

The Worst Disease in the World today is Corruption

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"Corruption is a cancer: A cancer that eats away at a citizen's faith in democracy, diminishes the instinct for innovation and creativity," Joe Biden, the president of United States of America, said. Most of the people in the world considers corruption in the sense of acquiring illegal money, embezzlements or gaining assets of the country but in real times, corruption includes many other aspects such as moral, cultural, social and whatever is illegal and done with wrong intentions. ~~The~~ ~~corrupts~~ The main reasons for corruption include weak judiciary, lawlessness, lack of accountability that give opportunity to the elites of gaining personal interests at the cost of poor unawake nations. These factors leads to sufferings of people as corruption opens the door for evil and perilous things like ~~that~~ lack of employment opportunities, due to which people face poverty. Poverty leads to hunger and inability to accomplish basic ~~best~~ needs of life. These phases of life compels individual to ~~involve~~ involve in criminal activities. Increase of crime rates, poverty, hunger, lack of compliance to the national interest ~~of~~ by our own representatives leads to economic and political instability of the state, it then leads to problems of inflation, debt servicing, devaluation of money,

weak economic state, leading to the weak status in the world, on which there are greater chances of invasion by ~~any~~ other strong nations. Corruption also strips the ^{talented} youth's ~~from~~ right contributing into nations progress and prosperity. So, lack of innovations in already instable state leads to frail and plummet nations. To combat corruption, states should work on quality education, strong judiciary, proper accountability and spread of social awareness in the individuals regarding their duties and rights as a nation.

In today's sophisticated world, corruption has invaded into majority of countries like a deadly disease such as according to CPI report 2023: they gave zero score to the most corrupt and 100 score to the least corrupt nations, two-third of the countries of the world got less than fifty score out of 100, highlighting the status of world on ground of corruption. The ~~thirst~~ hunger of wealth and power has taken the world unprecedented stage of crises.

First of all, we will ponder on the causes of corruption, that are leading the nation's root causes of instability.

To start with, weak judiciary when there is lack of rule of law, the powerful gets away with their criminal activities leaving the poor with injustice. Weak judicial system violates the trust and cohesion of

an individual in social and justice system. It gives more power to the powerful fealing the poor. Mistrust among the individuals and ^{weak} court of law disintegrates them from their own country. Lack of law enforcement agencies impedes corrupt practices in the system from police, lawyers to judges which brings the world in worst form, the world of powerful nations who want more power.

Secondly, lack of accountability is another factor of bringing corruption on the stage. When representatives are not held accountable, they fearlessly ~~do~~ ^{work} for their interest without giving a single thought to the results. Therefore, system will lack transparency of matters and no one will be held responsible for consequences. Steingent policies of the states holds the agent accountable. Sense of responsibility and trust of nation are real factors to combat corruption.

The case of Panama papers is a case in point, when prime minister of Iceland resigned after leak of Panama papers but prime minister of Pakistan had no embarrassment and he stood in establishment untill he was expelled from the government. When there is lack of sense of responsibility then there is no place for embarrassment and notorious activities of corruption will still prevail.

Thirdly, personal interest of elite rulers involve them in corruption. It is human nature from very beginning of the world to gain power, But, today's

World has become blind in greed of power, wealth, assets that they are involved deeply in corruption. Various examples are present in history when monarchs used to annex and control different states to gain more power and wealth. Similarly, this greed has engulfed the world with corruption. In Pakistan, bribe has now become a cultural norm at every level of almost all institutions from health, education, revenue, to police, courts and parliament.

Uptill now, we have discussed major causes of corruption, there exist even more in the world. Now, we will highlight how this deadly disease of corruption undermines a nation's prosperity and progress.

Firstly, there is a dynamic relation between corruption and unemployment rate in a state. The corrupt government gives jobs by taking bribe from job seekers which result in employment of less qualified individuals. The deserving candidates are left behind and bureaucrats seek job by giving bribe resulting in increase of less qualified into the whole system who are unable to maintain sustainable growth of a country. So, there is a dynamic relationship between perceived bribery among officials and youth unemployment rates. The educated job seekers will either stifle in this rigged system or they will blend themselves in this corrupt system.

where incumbents are sitting only to seek bribe from the poor.

Secondly, corruption leads to increase in crime rates. Corrupt practices create sense of despondency among individual when there are no jobs and opportunities. People strive hard to earn and support their families, but lack of opportunities leads to poverty, hunger and inability to ~~fill~~ ~~fulfil~~ fulfil basic needs of life, which compels the poor to engage in criminal activities like theft, street crimes, pickpocketing, kidnapping for ransom etc. When a youth involves in these criminal acts, he gets habitual of earning through short-cuts rather than sustainable and respectable earning. These practices have become very common in larger cities of Pakistan like Karachi, Lahore, Faisalabad etc. Same is the case with many developing and under-developed countries of the world.

Thirdly, blending of factors such as unemployment, lack of true leadership, lack of sustainable sources of earning, increased crime rates create skill-less society which can never progress rather with passage of time country faces economic instability and political turmoil and ultimate fiasco of the state. At this time, Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, is a case in point. As Bangladesh is the ~~no~~ one of the most corrupt countries

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of the world and several protests on job quota were due to apex of unemployment among youth. These protest led Hasina's government into unprecedented situation of ~~political~~ instability in the country, where she fled from her own government after resigning, for sake of her safety of life. Likewise there are multiple examples in the world where corruption is one of the leading factors for reprehensible situation of states.

