

# The Ostrich Mentality of Ummah's Response to Israel's Actions.

## Outline

### 1. Introduction

Nations play the cards of religion, culture and ideology in order to pursue their national interest, when same religion or ideology contradict their interest they adopt ostrich behavior.

### 2. Realistic Behavior of muslim countries

- (a) National interests outweigh religious solidarity
- (b) Muslim state v/s Machiavellian states concept
- (c) Might is Right
- (3) Gap between states and society
  - (a) Saudi Arab
  - (b) Egypt
  - (c) Iran

- (d) Turkey
- (c) Pakistan
- 4- Future Arab Spring

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According to realist school of thought man is selfish by nature. It means in order to pursue his interest he would go beyond morality or moral limits. This perspective is proving now a days, muslim countries like Pakistan, Saudi Arab, Dubi UAE etc are adopting silent behavior on the brutal slaughter of muslims in Palestine by Israeli forces. Because of their selfish interest they are closing their eyes on the cruel behavior of Jews. Muslim states <sup>are</sup> adopting that realist perspective that Machiavelli gave in his book "The Prince" - According to him if you want to survive grab the power. Therefore, that selfish and immoral behavior creating gap between state

and society, because state are try to pursue their interest but society wants them to fulfill the religious solidarity. This gap between state and society is predicting the future Arab spring. Because state's selfish fulfillment of interest is alienating the society. Hence, nations play the cards of religion, culture and ideology in order to pursue their national interest. However, when these same factors contradicting their interest they adopt ostrich behaviour.

According to Father of realism, Morgenthau, national interest are driving force behind states foreign policy. Muslim countries are adopting the same selfish attitude towards political slaughterers

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of muslims in palestine. states are trying to achieve the economic, political and strategic goals. while this struggle of interest they are forgetting or intentionally ignoring their religious solidarity. For instance, countries like Jordan, Bahrain and UAE <sup>has</sup> recognised the isreal as an independent state. This selfish persuasion of interest is the main concept of realism.

Similarly, Machiavelli, the diotator of italy, in his book "The Prince" gave the idea of state. he compared the state with man. He stated that just like man states ~~are~~ should also be amoral and selfish. State take the decision according to their interest as man. 27

we look at the muslim

states, they are behaving in the same way of Machiavellian states. There was a time when muslim states were using the idea of religion under the leadership of Gamal Abdul Nasser, they were <sup>united</sup> under the umbrella of Pan Islamism. Now they are ignoring the same religion and adopting ostich behaviour because now religion is not persuing their interest.

Similarly, realism also ~~pro~~ gives the idea of 'might is right'. Now a day, israel with American <sup>absolute</sup> support, is powerful. Therefore muslim ummah is completely silent, instead of supporting their muslim brother in palestine. When it comes to power, then there

is no human rights, there is no religious solidarity, and there is not muslim brotherhood. once Henry Kissinger said "There are no permanent friends and enemy on international arena only interests are permanent" and this is proving with the muslims response on palestine cause.

Resultantly this selfish behaviour of states is not aligning the with societies of muslim states. which is creating a huge gap between states and society. societies wants to take ~~be~~ blunt actions against the that cruel state of israel. on the other hand states and leader dont want to act emotionally and following

the State's interest without indulging emotions in their decision making process. Because there is no place of emotions when it comes to decision making process. But this rational of states is not understandable for people of the states which creating the distance or gap between them - Arab Spring I was the best example of gap between state and society.

If we analyze the response of muslim states on Palestinian cause it would make us realize the rationale behind the ostrich behavior of states.

First of all, Saudi



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Arabian, which is not taking the blunt action against Israel's brutality and adopting the stance of peaceful solution of dispute. By analyzing the MBS's foreign policy, he want we can realize that he want to normalize relations with other countries even Iran for peaceful environment of region, because peace in the region is necessary element for fulfilment of his vision 2030. Therefore he trying to normalize the relation with Iran and Syria, and opting the peaceful resolution approach on Israel Palestine issue. That is manifestation of states selfish aspirations.

Similarly, Egypt is also adopting the peaceful resolution of dispute ~~bt~~ between israel and Palestine and for fear saving in the front of society ~~adopting~~ sending the medicine and food on the name of help.

General Sisi don't want to alienate the society due to palestinean cause their for, on the one hand side he closed the border for migrant from Gaza border, on the other hand sending aid to the people palestine - on the other hand

Iran is bluntly supporting the palestine through the different proxies in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon etc. By analyzing the

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policy of Iran on Israel  
palestine issue one can  
realize that he want  
to be regional hegemon  
by overpowering Iran Saudi  
Arabia. Iran is supporting  
palestinean but cause  
behind it is also its  
interest not religious  
solidarity. It mean when  
it comes to national  
interests they outweigh  
the religious solidarity.  
on the other hand  
Turkey is also supporting  
the palestinean cause  
blantly. Tayyip Erdogan's  
speeches clearly and  
vociferously supporting  
the palestinean cause.  
Turkey also sending  
the aid for people  
of palestine. Netanyahu  
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 In which he said that  
 what is happening in  
 Palestine is clear violation  
 of human rights. Netanyahu  
 replied that who is  
 chanting the slogan of  
 human rights which used  
 to slaughter Kurds.

Similarly, Pakistan is  
 also hesitating to take  
 blunt step against Israel  
 because of his weak  
 economic and political  
 conditions. If a state  
 economically stable that  
 can interfere others  
 issue but if state  
 itself facing the economic  
 instability and political  
 unrest how that state  
 can interfere or intervene  
 in the matter of  
 Palestine Israel.

Therefore, like most  
of muslim states  
Pakistan is also adopting  
the silent or ostrich  
behaviour on this  
issue. That silence on  
the slaughter of muslim  
is causing unrest in  
the muslim society

Although <sup>ready</sup> society states  
are not ~~taking~~ steps  
against israel which is  
against the people aspirations  
it is causing gap b/w  
states and societies,  
which can lead to

another Arab spring.  
Hence one can say national  
interest <sup>can</sup> topple the religious  
solidarity or ideological  
aspirations. states adopt  
that policies which suits  
to their country rather  
than following religion

ideology or cultural factor, state use these factor to pursue their interest but when the same factors contradicting their interest then they adopt ostrich behaviour. Muslims states are today like Machiavellian states, which are selfish, unpredictable and amoral, For instance Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, UAE and Jordan's behavior. This rational of states creating gap between states and societies. Which would leads to another Arab spring. But hopefully state would realize their that they should return to their route and follow act upon their religious solidarity other wise outcomes will be devastating.