

Bravery in the time of crisis: How Courageous Actions Shape Global Respect

1) Introduction:

1.1. Hook

1.2 General statement

1.3 Thesis:

Bravery in the times of crisis whether natural disasters, human rights violation, threats of terror or political violence inspires average population to take courageous actions that change global perspective.

2) Courageous actions in the times of crisis shape global perspective:

2.1 Environmental movement: The dawn of environmental concerns

a) London smog 1952

b) Coal mines waste pipes collapsed in Wales in 1967

c) Emergence of green politics and environmental laws and institutions

2.2 Human rights activism

a) Anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela

b) Malala Yousafzai: Women education activist

c) Waves of feminism to empower women

→ Suffrage movement in 1848

→ Liberation movement in 1960s

→ "Me too Movement"

2.3 Global war on terrorism

a) 9/11 incident

b) Pakistan war on terrorism; Operation Zarb-e-Azab

2.4 Nationalist movement and end of colonial imperialism

a) American revolution and war of independence

b) British withdrawal and separation of subcontinent.

2.5 Formation of United Nation to keep peace and security

a) World war two and devastating consequences of nuclear explosion

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3.4 United Nations Security Council reforms

4) Conclusion

The Essay

Courage was not absence of fear, but the triumph over it.

(Nelson - Mandela)

The times of crisis usually lead to the emergence of brave leaders. Nelson Mandela was one of that leaders, whose courageous actions regarding racial segregation changed the apartheid vision globally. Bravery is the spirit and enthusiasm to challenge the prevailing situation. It inspires the general population to bring positive change in the society. A single act of bravery has a wide impact on the world's population. It is like a (bead of) chain reaction like the first courageous act of

democratic revolution in America leads to the end of colonial imperialism of British in the Asia and Africa and ultimately all over the world. Thus in the times of crises like natural disasters, human rights violation, threats of terror and political violences various heroic and fearless actions have been taken by the world's community since the creation of earth. These actions have the ability to completely turn the global vision. Contemporary world is also suffering from various humanitarian, natural and political crises that require urgent call for action.

Therefore, the periods of crisis like natural disasters, human rights violation, ^{threats of terror} and political violence which induced the ordinary men to take heroic actions are given below;

Firstly, natural disasters which were mainly due to anthropogenic activities encouraged the developed

would to consider environmental concerns in development projects. In the era of industrial revolution, developed countries faced great environmental disasters. London smog 1952 was the first giant natural disaster that was caused by anthropogenic activities of London city in UK. That severe chemical smog of London deteriorated the public health at such level that 12000 deaths occurred due to this incident alone. The main leading factors for London smog were coal burning to generate energy, lack of regulations, industrial effluents and improper management of factories smoke. The other major event in world history was coal mines waste pipes collapse in Wales in 1967 due to improper management of mines waste. This event caused 144 deaths including 116 children and damaged over 500 houses. The increasing impacts of manmade activities on environment initiated

Environment movement in 1960's. The main purpose of this movement is to conserve environmental resources, promote sustainable development and protect environment from anthropogenic activities. Various courageous people including Rachael Carson, John Muir, Theodore Roosevelt and Al Gore played the role of leadership in the Global environmental movement. They wrote books like Silent Spring and articles like Inconvenient Truth to spread awareness. Theodore Roosevelt and Al Gore also played important role in promoting "green policies" by planting national parks, forests and forcing world major powers to cut down their carbon emission. Thus the major environmental institutions established including UNEP (United Nations Environmental Programme), UNFCCC (United Nations Framework convention on Climate change) etc. These institution proposed historical action plans to combat natural and environmental disasters.

The courageous actions took by the peoples and organizations had change the global perspective on environmental concerns. Now the world is more aware of manmade activities and their impacts on environment and making efforts to prevent global temperature rise to cross the limit of 2°C reference to pre-industrial era.

Secondly, human rights violation in the history made human rights activist to emerge on the global front. These human rights activist challenged the rights violation and initiated campaigns of human rights awareness. In 1900's when apartheid was on its peak in South Africa, Nelson Mandela emerged as an anti-apartheid revolutionary and political leader in South Africa. He spent 27 years in prison for opposing South Africa Apartheid system but his courage never dwindles. Due to his efforts, apartheid ended in

South Africa and Nelson Mandela became first democratic leader in 1994 in South Africa's political history. Due to his firm determination, bravery and good intention, apartheid not only ended in South Africa but anti-apartheid movements also started globally. Hence, his first step of bravery initiated a chain reaction of fearless actions all over the world and shaped world's view.

