

Youth Bulge in Pakistan: an Asset or a Liability

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Throughout the history of world, youth has played a vital role in the achievements of nations. Their zeal and vigour proved their courage, solidarity and uniformity to the world. Similarly, the youth of Pakistan can play their crucial role in the progress and prosperity of country. Pakistan is a home to near two hundred and forty million people. Such a huge population consist of youth among fifteen to thirty years. This youth can be an asset for the country. They can participate in the activities which are necessary for the well-being and betterment of country. They can use their hidden talent by working day and night for themselves and also for the country. They can engage themselves and other individuals of the country in

useful activities. They can protect the country from any danger and perdition. They can become necessary for the sovereignty of country. They can join Pakistan Army for the safeguard of country. They can participate in national and international competitions to upgrade the rank of country. They can positively participate in the political activities on global level. They can prove themselves as an asset of nation. Youth bulge in Pakistan can be an asset instead of liability, if they can be given a different environment. They can grow in free environment. Some reforms in the social structure can alter all the activities of our youth bulge towards progress of our country.

Youth bulge in Pakistan can become a liability if proper steps are not taken at proper time. Pakistani youth can participate in useful activities and can turn the destiny of country from developing country to a developed country. Actually, it totally depends on the government

that how to use the talent of youth for the progress of country. By enhancing more jobs and technological opportunities for youth, they can avert the whole scenario of Pakistan from being downtrodden country to an advanced country. Every successful nation pays a special heed to its youth, which has the power to change the fate of a country.

Youth in Pakistan is considered as a backbone of Pakistan. As Pakistan has a large population of 241 million according to Pakistan Bureau of statistics on the basis of census 2023. Among this huge population 58.1% population is (15-30) years of age, which indicates the young population in Pakistan. This young population can bring peace and prosperity to the country on a huge scale. Youth are more zealous and courageous in doing their activities. They can perform vital role in achieving success in every field of life and ultimately for the betterment of country. Their participation can settle down the problems among the

the people and societies.

Youth bulge is also necessary for the success of a country. This youth can be in the forms of students, doctors, engineers, technicians and labourers. China, - an emerging superpower - has the world's largest labour force. Similarly, Pakistan also has a biggest labour force which can actively participate in the developmental works of country. Such a huge labour force can change into an asset, if they are properly trained in their respective fields. In CPEC Project, **38%** labour force of Pakistan is not skilled and trained in their fields. But instead of being untrained, they are also contributing towards the progress of country.

Youth is a source of protection for the sovereignty of country. Army soldiers - who are the youth of a country - safeguard the borders of a country. They fight with enemies of country on the borders and assure the sovereignty of country. Pakistan has the **10th** largest military in

the world which is capable of defeating our born enemy India. Many skirmishes take place on the borders and line of control. Our great army soldiers crush all the evil intentions of enemy on the borders and ensure the sovereignty of country.

Youth can present a envious picture of country among the other member states and countries. Youth can enhance the rank of a country. Recently, Pakistan's athlete **Hamza** made a victory in Egypt. It was a proud moment for Pakistan. The athlete was welcomed and appreciated by the Prime Minister of Pakistan. Another example of Pakistani Britisher **Sija Ali**, who secured top position in O-level having an IQ more than Albert Einstein. she also upgraded the rank of Pakistan. One other example of **Bisma** from Karachi, who made electric glasses to prevent the drivers from sleeping during travel. she has been called by NASA. she is also a pride of Pakistan. Similarly, youth can depicts a good picture of a country.

Although youth can play a vital role in the progress of a country, yet they can also damage the institutions and deteriorate the peace of country. Youth can engage themselves in sectarianism. They can be used as an agent or proxies by our enemies. In this scenario, the religious seminaries play a crucial role. These seminaries grow during the Zia regime. The purpose of these institution was to teach the Islamic injunctions to the students, instead they start doing the brainwashing and propagating sectarianism in the minds of young people. Many young people who come from these seminaries are conservative and involve themselves and others in sectarianism in the name of Islam. They are liability to the country.

