

# Why Nations Fail?

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## Introduction

Any Problem can not be solved with the same mentality when it was created. (Albert Einstein) This Quotation indicates that for the development change is must and those nations, which do not adopt changing, they always tend to fail. Nations fail due to many reasons but most prominent reasons of failure are, Poor social bonding and social awareness, weak Political structure and lack of transparency in Public institutions, makes the State to remain under-developed, hence all these causes make any nation fail. Social Causes of backwardness of nations include, Poor social bonding and lack of social awareness, lack of democratic norms among public, poor educational values and troubled history. Imped the growth of countries. In Political perspective reasons of failure are, extractive nature of Political and Public institutions, lack of Political Participation and Poor democratic Laws hinder development. Moreover, Structural reasons also impacts the growth of States such as, out-dated education, lack of transparency and autocratic nature of Public

institutions makes any country vulnerable in growth. In a nutshell, nations grow when all the Political and Social institutions work with transparency and this can be possible when public is aware of their rights and responsibilities.

In this world nations are divided in developed and underdeveloped nations in terms growth and prosperity. The main reasons why some nations are developed and others are backward are, strong social unity, strong civic sense <sup>in</sup> public and democratic laws which enforce all the social, political and economical institutions to work properly with transparency and rule of law. This enables people to have confidence in their public institutions and states. Then, they pay all duties on them and make accountability of their stakeholders. This civic sense come from history, education and from hearing others history. Hence the progress of nation depends upon, what they have learnt about their rights and responsibilities and how they want their state to be run.

It is also seen that strong social bonding among people make them to take daring actions about their state. When there is harmony among public they can stand for their cause and they refuse to bear any injustice. They collectively protect their rights and raise their voice against autocracy and exploitation of human rights. This civic sense among public hold every stakeholder accountable and they all the public process work smoothly. This ensures the growth of nation because social equality is the main factor for the prosperity of nation. It is also can be seen in past like the example of European states they collectively stand for their rights and they got freedom, prosperity and growth. Hence social unity is key to promote progress and growth.

Lack of democratic values among public also make them backward and they face inflation, poor human growth, social inequality and political disorder. All these chaos then make countries poor,

and Under-developed. Democratic Values among public make them aware about their rights and responsibilities. And the countries where, individuals know their rights and complete their responsibilities - they can make their countries progressive. Because individuals make institutions and institutions make state and when they all individuals follow democratic values they bring reforms according to study of World Bank 2001 democratic values among public, make institutions strong and strong institutions are key to growth and development. Hence democratic values give way towards prosperity. ||

One of the main reason of failure of nations is, Poor educational norms among public. In many developing countries Education is not given priority in public. For Example in Pakistan and other developing nations such as India, Sri Lanka and others, in these countries public do not prioritize education for the development of state. They only acquire education to get

employment. This is the reason, these countries are backward in research and innovation and the countries which prioritize their education they are advance in every aspect of development. Like China, US and other rising power of world they prioritize their education and this make them economically strong. Thus education is key component in promoting growth.

History also play an important role in growth of countries. In a country where history is full of struggles, social unity and reforms those countries learn from their past and make progressive policies. on the other hand countries where history is ambiguous and hidden from public. Those countries always face identity crisis and they become confuse in solving their problem. The best example for this is example of Pakistan. According to K.K Aziz Pakistan face identity crisis because Pakistan's history is written wrong in its text books. Therefore, Pakistan is still struggling to solve its basic political and social issues.

Nations fail due to some Political issues also, and the main reason of failure of state is extractive nature of political and public institutions. According to the book "Why Nations Fail" by James S. Robinson, "The nations fail due to extractive nature of public and political institutions. Because this nature of institutions make them to serve their own interests instead of public interest." This nature of institutions increase social inequality, poverty and social disorder which impact the overall progress of nation. Hence, to ensure the prosperity extractive nature of institutions is not bearable.

Political Participation of public is must for the progress and prosperity. And those state in which, there is lack of political participation, those countries face corruption, lack of transparency and poor human growth. When these essential things are undermined in any country than those states adopt slow growth and backwardness.



"According to study of ~~Pa~~ Pale University, high Political Participation ensure transparency and growth in States" Thus social equality is essential for growth of nation and this can be achieved only by ensuring Political Participation.

In today's world democracy is must to ensure the equality, human growth and development. The nation which are backward in promoting democratic values they always fail to achieve overall success of nation. Poor democracy kills merits and unable people run the system of state which impede equality and transparency. on the other hand democratic values ensure merit, transparency, rule of Law and human growth. Like US, Finland, Canada all the country which have strong democratic laws they are growing very fast. Because democracy ensures equal right for everyone and this equality bring economic stability and overall growth of nation in all aspects.

Education plays key role in promoting growth and development. But when education is outdated and it does not follow the modern educational structure - then countries can not grow. Because old and outdated education system can not promote innovation on the basis of science and research. This outdated educational system limits the growth of industries and other productions which are essential to compete with world. " According to study of Glasgow University modern education is must to promote innovation and industrial culture in any state, which essential for economic growth. Thus, education promotes all the ways which are essential for social and economical growth.

Corruption and Lack of transparency is also main cause which hinder the merit and slow human growth and development. It is also seen - the countries which are poor and under developed - they tend to have corrupt institutions. For example in corruption

index by Transparency International Pakistan is ranked on 133 position out of an 180 countries. In this list all the developed nation lies above they list. This level of transparency insures their growth and development. Hence, transparency bring social equality which is essential for the growth of nation.

To ensure the success of nation government of state should take some measures like promoting education to upgrade skills of individuals so that they can also play an important role in promoting growth of state. Then government also should promote democratic norms such as merit and transparency. This can help to reduce many crisis which impact the growth of state. Country should also revisit its foreign policy to ensure trade and cooperation among neighbours and other international bodies this is most important in strengthening economy. Lastly, state make policies to promote business friendly environment. This will help to increase

Trade and Industries which are essential to participate in economical race of world. Overall, working these aspects countries can ensure their economical and social wellbeing. These will help to make any country successful.

In a Nutshell, Nation fail due to social disintegrity, which include Lack of social awareness, Lack of Political will, Poor Educational Norms and troubled social history make any country vulnerable in development and prosperity. Moreover, also some Political factors play role in backwardness of state such as, extractive nature of Political and social institutions, Lack of democratic norms and Lack of transparency. all these factors impacts democratic process which hinder human growth and development. In structural problems which impact growth of state are, outdated education system, corrupt institutions and autocratic rule of Political institutions make the country backward. The way to prosperity of nation is promoting

democracy by promoting education, merit,  
equal chances for all and promoting  
business environment is essential. By  
implementing these policies any  
nation can grow and can compete  
with this developing world.