Fourthly, corruption is a key internal factor for inflation in the world. Corrupt practices related to economy mainly, creates a gap in distribution of resources among individuals. Most of the opportunities and resources of the state taken by the oppressive and powerful elites that create inequality. Corruption deteriorates image of one's country for investment. So, reduction of investors reduces impact of dollars also. Reduction of imports stalls the economy of the state and unequal distribution of resources negatively utilizes the already existing resources of the country, ultimately, prices of commodities rises, hence, inflation.

Fifthly, corruption deprives ^{talented} youth from serving their own country. Such as country like Pakistan, is a case in point, in this country there is no appreciation of talent. Talented youngsters are fleeing from country.

to get opportunities and they are moving to places where their talent will be appreciated. Many educated young boys and girls are ~~se~~ sitting in their homes holding degrees in their hands with their precious talent but on the other hand, corrupt government is taking those individuals who lack talent but they transfer a good amount of money to seek job. Hence, corruption in the world is making it a dream to materialize our talent and skills, ~~rather~~ ^{also} it is just adding talentless individual at higher positions in a society.

Sixthly, it is a famous saying by Pope Francis, "Corruption is paid by the poor." The ultimate result of corruption is weak and fear nation that is broken economically, politically and culturally. Those poor nations become condemnable. These powerless nations are then ruled by multiple powerful countries of the world, those nations are exploited the most.

This idea of ^{this} ~~pointed~~ can get weight by giving example of Pakistan and IMF. Pakistan, being an economically sabotaged country is depending heavily upon IMF. To get IMF loan, Pakistan has to be in agreement with IMF conditions which weaken the state economically and this vicious cycle continues. Not only economically, it has exploited country's image and weakened foreign policy of the state also. So, corruption is a deadly disease

that emptied the country internally and completely.

To combat corruption, nations and states need to take appropriate and necessary steps to reduce exploitation and bring rule of law in the country so that nation become prosper and stable.

For sake of prosperity a nation must ensure quality education in every part of the country from remote areas, villages to bigger cities. Good quality education, advanced courses, skillful practices, sophisticated scientific labs, practically operational labs, building of universities, schools, colleges, training of teachers, accountability of institutions including public as well as private, encouragement of talented students, research based practices and many other similar steps can help a nation getting education. This should be right of not only man but also women should ~~have~~ ^{be given} equal opportunities, which can, in real time, prosper a nation and these practices can help combat corruption. when students will be selected on meritorious grounds rather than bribery.

~~like case~~, Furthermore, corruption can be falsified by adding strength to accountability. When a person is ~~help~~ held responsible, it is his duty ~~of~~ and he will be made accountable for good or bad

results. The sense of responsibility, fear of punishment, fear of reputation these factors ~~can~~ can become important in reducing corruption.

In addition to this, fair judiciary, transparent implementation of rule of law against corruption - is another effective aspect to control corruption. Such as example of Denmark is a great lesson for us, it stood at top in the annual corruption perception index 2023, because it stood against lawlessness and strived for corruption-free society. It also topped in world justice report of 2022 for efficacy of implementation of laws. For any country to develop, it is a basic condition for the state to ~~have~~ establish strong judiciary so that every person of the nation is held accountable to uproot corruption.

Lastly, awareness should be created among individuals regarding their duties, responsibilities and rights as a nation. So that, they have mindful thoughts and awareness about how the developed nations have reached ~~the~~ highest ~~level~~ positions in the world. Now the ^{at} super-powerful states have ~~go~~ achieved that very level. It is because they strived hard for corruption free society and now they are exemplary states ~~of~~ among all those corrupt countries that are left behind in the search of power but

still they are powerless except some elites.

As far as, position of Pakistan is concerned, according to CPI report 2023, Pakistan stood at 133 number in race of ~~one~~ the corrupt nations and our neighbour country, India, stood, at 93 number even better than us. Pakistan falls among one of the corrupt nations of the world but we are still working hard in the hope of prosperity. ~~To~~ Due to economic and political turmoil in Pakistan from very first day of independence, lack of visionary leadership, our historical disputes with neighbouring countries, they have effected ~~to~~ us in all aspects. But, Now Pakistan is seeing golden rays of sunlight in hope that one day we will ~~be~~ be the exemplary nation for the world in justice, transparency, education, progress and prosperity.

To conclude, we have ~~so~~ far discussed how the worst disease corruption has prevailed and effected major countries of the world. Causes of corruption such as weak judiciary, lack of transparency, lost accountability, weak rule of law and justice and personal interest of the rulers and bureaucrats ~~or~~ instead of national interest are some of the factors that have ~~encourag~~ encouraged corruption in the world. Corruption is itself a deadly disease that destroys

the nations. It creates those hapless nations which lack harmony among themselves. These nations face several crises like unemployment, increased crime rates, lack of opportunities, Hopeless youth, no appreciation of talent and skills, poverty, ~~the~~ hunger, inflation, raised taxes and revenues, power outages and many more. Ultimately, economic and political instability, resentment of the ~~mass~~ public, oppression of the establishment are faced by the individuals. To uproot corruption several steps must be taken by the government such as quality education, strong and independent judiciary, accountability, good governance, rule of law, penalties for the corrupt ^{individuals} and social awareness among the individuals for their rights and responsibilities so, that they perform those duties with sense of accountability as a nation, not as a person only who works for his own benefits.