

Youth bulge in Pakistan: an asset or a liability?

Outline

1. Introduction

Thesis Statement: Youth bulge is a great asset for Pakistan. Youth makes a big chunk of Pakistan's population. If provided with adequate opportunities, youth can lift Pakistan to the new horizons of progress.

2. Crunch Paragraph

3. Youth bulge is an asset for Pakistan (Thesis)

- a) Youth with young minds and innovative ideas can change fate of Pakistan
- b) Youth ^{with} enriched potential can contribute to change the distorted image of Pakistan.
- c) Politically aware youth can strengthen the democratic process of Pakistan
- d) Growing literacy rate of youth, making it an important asset of the country
- e) Well aware and educated youth can use social media to raise voice for country

4. Youth bulge is a liability on Pakistan (Anti-Thesis)

- a) Youth is becoming passive and disappointed, enhancing liabilities of Pakistan
- b) Brain drain of youth is depriving country of skillful labour.
- c) Youth using social media negatively which affects country badly.
- d) Youth becomes violent in political activities and deteriorates country's peace
- e) Youth with no skills and lack of vocational trainings has become a liability

5. Youth bulge and its contributions in Pakistan's progress (Synthesis)

- a) Surveys and global stats showing youth's contributions for Pakistan
- b) A large bulge of skilful youth does not want to leave country
- c) Pakistan: Second largest market of Online services in the world because of youth.
- d) Educated youth does not believe in violent political activities
- e) Pakistani youth largely applies for vocational training according to Coursera online learning.

6. Conclusion

Population of Pakistan is increasing at a rapid pace. According to the census of 2023, total population of Pakistan is 241.49 million. Out of this population 64% is youth.

64% of our population is under the age of 30 while 29% is between the age of 15 to 29 years. This youth bulge is a great asset for Pakistan.

As it is evident from history and also from the experience of many countries in this modern world that youth bulge can play a vital role for the progress of a country. Pakistan should also benefit from this asset.

The young people of Pakistan having young and fresh minds can give innovative ideas for the betterment of country in various sectors. Young bureaucrats can make policies enriched with

new ideas to bring revolutionary progress countrywide. Youth can provide country^{the} policies according to the demands of this new global orders which can benefit country. So These innovative ideas of youth is a valuable asset of Pakistan.

The youth bulge of Pakistan has immense potential to excel nationally and internationally. Our youth is young and fit. They can contribute to uplift the country's image in Sports sector. As our young cricket team is brightening the name of country. Our team and our young cricketers are top ranked in ICC rankings. A 17 year old boy Hamza Khan, illuminated the name of country by winning Junior Squash championship.

Not only in supports, youth is uplifting country's name in every domain. A recent incident that took place in Battagram, KPK

When some students and teachers were stuck in a cable car, then some young locals showed great bravery to rescue the children. Such brave youth bulge is proving itself as an asset of country.

The youth of Pakistan has become **politically aware** during recent years. This youth bulge believes in democratic form of government in country. Due to this political awareness youth would be able to choose the true representatives for country. The youth bulge with its leadership skills can be helpful for the politics of country in future. As this youth bulge are the future makers of Pakistan, so youth's support for democracy and resistance to all non-democratic forces of country shows that the youth bulge would strengthen the democratic process in Pakistan.

Literacy rate is growing among youth. Educational institutions are flooded with young students. This shows that youth bulge is concerned about gaining education. Young students of Pakistan not only clear national exams but also many international exams. As Pakistani nation has been ranked among top intelligent nations, so this youth bulge is a great asset for Pakistan's progress in educational field especially science, medical and IT.

The youth bulge of Pakistan is now well aware how **to use Social media** for constructive purposes. On social media, youth keeps an eye on Govt. policies. And criticises Govt when policies are not country friendly. Youth also provides many ideas to Govt on social media to improve policy making. Youth also highlights many social issues on social media that attract the attention of concerned authorities.

to take actions against crimes and violence. So youth bulge has proved itself as an asset for the country in every aspect.

But regardless of the fact that youth bulge is an asset of the country, there are numerous reasons that this youth bulge has become a '**liability**' for Pakistan. And it is further increasing problems of the country.

The youth bulge of Pakistan has become **Passive and Pessimistic**.

