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today is corruption.

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"The worst Disease in the world today is Corruption"

According to the CPI (Corruption Perceptions Index) 2023, which shows that corruption is increasing globally. CPI ranks 180 countries based on their public sector corruption. Over two-third of the countries score less and which indicates the serious problem of corruption in entire Globe. Corruption is defined by dishonest and illegal behaviour and motives especially by powerful authority, which affect the state own resources and brutally damage the image of State, is called corruption. Corruption plays the crucial role in undermine the democracy, increase of injustice, weak economic growth, Low per capita income-, Enhance the poverty - gap between middle class and Elite-, Lack of Accountability, Increase the violence and social destruction of State reputation, Increase of unemployment. These are the problems of corruption with every state. Entire Globe face the affects of corruption in the form of war on terror, Gaza Gaza war, failure of UNO - leads the conflicts among the Global institutions like failure of united nation peace security council, failure of World health organizations and Environmental degradation. Hence, it is proved that Corruption is like disease which can become the cause of major nation falls in today's world.

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Origin and evolution of corruption

In Ancient civilizations, corruption is one of the oldest phenomena practiced by individuals. In these ancient civilizations, the officials who had power and who were in authority majorly accepted the bribes for the self interest and breached the code of conduct

(code of Hammurabi) - these code aimed for the punishment of such behaviours.

Roman Empire: The reason for the fall of Roman Empire was the corruption.

During Late Republic and empire, the Roman officials engaged themselves in bribery and other corrupt activities. These activities were happened because the concentration of power remained in few hands, which led to lack of accountability and transparency and caused the widespread of corruption which ultimately weaken the social institutions of Roman Empire

Corruption leads to weak governance and institutions

Firstly, Accountability and transparency play the major role to weaken the corruption because check and balance are important in today's Era. Powerful officials deceive the government by tricks and selfish motives which lead to authoritarianism. that's the reason it weaken the democracy and become the

threat to democratic institutions like Judiciary, legislature and electoral bodies. When these officials engage in accepting bribes, motivate nepotism and manipulate the elections, then it undermines the basic pillars of the democracy which is accountability and transparency. and in a result, these institutions become less effective in roles of their check & balance which leads to increase in corruption. Secondly, when legal framework delay the justice and rule of law is weakened then ultimately corrupt practices are increase. there is the lack of enforcement where law lies only on the papers, but they are not fully enforced in the society. and individuals engage in corrupt practices.

Economic consequences

Corruption raise the cost of doing businesses. Those who are involved in the corruption introduce the additional charges on the business man, which increase their expenses. For example, They charge the additional price on the contract approval or for the secure of contract they take the bribes. businesses are forced to pay the money for the permit of contract which can increase the informal payments and these extra cost erode the profit margin of the business, which discourage the businesses of doing business in corrupt environment. In addition, Corruption

distorts the allocation of resources by investing money on those projects and sectors which are beneficial for corrupt people. These people prioritize their personal benefits rather than social welfare and societal benefits. For example, the funds which are being allocated for the poor people, their infrastructure and their services are being used in the other projects which result the suboptimal use of resources and this can hinder the economic development.

The second reason for the distortion of allocation of resources are favoritism and inefficiency. Contracts and major projects are being awarded on the basis of favoritism, bribery, personal gain and use of power rather than efficiency and merit.

Poverty and inequality.

Poverty and inequality increase because of the gap between middle class and elite class.

The major reason behind this gap could be the improper taxation framework - The regressive taxation - which apply on every individual either middle class or elite, and this increase the gap among the classes and cause the inequality.

When the basic necessities were not meet and essential services such as healthcare and education were not provided then population is being more focused on illegal mean and crime. On the other hand, Corruption also increase the inequality corruption often benefit to those people which

have the connections and resources at the expense of broader population. Corrupt people sell the seats of well deserving candidate for the sake of money and personal gains and advantages. Wealthy people get more advantages and less poor privileged are marginalized.

Worsen Social Impact

Corruption cause the destabilization of social structure like erosion of public trust in judicial system and public institutions. This corruption become the cause of breakdown of social image of state ~~is~~ Globally. Where corruption is normal, corrupt behaviour, crime, injustice and violence become intensified. **The case study of murder**

of Indian dr. Momita: The dr. was being raped and murdered but indian government authority and powerful institutions were failed to find the culprits, and due to weaken governance and democracy, these incidents are happening not only in India but also the other parts of world as well. Corruption is the main cause of delayed justice. On the other hands, Due to the corruption, Health and education is being compromised. In the Health sector, misallocation of resources - health budget and Fraud leading to inadequate resources. The misallocation means the lack of health care facilities, medications, necessary equipment and supplies, undermine the quality of care provided. In addition, Low

education standards also caused by the corruption. The untrained and unqualified teacher are being appointed in government school on the basis of nepotism or bribery. This undermines the quality education and low skillful people and low educational outcome which can severely impact on the development of state. Furthermore, Educational programs and initiatives are being compromised due to corruption. For example, Funds which are mainly allocated for the educational reform, project of infrastructure and public school programs may be deviated due to corruption.

Global Implication:

Corruption enforces the mistrust among the global communities worldwide. Firstly, strain on the diplomatic relations. Those government officials and businesses which are being involved in the corrupt activities or those which have corruption allegations, are being strained on diplomatic relations by other state. Secondly, due to corruption, international issues such as environmental problems and trade issues can be hindered by the ~~cor~~ and this leads towards the unequal enforcement and implementation of international regulation and treaties. So corruption undermines the effectiveness of international partnership and initiatives. Same in the way of conflict generation among the state due to the corruption.

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Corruption not only fuels the internal conflict which contributes the divert resources / misallocation of resources through corrupt practices, it can lead to social unrest, different groups which are being marginalized become aggrieved and in bad condition, but also external conflict as well, like Kashmir conflict - actual conflict on resources, Gaza conflict - actual conflict on land which is also resource. Corruption also leads towards the Human right violations which mainly based on Exploitation and Abuse toward the Innocent people like the people of Gaza.

Environmental Impacts:

Corruption leads to the environment degradation which result the unregulated Mining companies and corrupt individuals exploit the natural resources, and Government authority which oversight, are also involved. Illegal cutting of trees for the gain of wood and form the paper to give the benefit of Paper industry can undermine the environmental laws and regulations, which laterly affect on the Global environment and cause the pollution.

Possible Solutions:

The possible solutions to eradicate the corruption is to empower the institutions like Judiciary and free-media and make the totally independent so that they could not influence by others, for the sake of bribery. Secondly, Eliminate the

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mass illiteracy, educate the people and spread the awareness. ~~this~~ Lastly, legal reforms to punish those people who are actually involve in the corruption.

Conclusion:

Hence, It is proved that Corruption play the crucial role to undermine not only the State image and reputation but also can cause several other problems related to International global peace and security and hindering the trade. And it is proved that Corruption is like the disease in today's world which can damage every thing especially development of nations and became the cause of their fall.