In the same way, Pakistani women educational activist, Malala Yousafzai, who also received Nobel prize is a exemplary figure in human rights activism. She belongs to Swat valley of Pakistan. In 2012, Taliban shot her because she did not accept Taliban's suppression of women educational right. After that incident international human rights organization provided her full support. Now she is also acting as women empowerment organization member. Her courageous story brings global awareness of women right of education. Likewise,

the feminist movement which initiated in 1848 as Suffrage movement proved the impacts of bravery on global order. "Suffrage movement" was started against (women's) lack of women political rights. in New York. From New York, it was spread all over the world, huge protests occurred in favour of feminism. As a repercussion, 19th amendment took place in US constitution to allow women to cast a vote and participate in politics. From) with the success of feminism movement second, third and fourth waves of feminism introduced. In the second wave, "The Liberation movement" 1960s, rights of black women questioned. The contemporary fourth movement "Me too" is also very influential in spreading awareness regarding women sexual harassment and promoting gender equality. World including Pakistan has witnessed the success of feminist movement since its emergence. People mindset have

eviden pertaining to human rights
specifically women rights in the world.

Thirdly, the rise in ~~the~~ terrorist activities in the start of 21st century forced World leaders and courageous people to take strong and influential action to combat terrorism. These outspoken actions impact the global politics both positively and negatively. The incident of 9/11 (terrorist attack of taliban, Al Quida terrorist organization on US pentagone and hijacking of US flights on 11th sept, 2001) enacted the world super power and peace-security organization to initiate a Global war against terrorism. US used carrot and stick policy to unit world with US in this Global war on terror. US president George bush stated that "Either you are with us or with the terrorist". A twenty years long war fought between United states of American and Afghan taliban.

The master mind of 9/11 incident
Usama bin Laden killed in 2011
but was not ended till 2020. This
severe measure at the one place
shows bravery to end terrorism
from the world and after this
was the surge in terrorism is
quite not obvious in developed
countries. But on the other side,
for the developing countries like
Pakistan, this was ^{has} proved a curse.
In the 2020-22, the decrease in
terrorist activities and extremist
events occurred. But the surge in
terrorism again started in 2023.
The main reason behind it was
the Taliban government in Afghanistan
Taliban's government gives the safe
heaven to TTP. According to United
Nations report 2024, TTP (Tehrik-i Taliban
Pakistan) is the largest terrorist
group responsible for terrorism in
Pakistan. Because by taking military
actions terrorist can be killed
but the main factor of terrorism
- extremism - multiplies. This Global

war on terror focused on just military actions which multiplied hate in local population of Afghanistan and Pakistan also. Thus the courageous action by US changed the global order both in negative and positive way.

Fourthly, the awareness of right of self determination through nationalist movement terminated the British colonial rule. This nationalist movement by world brave, visionary leaders has changed the world governance system. The founder of nationalist movement in America in 1776 is Samuel Adams. Authoritarianism of British colonials in 13 colonies of America first blew the fire of nationalist movement and brought American Revolution. This revolution is the main force behind 1776 American Independence. This is the first democratic revolution which not only changed the fate of Americans but also initiated nationalist movement

in the Asia and Africa. It also effect French revolution 1789 and Irish revolution of Independence 1919. With the spread of right of self-determination, visionary leaders in subcontinent included Sir syed Ahmad Khan, Allama Muhammad Iqbal and Quid-e-Azam. fostered nationalist movement in subcontinent. With the effects of these brave leaders and enthusiasm of muslims Pakistan came into being after the segregation of subcontinent in 1947. Thus the bravery of these men caused the British colonialism to come to an end in the subcontinent. By inspiring from these courageous actions, world joined to end colonial rule. In 1960's, British colonialism ended ultimately all over the world.

Finally, the formation of United Nation from the ashes of world war two to bring peace and security in the world also shaped the Global scenario. Formation of United

Nations in 1945 as the world largest organisation is a big step in promoting world peace to bring global prosperity. UN peacebuilding operations have resolved conflicts in many countries including Rwanda, Namibia, Tajikistan, Egypt, Somalia, Congo and Cambodia peace keeping operations. The United Nations SDG goals 2016-2030 also proved very helpful in combating major hurdles in peaceful and sustainable development. These goals includes Poverty reduction, Zero hunger, Renewable energy resources use, protection of life on land and life below land. Thus the courageous action took by international organization also ^{has} changed the world view and measure to promote development and prosperity

In Addition these are contemporary issues that need urgent attention from the world community. These includes Israel genocide in Gaza since 7th Oct, 2023, Humanitarian but also initiated nationalist movement

crises resulting from Ukraine -
Russian war, increasing terrorism
in third world countries, and climate
change problem. These crises requires
acts of bravery to maintain the
world peace and prosperity, the
courageous action that could be
able to change the current world
order and produce a sense of
security all over the world.

To sum up all the discussion,
the bravery and fearless motives
took by the global courageous
leaders, organization and even by
ordinary men in the periods of
crisis has changed world view
multiple times. These actions impacted
the world conditions both in
positive and negative way in the
history. The contemporary ^{issues of} natural
disaster, humanitarian crisis, terrorism
and political violence also ~~require~~
is in need of these types of courageous
actions to tackle these issues
effectively. Although its not an

easy task but never lose hope.

According to Nelson Mandela

"It always seems impossible
until it is done."