

The worst disease in the world today is corruption.

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The Chinese empire built Great Wall of China, to protect their land from foreign invaders. They failed in doing so, even after erecting huge walls. Due to corrupt officials, who were responsible for security of the gates, the invaders used to find gates open after paying them. Therefore, those huge invincible walls can't secure their homeland, due to corrupt officials. Corruption is a worst disease because it impacts every sphere of a state. Judicial corruption leads to denial of justice, which makes it a worst disease. It also paves path to poverty. Moreover, corrupt practices in education sector stifles social and economic growth. In health

sector, it makes people vulnerable to diseases and death, making it the worst disease. In political sphere, it cause loss of faith in democratic institutions. Due to denial of rights, it paves path to political uprising. It also makes national security vulnerable and allow space to military coups. Economically, it also impact a state due to loss of revenue and fueling economic inequality. Also, favours to industrial lobbies makes economic market unstable, which led to loss of confidence of foreign investors. Therefore, making corruption worst disease of modern world, there are various factors responsible for fueling corruption. It includes lack of accountability and

transparency, political instability and weak democratic institution. As every problem has its remedy, corruption can also be eradicated by reforms in accountability regime. Moreover, overcoming political instability and strengthening democracy will also help to overcome the problem of corruption. Hence, the corruption is the worst disease in modern world due to its negative impact on social, political and economic sphere of a state. It is fueled by various factors. Therefore, there is need of reforms to overcome the issue of corruption.

To begin with, corrupt practices in judicial system lead to denial of justice,

making it worst disease in today's world. Judiciary served as guardian of basic rights. Corrupt practices in judiciary means the basic rights of people are at stake. It leads to delay in justice or sometime denial of justice. Moreover, it can also result in taking away life, liberty and property. For instance, Supreme Court of Pakistan in its judgement declared in 2023, found out that ~~the~~ the trial of former prime minister, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, was not judicious. Hence, the corruption in judiciary is the worst disease, as it can take away life, liberty and property.

Furthermore, corruption also paves path to poverty.

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Poverty is direct result of corrupt practices. It takes away the revenue required for the development of society. The government initiate various programs, to provide relief to masses. But, it does not reach the masses, due to corrupt officials. Therefore, exacerbate the already precarious situation. For instance, the Corruption Perception Index 2024, shows that countries with lower ranking also have higher poverty. Like, Pakistan ranks at 144/180 and have poverty rate of 39%. Hence, the corruption is a worst disease, as it paves path to poverty.

In addition, corruption in education sector stifles social and economic growth. Education sector forms

the future of a state. But, due to corrupt practices, it blocks the path to development of nation future. It stifles innovation, creativity and development of students, by taking away the facilities required for the growth of education sector. For instance, according to a Dawn report, Sindh have more than 6000 ghost schools. Hence, the corruption in education sector is a worst disease.

Moreover, corruption in health sector is also a worst disease, as it makes people vulnerable to death and diseases. The health is responsible for providing health care services to ensure health of a state. The corrupt practices

in this sector, ~~matters~~ is imperative to playing with life of the people. Any mis-deed will direct result in death of people. ~~The~~ Ensuring basic services and machinery in hospital is mandatory but due to corruption it is not present in majority of hospitals or if present are either malfunction or not working at all. Therefore, hospitals in remote areas are not able to work ~~propy~~ properly and results in death and vulnerability of masses to diseases. Hence, the corruption in health sector is worst disease.

Furthermore, corruption leads to ^{loss} ~~destruction~~ of faith in democratic institutions. The state is responsible for provision of

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services to the people. The lack of transparency in these services and presence of corrupt practices makes people frustrated. Therefore, they start questioning the legitimacy of the institutions, as are not able to secure their rights and provide basic services. For instance, according to Free and Fair Election Network, the turnout during election 2024 was 49.81%, which is very low and shows the distrust of people in democratic institutions. Hence, the rising corruption leads to loss of faith in democratic institutions.

Furthermore, corruption denies the basic rights therefore paves the path to political uprising. Basic rights

are inalienable rights, which state has to secure by any means. But, due to prevailing corruption the basic rights of people are curtailed, which creates sense of alienation among masses. To protect their rights, they start mass protests and uprising, which results in political instability and sometimes fall of government. The case in point here is the fall of Hasina's government in Bangladesh, due to mass uprising against her corrupt practices. Hence, the rising corruption paves path to political uprising.

Moreover, it also opens door to military takeovers. The corruption of democratic leaders results in political

unrest, which can result in the rise of military rule. They pressurize the elected rulers, as they know their corrupt practices and result in their greater role in politics. The political instability, due to political uprising can also be used by military as an excuse to overthrow a democratic regime. For instance, the government of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was overthrown by Zia-ul-Haq, due to political uprising against him, due to alleged rigging of election. Hence, the corruption open doors for role of military in politics.

In addition, it also makes national security vulnerable to foreign

rials, making corruption worst disease of today world. National security is of foremost importance to any nation. The national security became vulnerable when official responsible for security indulge in corrupt practices. It can be detrimental to a state, as it can be attack from inside and outside at some time. For instance, Nigeria military scandal, where officials were involved in selling arms to Boko Haram, a terrorist organisation. Hence, the corruption can make national security vulnerable to foreign threats.

