizens, which ensure economic development of any country. Every moral citizen of society participates in country's development and restrain himself from any activity that can harm the society. For example, China has developed moral strength of its citizens, due to which, everyone actively participates in country's progress. However, Pakistan severely lacks in moral strength wherein corruption remains the highest. Case in point is the Corruption Perception Index published by Transparency International in the year 2025, wherein Pakistan was ranked 135 out of 180. This shows that ~~corrupt~~ citizens of Pakistan have weak morality allowing them to be involved in corruption. Thus, main reason behind Pakistan's fall is Lack of moral strength in the society.

Furthermore, illegal economic practices in Pakistan become hurdle in its prosperity. Every country develops <sup>only</sup> if it has control over its citizens, not allowing them to get involved in illegal economic practices. However, Pakistan's biggest problem is embezzlement, tax frauds and

Smuggling of Petroleum. These illegal practices further accelerate economic problems. FBR reported that Pakistan loses almost 1000 billion rupees annually due to tax evasion and smuggling. Hence, these illegal practices don't allow the country to become stable.

Similarly, immoral leadership in the country is another reason behind fall of Pakistan. It is responsibility of the leadership of a country to ~~make~~ resolve the problems and provide better service delivery. Moreover, ~~leaders are also liable to take strict action against the illegal practice either administrative, political, social or economic, which can harm its nation.~~ However, if leaders are themselves corrupt or self-centered, they only focus on their ~~own~~ interest and to somehow remain on their thrones. In Pakistan, political leaders who are elected to resolve the problems that directly affect the public welfare, are only interested in trapping each other in false corruption cases in order to maintain their powers. In this backdrop, immoral leadership of Pakistan became the reason for its fall.

Like wise, rising crime rate in the urban centers of Pakistan, restricts its economic growth. Economic growth of any country is highly dependant on ease of doing business, protection of investors and rule of law in the country. If a foreign investor is threatened by any crime load or faces robbery, carlift, and burglary, he will loose interest in doing business in that city or state. Similarly, many industrialist stopped that business in Karachi, because of being threaten by criminals to pay ransom. ~~or were facing corruption~~ As per the reports of Sind Police, there has been <sup>31%</sup> rise in street crimes in Karachi in 2021. Moreover, there were many cases reported including kidnaping for ransom or robberies. Thus, rising crime rates puts an end to economic progress.

Additionally, unethical practices in the societies also play a huge role in fall of Pakistan. Ethics of any citizens are the foundation of the state. It is morality that prevents citizens of any society to beware from any act that can harm societies, city or country as a whole. However, if society comprises of unethical population, it can never ~~reach~~ progress in any aspect.

of ~~life~~. Unethical acts further weakens the trust in the society and causes fear in the business man to do any business in the country. Case in point is the report of FAT, that ~~shows~~ that there was 300 percent rise in ~~block~~ ~~mailing~~, identity theft and digital frauds. These unethical practices hence, ~~future~~ ~~deepen~~ the wounds of the country.

Last but not least, Institutions of Pakistan lack in meritocracy, that don't allow progress in the country. Institutions who are responsible to maintain rule of law and better service delivery can only operate efficiently, if ~~it~~ ~~recruits~~ its members on merit - Only qualified and specialized people in any respective institution can help it in working effectively. However, ~~if~~ the appointments are influenced by politicians, ~~or~~ then the recruits will only focus on serving politicians, leaving the poor population stranded - Supreme Court of Pakistan banned the recruitment in Islamabad Police due to allegations of corruption and recommending by 2025. Thus, Lacking in meritocracy also contributes in fall of nation.

As the above mentioned arguments prove that Pakistan's fall is moral, it is essential to have an understanding about the reasons behind

moral decline of society-

Firstly, Provision of education is not the priority in Pakistan. Education is what builds the moral strength of any society and allows it development in all aspects including political, social and economic field. However, Pakistan never pays attention to educating its citizens due to which its citizens are lacking in moral values. Human Development Index placed Pakistan in the lowest rank, highlighting that more than two million children are out of school. Furthermore, government only spends 0.90 percent of its GDP on education, leaving its people uneducated and immoral. Hence, not prioritizing education results in moral decline of society.

