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The ascending potency of hybrid warfare being fostered on the state of Pakistan is adding to the security woes of the country. Elaborate with Examples.

Introduction:

Hybrid warfare is the new way to fight war with enemies. The days has gone when people used to fight with swords and guns. The world has changed.

This is an era of information technology and artificial intelligence. No doubt technology has brought a lot of benefits but it also has changed the dimension of threat to humanity. Hybrid warfare strategy is also one of the production of Information Technology. The world is making huge progress in the field of information technology and science. All the developed countries

and developing countries are using these technological advancement to fight with enemy. Social media has become a tool of war where disinformation has spread like a fire in the jungle. So public react to that disinformation and sometimes it becomes violent against the government who is serving to them. In this enemy achieved its desired objectives. ~~Part~~

The main objective of the hybrid warfare is to spread disinformation and undermine the political, social and economic institutions of the enemy country.

Hybrid Warfare & World

Hybrid warfare is the new warfare strategy. Countries are fighting with each other through hybrid warfare.

This warfare strategy is more brutal and more exploitative in nature as compare to other warfare

Strategies. For example: America is using warfare strategy against China and China is also fighting competing with US through hybrid warfare. United States of America is propagating news against BRI project as a debt trap, and ~~they~~ do desirous project. And China is countering his attack by saying that BRI is a project of mutual development and cooperation and people will gain benefit and job through this project. BRI will bring prosperity and progress in the region.

This shows that how US and China are fighting with each other.

When World was suffering from Covid-19 pandemic, then US and China are also blaming each other for this pandemic. In the same way China and India are also fighting with each other.

Hybrid Warfare and Pakistan

Pakistan is also one of those countries who is combating against this hybrid warfare. India which is the biggest enemy of Pakistan is deleting the image of Pakistan by calling it a terrorist state. In the virtual presidential SCO conference, India attacked Pakistan by calling it the home of terrorists. India has been blaming Pakistan as a terrorist state. India is doing it because it wants to isolate Pakistan internationally. So Pakistan is also retaliating on the same forums by calling it a butcher of Gujarat. Because Pakistan is the only state who is the biggest victim of terrorism and still fighting against terrorism. India has hired thousands of social media handlers and web developers

who are handling social media accounts by sitting in Europe and America. They write content against Pakistan and spread disinformation regarding Pakistan. India wants to spread hate against Pakistan at global level. He is doing it to isolate Pakistan internationally.

India is also spreading disinformation in Pakistan to create a gap between military and Pakistani public. India promotes those people who spread hate and anger in Pakistan. India is also spread misinformation to create political instability in Pakistan. So that Pakistan could not make progress and could not retaliate India in the Region. India wants to maintain its hegemony in the region.

Hybrid Warfare and Its impacts on Pakistan.

Political Instability :

Through this war strategy, political instability is prevailing.

This is the one of the reason of political instability.

Trust deficit between the public and institutions.

Hybrid warfare is promoting trust deficit between public and the institutions. People do not know the actual facts. Through social media they get misinformation and criticize institutions. Media also spread misinformation just relying on the social media posts.

Promote violence and extremism:

This strategy promote violence and extremism. More than 35 percent of the young population is illiterate. So they just rely on social media post. They do not try to authenticate the news. So they join groups of religious extremists. In this way they promote violence and instability.

Diluting the values, cultures and traditions.

Today, most of the Pakistani people like to watch Indian films, dramas and shows. Indian films promote hate against Pakistan and they also promote their own culture, language, traditions and values. In this way, our young children and youth inspired by the Indian heroes and try to adopt their traditions and values. In this way hybrid warfare corrupt our culture.

Options For Pakistan

- i) Promote Pakistan should promote its efforts to combat terrorism and the negative role of India at all international and regional forums
- ii) Promote awareness regarding hybrid warfare strategies.
- iii) Create rules and regulation for media reporting.
- iv) Ban extremist and terrorist activities.

- v) Educate young children and youth.
- vi) Promote national unity and integration.
- vii) ~~Regulate~~ Design rules and regulations for social media users.

Conclusion

No doubt, Pakistan is facing many challenges to combat against this hybrid warfare but with proper planning and national unity we can fight this war. It has become very necessary to educate youth and promote national integrity.

Media should also play its positive role so that a good trust may be build between public and their institution. Only this way Pakistan can survive and fight against its enemies.