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Concept of Fascism:

It is an ideology and system of government characterized by authoritarianism, nationalism and the suppression of its opponents. It is the highest form of nationalism. The fascist leader have absolute powers to run the government according to its will. It seeks to control all aspects of society including media, economy, education and culture. It even uses propaganda, censorship and state controlled media to manipulate the public opinion and maintain control.

The term evolved in mid 20th century during the period of Mussolini in Italy while Adolf Hitler in Germany. The fascist leader works on maximizing its military power and expansion of its territory. For that reason, he always look for opportunities to wage war with another country in order to fulfill its territorial desires.

There are some governments who promote racism and discrimination within its own state against the

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minority groups based on race, ethnicity and religion. This discrimination will lead to suppression of minorities in that country.

Comparison of Modi's Fascist regime

with German and Italian Fascism of 20th century:

In order to compare the fascism of current government with that of German and Italian fascism we have to see at the features of fascism that are common in 20th century german and Italian fascism with todays Modi's government.

The first feature of fascism is that a fascist government always tries to maximize its military power in order to maintain control. The current Modi government is also working on that principle maximizing its military power. For example, it has made many military agreements with Russians and French government for the acquirement of modern Helicopters including Rafael and other advanced military technology. The Modi government

under its fascist agenda is trying to maximize its military power so that it should be considered as a major main actor in South Asia. The German and Italian leaders were also working on expanding its military power. Under the slogan of fascism both Mussolini and Adolf Hitler worked on waging wars and acquiring power.

The second feature of fascism is that a fascist government always tries to promote racism and discrimination within its own country against the minority groups based on race, ethnicity and religion. The German and Italian leaders also promoted a greater/superior German nation and Italian race.

The holocaust is one of the examples in history during world war II. The current government of India under fascist Modi is also working on the same principle. They are treating muslims as minority groups. They have amended the citizenship act of India where a Muslim have to prove its nationality. The attacks on different mosques is a routine of Indian government. Hence, this shows that Modi is running its country under

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fascist principles like German and Italian leaders were running their country in 20th century.

The next factor of fascism that a government adopts is running the country on authoritarianism and totalitarianism. In this the fascist government seeks to control all aspects of society including culture, media, education, economy and maintain absolute control. The current Indian government is running the country on the same principles. For example, it has controlled its media to not show human rights violation inside committed by Modi government in Kashmir and internal areas of India.

The Modi government is also working on the factor of nationalism where its Hindutva sentiment is considering itself great Hindu or Hindustan for Hindus only. It is threatening Muslims to leave India because Hindustan is only for Hindus.



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Theoretically causes of Fall of Soviet Union:

Introduction:

The fall of Soviet union (USSR) has been justified by different theorist. According to realists the fall of Soviet union was because of internal weaknesses of the country. However, liberals identifies the fall of Soviet union through institutions, democratic norms and cooperation among states. While Neorealists focus on the imbalance in the power structure of international society.

Causes of Fall of Soviet Union:

According to realists; the fall of Soviet union was because of external pressures and internal weakness. The arms race that started between Soviet union and America during the cold war weakened the economy of Soviet union. While on the other hand, spread of democratic norms in eastern Europe decreased the Soviet influence in the Europe,

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and became the reason of its collapse. The economic condition and division in internal states further became challenge for Soviet Union to maintain its superior position and lead to its collapse.

According to Liberalism, the reforms introduced by (glasnost) Gorbachev, and the spread of democratic norms in eastern Europe contributed to fall of Soviet Union. The economic interdependence and the Soviet Union inability to compete in international sphere weakened the Soviet Union and it lead to its collapse. When the Soviet Union announced its withdrawal from Afghanistan it failed to gain support of international organizations that contributed in its collapse.

According to constructivism, the change in the leadership of Soviet Union contributed to its downfall. When Gorbachev came to power, he adopted good relations with west and adopted the policy of openness (glasnost) and economic restructuring (perestroika) this contributed to downfall of Soviet Union.

