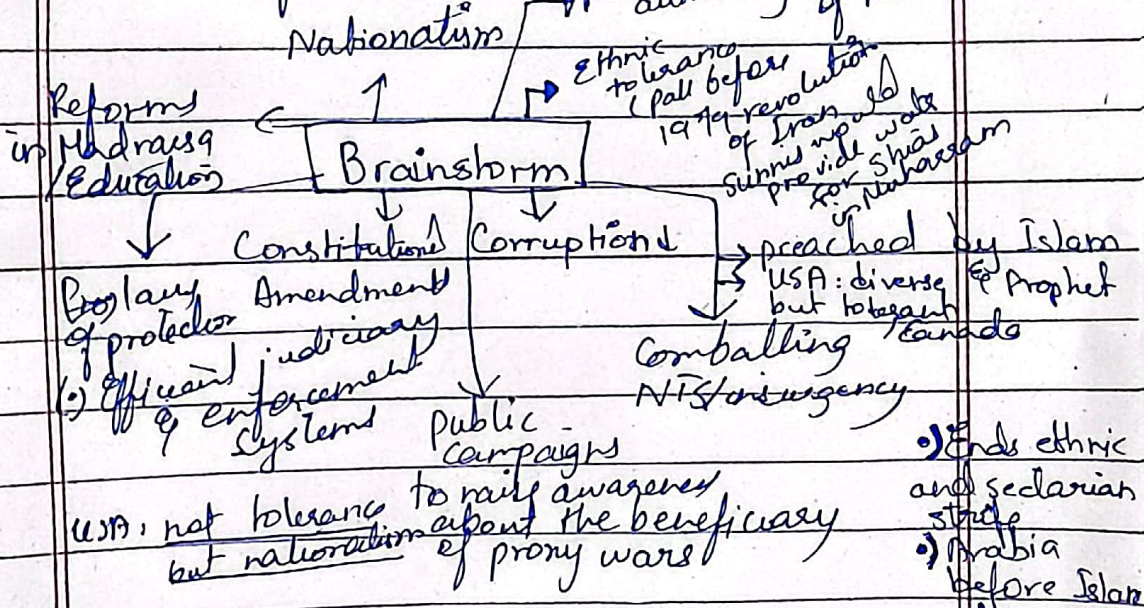


Higher Education vs Skill Acquisition

Feelings of **Brainstorm**
 According to realist theory, humans by nature are driven by self interest / tolerance cannot work w/o trust / a just and prosperous society

"Tolerance is the only way to a peaceful society"



- 1) Equal Addressing Historical grievance
- 2) Nationalism
- 3) Combating NTS
- 4) Madrasa Reforms / Islamic Ed. Reforms
- 5) Constitutional Amendments & laws to protect minorities
- 6) Efficient Judiciary for management.

Outline:

Topic: Tolerance is the only way to a peaceful society.

Intro:

- Realist theory and human nature
- Tolerance without addressal of root causes is not practical.
- Thesis Statement: For a peaceful society, tolerance is necessary but it not is not the only way to achieve it. Tolerance alone cannot achieve a peaceful society.

Tolerance is the only way to a peaceful society:
(A Thesis)

1) Islam ~~as the~~ preaches tolerance:

- Preached by prophet S.A.W
- Pakistan's ideology is Islamic ideology hence it can should be based on Islamic principles (of tolerance)

2) Countries with diverse ethnic and religious factions:

o) Countries such as USA and Canada are ~~the~~ peaceful despite diversity due to tolerance

3) Arabia before and after tolerance:

o) Before the advent of Islam in Arabia, bloodshed was common.

o) Islam brought principles of tolerance and justice

o) The enmity between the tribes of Aus and Khizraj ended due to tolerance and forgiveness.

4) Examples of tolerance and their positive outcomes:

o) Islam survived: Conquest of Makkah, Event of Taif

o) Consolidation of Madinah as the first Islamic State.