The youth are not only posing the threat of sectarianism to the society, they are also involved in terrorism. The terrorists group approach them and exploit the youth of Pakistan to fulfill their evil

intentions to destroy and deteriorate the peace of country. The actual reason behind the exploitation of youth is social problems. Poverty, unemployment and ignorance are the major factors in disturbing the security of country. Terrorists exploit these social problems and use innocent people for the fulfilment of their purposes. Pakistan Tahreek-i-Taliban Baloch Liberation Army and Daesh are the major terrorist groups, who exploit the public of Pakistan to endanger the security of Pakistan. In this way, youth can become a liability for the country.

Youth can also put at risk the sovereignty of country. Where the army soldiers are protecting the borders of a country, there are some non-state actors who pose danger to the sovereignty of country. They enhance and put pressure on government institutions to fulfil their unlawful demands. They make friends the rebellions of country, who are ready to pose a threat to the survival of country. The enemies of country use them as a proxy and destabilize

the security situation of a country. These can be in the form of individuals and group. These prove detrimental for the sovereignty of country. So, these young people become a liability on state.

Youth can destroy the image of a country in the countries of world. After the training of Mujahiden during the USSR invasion of Afghanistan and withdrawal of USA from Afghanistan after a two decade long war, induced many terrorists in Pakistan. Now, Pakistan is facing a challenging threat from these terrorist group who are damaging the security of Pakistan. The wave of terrorism in Pakistan tarnished the image of Pakistan among the global countries. Pakistanis are not welcomed in Western countries. They consider Pakistanis as terrorist. This fanned the Islamophobia in the Western countries. In short, such type of youth and false allegation of terrorism on Pakistan presents a bad picture of country. So, youth bulge appears as a burden on the country.

Youth can be an asset or liability to a country. It depends on how the country use^{it} for its benefits or not. The educated and skilled youth can prove an asset to a country. Many successful people can emerge as a strength of country. Our two Scientists **Dr Abdus Salam** and **Dr Abdul Qadir Khan** were our asset. They changed the history of Pakistan. Through their efforts, Pakistan became an atomic power in the world. Such a skilled and educated youth can change the fate of its nation. The independence of Pakistan was also the efforts of youth of subcontinent. They fought for their rights. So, youth is an asset to a country.

Youth's participation can bring peace and tranquility in the society. The educated youth are well aware of their rights. They choose their politicians on the basis of responsibility and their charismatic character. In any difficult situation, they do peaceful protest to fulfil their demand. They prevent themselves and

other people from extremism and violence. Pakistan is a democratic country and people use their rights wisely in this democratic country by avoiding any restlessness. Such a sensible behaviour maintains the peace in society and problems are settled down in a peaceful manner. People do not need to come on roads for strike every day. They can demand their needs through wise approaches. So, the youth are not a liability but an asset to the country.

Many citizens of society are loyal towards their countries. Pakistani people are patriotic in nature. The 67.1 population of Pakistan said, they are patriotic. According to the Gallup & Gilani Survey of Pakistan. Due to this affection towards country, the youth do not pose any threat to the instead they fight to the end for the survival of country. Not only the army soldiers but also the civilians are affectionate to the country. They are ready to sacrifice anything for their

country. So, such a loyal and dutiful youth is an asset to the country.

The sincere youth of a country work for the well-being and progress of a country. The identification of a citizen is associated with the country to which he belongs. The success of an individual on national and international level becomes the success of country too.

Such as Hamza, Bisma and Sija are the asset of country. They are proud of Pakistan. Such individuals upgrade the rank of country in the world. They prove themselves the asset of nation instead of a liability of a country.

In a nutshell, the role of youth in any country depends upon the reforms and amenities which are present in the society. Social justice, prosperity and more opportunities of success can turn the youth bulge into asset for a society and country. If proper attention and education is not given to the youth. They lack

basic needs of life and inequality prevails in society, they become a liability for society and country. The enemies would exploit the youth of country for the evil intentions. So the government can play a serious and crucial role in the decision of making the youth bulge an asset or a liability. Through proper set up and reforms, government can use their youth for their development. It is in the hands of government to decide the future of country.