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BRAIN DRAIN IS BETTER THAN BRAIN IN THE DRAIN

• OUTLINE

1. Introduction.

2. Brain Drain is better than brain in the drain:

2.1 An individual can upskill oneself through modern and updated education.

- IT engineers in India has helped it to export \$200 billion of IT services as they are the product of Silicon Valley, USA.

2.2 Brain drain enhances the standard of living of a person and one's family.

- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) reports supports it.

2.3 It helps one getting rid of psychological trauma enabling one to utilize capabilities.

- Journey of Syed Atiq Raza from a simple lecturer in Pakistan to founding 'NextGen' in USA.

2.4 At societal level it helps mitigating crime and other deviants act.

- According to Herbert Spencer, philosopher, lack of opportunities can make a sane mind do insane activities.

2.5 A person leaving a country opens gates of opportunities for others left behind, promoting balance in society.

- Such people bridge gap for the younger generations, sustaining opportunities for all.

2.6 Foreign diaspora aids in economy through remittances, ensuring economic stability for a state.

- Remittances of Pakistan majorly help it avoid default, amounting more than its exports, \$30 billion.

2.7 In this world of hybrid warfare, a country displays its soft power through diaspora.

- Contribution in sports i.e. cricket matches and stood for Islamophobia.

2.8 People return home with vision are valuable asset for the country.

- Jack Ma, Ratan Tata, Naqib Sawiris have one thing in common, they left their country only to make it better than before.

3. However, the critics argue that brain in the drain is better than brain Drain:

3.1 People living abroad are susceptible to propaganda, arising threat for a country.

3.2 Brain Drain is only xenocentrism concept, it halts psychological growth of a person

- South asian diaspora mainly do menial jobs in the west lying in labour class.

3.3 People leaving our country with desire to change it often forget that real change comes from inside.

4. Nevertheless, the reality is that Brain drain is better than brain in the drain:
- 4.1 People living abroad are more qualified in education than the ones in the country, making them less prone to accept pack of lies.
- 4.2 Not all do menial jobs, it is mostly uneducated ones who would do the same in their own country too.
- 4.3 A change comes when individualism is prioritized and people are awared that is the product of Brain drain.

5. Conclusion

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"Leave your hometown when it is in a state of despair and beyond repair, let it burn to the ground. Once, it is done come back to revive it out of the ash like a phoenix." This intriguing statement is used by Will Durant in his book, *Heroes of History*. This clearly depicts that one cannot fix a country especially when it is facing multifaceted problems, rather leave it for our good. Such is the concept ~~with~~ Brain Drain. In a state of political, economical and societal tensions, it is unlikely for a person to be an asset for a state. In such a situation, brain drain allows one to not only benefit oneself but to others as well. Brain drain is better than living in a country full of crisis in more than one way. On individual level it upskills a person, raises standard of living, and helps one to escape psychological trauma. Besides, crime rates and other deviant activities reduce as well followed by providing equal opportunities for the younger generation, benefiting the society. Further, Brain drain provides remittances to home country, promotes soft power, and gives visionary individuals to state. The critics, however, believe otherwise. They argue that people living abroad are susceptible to propaganda as they are unaware of ground realities. Along with it, their psychological growth stagnants, while the real change becomes inevitable for a country to achieve. Despite such talk, Brain drain remains more beneficial than letting ~~it~~ ^{brain} to drain. The people living abroad are more educated

and aware than the ones in the country thwarting them to become a victim of propaganda easily. Also, uneducated or people lacking in skills do menial jobs mostly unlike all. Moreover, individualism must be prioritized to bring a real change in the country that is done by Brain drain. Hence, it is evident that brain drain is better than the brain in drain because it benefits individual, society and state. On the flip side, the critics argue opposite, but that does not change the reality, making brain drain a viable option than letting rust.

To start with, brain drain supports an individual to upskill through modern and updated education. Many developing countries have outdated syllabus, making student hard to compete globally. Brain drain allows one to get the best education and walk parallel to the world. Such graduates also benefits a country either by working from abroad or from hometown, generating revenue for a country. The IT engineers of India are its examples. India crossed \$200 billion in IT export in 2023 mainly because of the IT diaspora in Silicon Valley, USA, as per 'The Guardian'. This shows how individuals can be an aid for a country by sitting abroad. The same people might not be this useful if they never moved abroad. Hence, brain drain is better than brain in drain because it helps an individual to upskill oneself through modern education.

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In addition to it, brain drain enhances the standard of living as well. People working abroad earn in foreign currencies against which the currency of their home country is undervalued. This difference of exchange rate enables their family to have a better life in home country. Meanwhile, the person staying abroad will be in first world country, guaranteeing security and rights of individual. To put things in perspective, a graduate in Pakistan starts from Rs. 40,000 while minimum wage in USA is \$1600 equivalent to more than four lakhs of Pakistani currency. Such stance is also supported in OECD report, 2023 that states foreign diaspora live in a better environment than at home. Now, it is clear that brain drain enhances standard of living for an individual and family both.

Moreover, brain drain helps one get rid of psychological traumas and utilizes one's capabilities efficiently. The countries tangled-up in crisis do not allow this for an individual. Such is the journey of Syed Atiq Raza, founder of NextGen company. Syed and his wife were lecturer in a university in Punjab. One day, a furious mob dragged his wife out-of-her class on the basis of ethnic conflict. In distress, they both left the country for new horizons in USA. The same lecturer after years of hardwork founded NextGen, a semi-conductor chips manufacturing company, that challenged the monopoly of Intel. To make it vivid, semi-conductor chip market worth \$600 billion in 2022 according to World Economic Forum.

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Brain drain provides enormous opportunities and paths for the ones who are capable. Therefore, it helps a person to escape psychological traumas to utilize one's capability in an efficient way.