C) Tolerance is the only solution to a peaceful society:
(Anti-Thesis).

1- Islam preaches equality, justice etc.

↳ Islam not only preaches tolerance, it also preaches principles of equality, justice and preservation of Human Rights

↳ Pakistani ideology of Islam encompasses democracy, freedom, equality and security of life and property and not just tolerance.

2- Nationalism in multi-ethnic countries:

↳ America's constitution instills the fervour of nationalism in its citizens which overrides their differences
"We the people of America"

↳ American society is base bonded by nationalism rather than tolerance

↳ Cases of violence in Canada depict that tolerance alone is not enough

to form a peaceful society

3- Other factors which civilised the Arabian Society:

- o) A free and fair justice system
- o) A just Ruler
- o) Freedom of expression, religion and security of life and property
- o) Charter with non-Muslims in Madinah.

4) Other

4) other factors that can guarantee a peaceful society.

4.1) Combating Non-traditional

Security threats: Exploitation of ~~(Cultural)~~ differences by external adversaries in the form of proxy wars. and 5th: Generation Warfare

4.2) Constitutional Amendments:

- o) Laws to protect minorities
- o) Efficient and corruption free judiciary
- o) Speedy justice and enforcement of law.

4.3) Addressing historical grievances:

-) equitable resource distribution
- •) Development in under-developed areas.

4.4) Madrassa Reforms:

-) A major tool in creating a more intellectual and compassionate Muslim community
-) ~~Redu~~ Reforms to reduce ^{distorted} Islamic education to combat extremism.

D) Conclusion

The Essay

Title: "Tolerance is the only way to a peaceful society"

Introduction:

According to the Realist theory of International relations, humans by nature are ~~at~~ selfish and hence their actions are driven by self-interest. Self-interest can be individual, state or community level. For a stable state, a satisfied and cohesive (community) communities are essential, since states are at times made up of diverse communities. For their satisfaction and cohesion, it is necessary that prosperity reaches permeates each and every community so their ~~rational~~ self-interests are satisfied and they live peacefully under one flag. Tolerance without addressal of root causes of schism is similar

to starting a car without fuel.

For a peaceful and stable society tolerance is needed but it is not the only way alone to achieve the desired outcome. Addressal of other basic human needs such as ~~property~~ security of life and property, right of freedom of religion and justice socio-economic prosperity are also key players in the establishment of a peaceful society.

Proponents of tolerance as the only way to achieve a peaceful society argue that Islam is a religion of peace because tolerance and forgiveness are the main teachings of our beloved Prophet (S.A.W). Another argument is the basis of Pakistani ideology which is Islam and its guiding principles. Since Islam lays down the foundation of tolerance and forgiveness, it ~~undoubtedly~~ undoubtedly can form the basis

of a peaceful society.

Secondly, countries with diverse ethnic groups emanate tolerance which forms the basis of their cohesion and peaceful society.

Instances of honour killings, sectarian strife and bloodshed are ^{seen} as rare as once in the blue moon. USA and Canada are the prime examples of this impeccable tolerance. With extreme diversity, they continue to demonstrate tolerance ~~and~~ towards their differences.

Apart from that, history is filled with examples of the magical affect of tolerance on societies. A prime example is of our Arabia. Before the advent of Islam, the Arabian society was riddled with vices.

Bloodshed, wars and conflict on minor disputes were rampant.

With the arrival of Islam and its principles of tolerance and peace,

the Arabian society we underwent a major ethical shift. The diverse tribes, each with its own chieftain, learned these principles and the once blood-thirsty Arabian society became a rational and just society. One beautiful example of this is the elimination of the once-never ending enmity between the Aus and Khizraj tribe of Madinah.

Last but not the least, the positive outcomes of tolerance are another evidence of its importance as a pre-requisite for a peaceful society.

The conquest of Makkah sets a beautiful example of tolerance.