Secondly, another distance from religion is another reason that cause moral decline in society. Religion basically develops the morality in citizens but instigating the feeling of self accountability and refraining it from any unethical act that will make him accountable to the divine authorities in the hereafter. However, Pakistan religion in Pakistan is also politicized, due to which people commit unethical crimes.

Police reports about crime causation in Pakistan intimated that one of the major reasons behind increase in terrorism and extremism in Pakistan is wrong use of religion. Many Political Parties in Pakistan use religion for their personal gains and to obtain votes, without teaching the true religious means to the citizens. In this regard, distance from religion results in unethical society, retards it from being developed.

Finally, Poor Parenting practices in the society also causes moral decline of citizens. It is considered to be the primary responsibility of parents to grow their children by teaching them ethical values. However, harsh parenting acts, broken families and violence at domestic level makes the children become immoral. Who consider violence and breaking law, a normal discipline. UNICEF emphasized that primary cause of increasing juvenile delinquency in Pakistan is bad parenting practices that makes them immoral to commit offences. In this context, Pakistan faces moral decline due to poor teaching of parents.

keeping aforesaid in view, it is pertinent to highlight that how moral decline of society translates into economic crisis. Thus, arguments given below merit attention.

To start with, Pakistan loses 6% of its Gross Domestic Product due to Corruption. Government of any country relies on taxes, collected from its citizens to ensure their safety and service delivery. However, tax evasions and frauds make the country lose more than one trillion rupees annually, that was meant to be spent on country's economic growth. IMF stressed in 2025 that corruption and miscalculation in budget costs Pakistan 6 percent decrease in its GDP. Thus, corrupt practices of citizens due to moral weakness causes low economic growth of country.

Moreover, decay in moral values also cause decrease in investment in the country. Due to immorality, people commit unethical crimes including identity thefts, tax frauds, embezzlements, kidnapping for ransom, terrorism and street crimes. These crimes makes the institution weak and unable to provide ease of doing business. Neither does it allow to ensure the safety of

of the investors. In this regard, ~~country~~ ~~prices~~ decrease in investment, causing poor economic growth. Having understood that it is moral decline that result in fall of country. ~~Some~~ ~~suggestive~~ ~~measures~~ to build strong moral values in the society are given below -

First and foremost, Pakistan can only build the moral society by educating its citizens. Education is the only instruments that teaches moral, social and ethical values to the citizens. Education also helps in building skillful people who can utilize their skills in order to earn daily bread and butter, without being involved in ~~any~~ financial crime to do the same. Case in point is the education system of Finland, which is ranked on top around the world. wherein, ~~corruption~~ corruption is observed to be least. Thus, by educating the citizens, Pakistan can build a strong moral society that can help in placing the country back on track.

Subsequently, another step that can help in strengthening moral values of the society is by teaching serach of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Pakistan being a muslim majority

Country, can learn from practical life of last prophet (SAW), who taught the morality all his life. By teaching ~~search of primary~~ level, citizens can learn that how the prophet (PBUH) lived his life wherein, He (SAW) was ~~known as~~ <sup>called</sup> honest and truth by the people of Makkah.

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As people in Pakistan, being a muslim, have great honor for Prophet Muhammad, they can learn honesty, truthfulness and morality from his teachings. In this regard, by teaching the ~~search of~~ Prophet (PBUH), Pakistan can build a strong moral society.

Keeping ~~aforsaid~~ in view, it is evident that Pakistan's fall is not economic, rather it is moral. Illegal economic practices, immoral leadership and unethical practices become the hurdle in Pakistan's prosperity. Not privatizing the education and distance from religion are the main reasons behind the moral decline, that further turn into ~~economic~~ <sup>economic</sup> ~~crisis~~ <sup>crisis</sup> for the

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Country. However, ~~few~~ <sup>few</sup> ~~measures~~ <sup>measures</sup> can help in rebuilding moral strength, which will help in placing country back on right track.