The youth ^{is} disappointed. An educational institutions ^{is} only focusing on cramming. ^{It} lacks interest in practical work. Youth bulge of Pakistan is just focused on Grades and Marks. It is running after Degrees. So this kind of behaviour is restricting the youth of Pakistan to play a constructive role in development. So it has become a liability.

Another factor because of which the youth bulge has become a liability is the trend of **Brain Drain**. This youth does not has hope on their own country. So because of this pessimism, youth bulge which is educated and skilled is leaving country. This trend and aptitude of youth is depriving Pakistan of its skilled labour. Youth bulge is ready to serve other countries but not their own. In the first half of 2023 almost 400000 skilled youth has left Pakistan. This shows that this youth bulge is mere a liability for country.

Apart from leaving country the youth is **using social media negatively**. It uses social media for different propogandas. Pakistan has been ranked as the top country to watch immoral content. This kind of behaviours affects the image of country. Youth wastes time on different social media sites.

Social media is affecting the mental growth of the youth. Also through social media, this youth bulge gets inspiration from many **separatist** and **militant groups** and gets involve in violent activities. That's why this youth bulge is a liability as it is a threat for country's peace and integration.

No doubt that youth of Pakistan is actively taking part in politics. But youth has **no political tolerance**. Young people of Pakistan are less tolerating towards the political opinions of other people. To support their particular political group, youth uses violent tactics. During protests, youth does not rely upon peace but become violent and cause destruction of country. In **May 9 riots**, youth caused a huge loss to country. So, this type of intolerant youth bulge is mere a liability.

Also our **youth is less skilled** because of its lack of interests in researches and practical work at educational institutions. So unless youth bulge becomes skilled and gets vocational training with passion it will be a liability for the country.

Although there are many shortcomings in the youth bulge of Pakistan. But no one can deny ~~their~~ ^{its} contributions in the development of the country despite of the fact that youth is highly marginalised by the policy makers of Pakistan. So having meagre opportunities, still youth bulge plays pivotal role in uplifting the country.

Global Stats **Surveys** and showing how youth is proving itself as an asset of the country. Young Pakistani athletes are dominating the sports especially cricket, Squash, and Snooker.

Recently a **young British Pakistani** girl of 16 year old Mahnoor Cheema topped 34 subjects of A levels. And her IQ level has been ranked more than the great scientist Elbert Einstein. This clearly depicts that the youth bulge of Pakistan is an asset of the country.

No doubt brain drain of youth is a problem. But it is also a fact that a big chunk of **skilled young patriotic** people are willing to stay in Pakistan and to serve the country regardless of country's poor economic conditions. Not only this, many young people after getting high education from abroad come back to country for their services to the country. This shows the patriotism of the youth bulge which makes it a valuable asset of country.

Regardless of the negative use of social media, Pakistan

is the **Second largest market of online services** in the world. The free launchers, software developers are very skillful and determined. Many foreign countries rely on the online services of Pakistani youth. Also many young social media influencers and bloggers are using different social media websites to promote soft image and tourism in Pakistan. Due to their these efforts, Pakistan was ranked as 'top travel destination' in 2020.

Youth bulge strengthening tourism sector to uplift economy of country.

The role of youth bulge has increased in **Politics**. But the educated and well aware youth bulge does not support any violent activity in political process. Youth bulge believes in **peaceful protests** as its constitutional right. Youth bulge also co-operates with security institutions to ensure peaceful elections during poll days.

Youth bulge of Pakistan desperately wants to be skilled. According to a report issued by **Coursera** which provides online training courses in various subjects, Pakistani youth was among the top applicants for vocational trainings. Due to numerous problems of country youth bulge is not able to excel as per its potential. But the passion of youth is a clear depiction that youth bulge is a real asset for Pakistan.

Pakistan is going through **severe economic crisis**. Unemployment among youth is a surging problem. Govt is not able to provide youth the adequate opportunities. But still in this tough scenario of economics, the youth bulge of Pakistan is performing to its greatest extent.

If Govt. deals with the economic crisis and provides youth bulge the proper

opportunities and assistance, the youth bulge can lift Pakistan to lift ~~the~~ the new horizons of developments. Then youth can prove itself as the real asset of the country and can brighten the name of Pakistan in global arena.

"A country is known by its people."