The general pardon granted by the Prophet (S.A.W) to the once hostile Quraish led to the mass conversion of non-Muslims. The strength of Islam increased without any disruption of peace and any bloodshed. Another example is the consolidation of

as the first Islamic state. The Prophet (S.A.W), instead of expelling the non-Muslims out of Madinah or formulating harsh policies for them, signed a charter with them. By setting this example of tolerance, the state became safe from internal strife and threat.

So far, the focal of discussion was tolerance as the only solution to a peaceful society. Now, we will take a look at the other side of the coin.

Since Islam is the ideological basis for Pakistan, other principles such as human Rights protection, justice, equality and freedom of religion should also be important key players in a peaceful society. These principles are seen in Prophet (S.A.W)'s actions as well when he granted non-Muslims all these rights.

Secondly, Nationalism instead of tolerance is the dominant factor in fostering a culture of unity and peace ultimately peace in the American Society. The constitution of America's opening statement says, "We the people of America" which ~~was~~ instills the fervour of nationalism in Americans and ~~it~~ forms a cohesive and peaceful society. Canada, recently, has experienced an uptick in the cases of killings driven by religious intolerance and racism underscoring that tolerance alone is not sufficient to guarantee peace. Other factors contribute to this process of peace as well.

The Arabian society was civilised not only through inculcation of feelings of tolerance, but by other reforms too. Firstly, the ruler of Madinah was the Prophet (S.A.W) himself who was just and received unanimous consensus on his becoming the Head of the State by Aus and Khizraj. This underscores the significance of true democracy and a just ruler for establishing a cohesive peaceful society. The Charter with the Jews and other non-Muslims in Madinah assured freedom of religion and financial autonomy which saliated their self-interest as per the Realist theory. This contributed to a peaceful society with no grievances.

From the above mentioned arguments, it is clear that there are other key factors which play a significant role in attaining a society. We will now look at how tolerance alone cannot achieve a peaceful society and underscore the significance of other factors as important contributors to achieve the desired society.

Firstly, the schism in the society and ethnic groups is exploited by various external factions which hampers the attainment of a peaceful society. Proxy wars under the guise of Sunni-Shia or sectarian conflicts add fuel to the already escalating misunderstandings making negotiations and tolerance impossible.

Combating such factions and raising public awareness about the intention and mode of working

is crucial to end the distances between communities.

Secondly, constitutional amendments, acts and legislations which guarantee human rights, protection of minorities and ensure high treason for those who violate them ~~are~~ ^{are} another crucial step that should be taken to bridge the gap between diverse factions. Laws prohibiting honour killings, domestic violence and other ~~implacable~~ ^{implacable} crimes should be legislated. Severe punishments should be legislated ~~and~~ for such crimes. Judicial reforms for speedy justice and, corruption free judiciary and timely enforcement for laws are the need of the hour.

Apart from that, addressing historical grievances by equitable distribution of resources and equitable share in developmental projects such as CPEC are also crucial.

This would not only reduce the feelings of separatism but will also foster feelings of unity which would result in reduced terrorist attacks. ~~The~~ With this done, security situation would improve, steering the society towards stability and ultimately peace.

Lastly, religious tolerance forms the basis of all other forms of tolerance. A person who has the element of religious tolerance is tolerant to women, non-Muslims, animals, children etc. et cetera. To achieve this reforms at Madrasas and school level are important.

~~The~~ ~~ex~~ Madrasahs are a source of extremism whereas our poor

education system has failed to teach the true essence of Islam to our students. Reforms such as change in curriculum of Madrasah and school students, training of teachers in Islamic education are needed to purge the society of the imminent threat of terrorism.

Way Forward

A peaceful society is formed from individuals with healthy minds ^{and} body, socio-economic prosperity and general feelings of happiness. To achieve the desired outcome of a peaceful society, the pre-requisites of tolerance must be fulfilled which are life security of life and property, socio-economic prosperity, human rights, inequality and freedom of speech and religion. A Democratic, just and corruption free society can successfully climb the ladder of becoming a peaceful society.