According to Neo realist, that the international structure imbalance contributed to its fall when Soviet

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union shifted the power to United States, it created a power imbalance which weakened the Soviet Union position and contributed to its collapse.

These were some of the causes of fall of Soviet Union according to different theories.

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Introduction:

The peace making and peace building measures are not possible without stable Afghanistan and resolution of Kashmir issue. The only hindrance that to peace is by India. India does not want to have peace in this region because it has its own interest.

Why India is greatest hindrance:

South Asia comprises of eight countries. This region is considered as conflicted region of the world. The main hindrance to peace is because of India. India being the largest and biggest power in the region

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do not want influence of any other state. It occupies a largest territory in the region and the relations between Pakistan and six other countries are depended on India. After the introduction of China Pakistan economic corridor (CPEC) that will provide China an easy and short access to Arabian sea. This project will increase the influence of China in the region. So India, being the eye and ear of US in the region is trying hard to destroy this project. It has conflicts with all its neighbors countries like Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Pakistan. These issues are of territorial and water type. It wanted to maintain an upper hand on all south asian states.

The geographic factor of India has given it opportunity to maintain its hegemony on the neighboring states. Considering this geographical position, the realist perspective says that India with states uses their geographic position to suppress or dominate other states. India being the largest territory in south Asia wants to maintain its hegemony in the region so it is

considered as a biggest hurdle to the peace in south Asia.

The demographic factor of India has given its edge in the world to adopt hegemonic policies in the region. India is considered as world's largest populous country beating China in the race. Many European and Middle Eastern countries are depended on India for its labor force. According to dependency theory, countries are depended on each other. So here European countries are dependent on India for its skilled labor. If India stops supplying the labor, the economic growth of many countries will stagnate. This factor has given power to India to adopt coercive Unpeaceful situation in south Asia.

Importance of Afghanistan in peace:

Afghanistan has immense importance in maintaining peace. Peace in Afghanistan will bring peace in and prosperity in the region. The only country that connects all the South Asian countries with the Central Asian countries. The (TAPI) Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan and India gas pipe line can bring industrial revolution in Pakistan, Afghanistan and India. If there is no peace in Afghanistan there will be no industrialization leading to zero prosperity. Afghanistan is the only country that provides a direct land route access to

India, Pakistan and other countries to central Asian countries for trade. So it is important to have peace in Afghanistan.

According to realists, India being a major power in the region does not want influence of China. With the support of US it is working on the principle of containing China in the Pacific Ocean. It has signed different agreements with US to contain China and stop its economic progress. The introduction of BRI has been considered too as biggest threat to US and India. India wanting to maintain its hegemony in the region and it is creating unpeaceful situation in the region.

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Reforms of UN according to IR theories:

Introduction:

There are many debates to reform United Nations throughout the history. Different schools of thought have given their reforms/agendas to reform UN.

According to realism, realist emphasize the power and national interest of the state. So their reforms involve to strengthen rule of powerful states.

like US, Russia, China, UK and other emerging powers. Realist also focus to expand the membership of security council to India and other emerging powers. According to them, this will increase the powers of many states.

According to liberalism, liberals believe in cooperation, collective security and international institutions. They focus on to reform the UN in order to enhance cooperation among member states. The UN has taken initiative of (R2P) responsibility to protect in order to prevent humanitarian crisis in the globe.

According to constructivism, they believe that international norms and ideas shape the state behaviour. Their reforms focus on acceptance of human rights norms and international treaties and agreements climate change.

According to critical theorists, they criticise the structural inequalities and power imbalance in the international system. They wanted to reform the UN's decision making process in order to make it more equitable and inclusive.

Conclusion: According to international relation theories there is a need to reform United nation. Reforming UN will promote peace and prosperity according to liberalists while it will increase power of powerful states according to realists.