Furthermore, corruption cause loss of huge amount of revenue. The state tax machinery responsible for

collecting taxes when get involve in corruption, cause huge losses of revenue. The money which will otherwise use to serve people goes to the people already have huge amount of wealth. This have multiple impact on the state ^{and} society. The state loss revenue, and the society loss the services which would, otherwise, be given if state had the revenue. For example, the Dubai Leaks shows that Pakistanis have \$12 billion worth of properties in Dubai, which are mainly owned by bureaucrats, military generals and politicians. Hence, the corruption leads to loss of revenue.

Moreover, corruption also fuels economic inequality, making it a world disease.

The corrupt practices leads to saturation of wealth. This wealth is gained through corruption and kept away from the official financial system, through use of black or grey market. This inequality have multiple impact on society. The saturation of wealth results in social hierarchies and concentration of political powers. According to UNDP report, 10% of Pakistanis hold 70% of total wealth. Hence, the corrupt practices results in economic inequality and making it a worst disease of modern times.

In addition, favours to certain lobbies make economic market unstable. lobbies in every state are involve in getting favours from the state. These favours are usually

allotted through unfair means. This results in instability in market dynamics, which cause losses to others while giving favours to some. According to Khurram Husain, a senior economist in Dawn, government of Pakistan has given subsidies to textile lobby worth \$18 billion dollars. Hence, the economic favours to certain lobbies, through unfair means, makes the economic market unstable.

Lastly, corruption results in loss of confidence of foreign investors. Foreign investment in modern world is necessary for economic growth. But, the investors, before investing in any market, keep eye on every dynamic of the country. As corruption results in market manipulation and a barrier to smooth functioning,

the foreign investors hesitates to invest in that market. Corruption also means insecurity of the capital, as it is vulnerable to corrupt practices. Therefore, to avoid any loss of capital, investors do not invest in market, where corruption is rampant. Aizaz Ahmed Chaudry, in his article CPE 200 argued that rampant corruption and red tapism was a major barrier to investment in Pakistan and to attract investment in CPEC project we had to overcome malaise of corruption. Hence, the corruption is a worst disease, as it results in loss of foreign investment.

As every problem have certain causes, corruption is also caused by various

Factors. First of all, lack of accountability and transparency is a major factor, which fuel corruption. Accountability acts as a repellent against ~~democracy~~ corruption, the weak accountability gives impetus and provide path for corrupt practices. For instance, the countries with weak regimes of accountability have ^{lower} ~~high~~ ranking in corruption perception Index. Among these countries are Vanuatu and Somalia. Hence, the lack of accountability is a major cause behind the rising corruption.

Secondly, political instability is also a major factor responsible for corrupt practices. Due to political instability, the government are not focus on its

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due duty, rather, they are involved in curtailing threats to their rule. This provides opportunities to officials to go through government watch. For instance, Pakistan falls in Transparency International ranking after political turmoil of last two years. Hence, the political instability provides breeding ground for corruption.

Thirdly, it is also fueled by weak democratic institutions. Central to democracy is accountability and rule of law. Due to weak democracy, the corrupt practices increase because the accountability and transparency diminish, which results in rampant corruption. According to Democracy index 2024, New Zealand ranks 3rd while in

CPI ranking it ranks 2nd, which shows a greater relation between democracy and corruption. Hence, the dwindling democracy is a major factor responsible for fueling corruption.

As every problem has a certain solution, corruption can also be overcome by taking various major reforms.

Firstly, the accountability regimes must be reformed.

It should be strengthened to overcome the ~~matacra~~ grave issue of corruption. These

reforms should aim to introduce departmental accountability and transparency. Moreover, the surveillance of government officials must be introduced to keep them under checks of government.

The accountability regime of Norway, which ranks highest in

CPI, can be a good example. Hence, the reformation of accountability apparatus is a way forward to overcome problem of corruption.

Secondly, the political instability should be overcome.

As the political instability gave impetus to corruption, it can be overcome through overcoming this problem. To overcome crisis of political instability, negotiation and dialogue should be pursued.

This will bring political calmness and allow government to keep check on its officials. The reformation of South Africa of decades of turmoil and an apartheid state can be a good example to bring political stability.

Lastly, the democratic

institutions must be strengthened. The central tenet of democracy is transparency and accountability. Strengthening it will create a barrier against any misuse of power. Moreover, it will allow people to overthrow any corrupt regime through a vote. Hence, strengthening democracy will create a transparent and accountable government, overcoming malice of corruption.

In conclusion, the corruption in modern world is indeed worst disease. It impact the social, economic and political segment of a state. Although, it is fueled by various factors, yet it can be overcome by taking some reforms. In social sphere, it results in justice

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denied, rampant poverty and stifling social and economic growth. It also makes people life at risk, due to corruption in health sector. In political sphere, it results in loss of faith in democracy. It also results in political uprising, opening door for military interventions. Moreover, it also makes national security vulnerable. Corruption also cause loss of revenue, economic inequality and loss of confidence of investors, which makes it a worst disease of the time. It is fueled by factors like lack of accountability, political instability and weak democracy. By taking reforms, like strengthening accountability regime, overcoming political instability and strengthening

democracy this worst disease
can be overcome. Although,
corruption has impacted every
sphere of life, it can be
overcome through ^{these} reforms, to
make the world prosperous
and free from corruption.