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THE CRISIS OF ETHICS AND MORALITY IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS.

OUTLINE:

(A) INTRODUCTION:

THESIS STATEMENT: The crisis of Ethics and morality in international politics is leading towards a chaotic, anarchic and polarized world.

(B) THE CRISIS OF ETHICS AND MORALITY IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS:

(i) Rising racism and xenophobia:

Evidence: Islamophobia and racism against Mexicans in US.

(ii) Ongoing humanitarian crisis due to wars based on politics:

Evidence: 45,000+ killed in Gaza

(iii) Biased media under influence of political elites:

(iv) Peace agreements - a lip service

Evidence: Hezbollah - Israel ceasefire

(v) Outright violation of international laws and resolutions :

Evidence : India's demographic changes in Indian occupied Kashmir

(vi) Veto power used as a tool for political gains ; rather encouraging peace :

Evidence : US vetoed ceasefire in GAZA

(vii) Backstabbing allies for personal gains and interests :

Evidence : Abraham Accord deal.

(viii) Sanctions used as a tool to oppress developing countries.

(c) CONCLUSION.

Imagine a world without a global order, rule of law, justice, morality and ethics. Exactly! All that ~~with~~ we see and enjoy now would become a dream for masses. Therefore, ethics and morality pave the path for a just, happy and a peaceful society. These values when further inculcated in the international politics, promotes cooperation, stability and collective progress of the people and nations across the globe. However, in the recent times, the world is becoming an unpeaceful place due to weak morality and ethics involved in the international politics. The ^{two} deadly ~~two~~ ongoing wars have brought serious destablity in the regions, the Ruso-Ukraine War and ^{the} Hamas-Israel conflict. These wars resulted due to political concerns and have caused significant damages. Humanitarian crisis, killing of innocents, forced migration and depriving of basic necessities of life are the products of these wars. Moreover, the crisis of ethics

and morality in global politics have led to rise in xenophobia, racism, biased media and violation of international laws. The peace agreements have been just a lip service, masking the oppression and suppression of the societies. Hence, the crisis of ethics and morality in global politics is leading towards a chaotic, anarchic and polarized world.

The lack of ethical and moral values has resulted in the rise of racism and xenophobia. This discrimination against the countries and communities has been fuelled by the narratives of political elites in order to oppress them. There has been a rise in Islamophobia due to cultural racism by the west and their political fear of Muslims dominating the world. Thus, the western countries hold hatred against Muslims and depriving them of their rights. In 2017, Trump imposed a travel ban on Muslims, showcasing his hostility and intolerance towards Muslims.

Moreover, racism is also seen against Mexicans in the US where they are treated and considered largely as criminals. This discrimination spreads culturally, starting from the narratives shaped by the political elites.

Moreover, the ongoing deadly wars based on political conflicts have resulted in a severe humanitarian crisis. The Hamas-Israel and Ruso-Ukraine war are focused upon acquiring territorial land but at the cost of human blood and infrastructure damages. More than 46000 people have been killed in ~~Gaza~~ Palestine and around 13000 killed in Ruso-Ukraine war. This bloodshed of innocents is against the morality and ethics of the society. While, the political leaders are still focused upon seeking their political gains. The people living in these war zones have been forced to migrate to the neighbouring countries and many have been internally

~~internally~~-displaced • making them victims of the political decisions.

Another crisis of ethics and morality is visible in the form of politically influenced and biased media. Media channels are used to polarize the public and shape the narratives of public in order to seek political support. These channels are often funded by ^{the} political elites and the deep state to portray their version or narratives in the media over political issues. For instance, CNN in US provides the narrative of the US government and portrays biased reporting on global issues such as Palestine-Israel issue. This practice erodes the fundamental purpose of the media, which is to provide the reality perspective and to raise awareness of the ongoing humanitarian crisis.

Furthermore, the peace agreements have been used as a political tool to improve the reputation globally. These agreements are just lip-serving and in reality the violence is still on-going.

The Israel-Hezbollah ceasefire agreement and the Oslo Accords both saw its ineffectiveness as the violence continued.

The next day after Israel-Hezbollah ~~agreement~~ agreement, 10 people were killed in Lebanon by Israeli forces. This showcases the Israel's actual commitment level to the agreement which truly lacks ethical and moral guidelines in its political decisions.

In addition, the international organizations have also failed in settling geo-political tensions. There has been outright violations of international laws and resolutions passed by the UN. The laws and resolutions passed protect the sovereignty and the rights of public in countries. India's political move of abrogating

the Article 370 revoking special status of Kashmir and making demographic changes in the region is against the resolution passed by UNSC. However, despite raising concerns over the matter by Pakistan and other countries like China for peaceful resolution of the issue, the UN has yet failed to implement its resolutions due to political influence. There has been killing of innocent Kashmiris, and the right to own property has been discarded by the Indian government. Instead, it has changed the law in favour of Hindus so that the Kashmir becomes a Hindu-majority area before the referendum.

Veto power is similarly used as a ^{tool for} political gains rather than promoting peace and stability in the world order. The five permanent members hold the power over the rest of the nations, therefore dividing the world into groups and alliances in order

to dominate the global politics through increasing their influence. This results in political decisions which lack ethical or moral conduct. The decision of a single permanent member outrights the will of the majority which is against the ethics of democracy. The ceasefire resolution for Gaza was passed by UNGA with 158 nations in favour, while US vetoed the resolution in UNSC which resulted in the failure. This decision was made by US to back Israel in the war and led it continue their aggression.

Another crisis of ethics and morality is seen in the countries backstabbing their allies in order to fulfil their political gains or interests. This is against the morality as betraying the ally then leads to complication in relationships and often hatred towards each other. The Abraham Accords saw the weakening of Muslim

alliance against Israel. UAE, Ethiopia, Bahrain and other countries normalized their ties with Israel, despite their ongoing complication of Palestine - Israel issue. These countries earlier had participated in the Arab - Israel war in support of Palestine, however later on they shifted their support in order to seek personal gains. Israel and UAE trade in between was around 3 billion dollar in 2023. Thus, the weakening of Muslim alliance was a result of immoral and unethical decisions.

Lastly, the sanctions placed by dominating world power, particularly US, on the developing countries in order to ensure their influence over them is ~~due to~~ against the ethics and morality. The sanctions imposed bring the economic challenges in the country, leading to higher poverty rates, unemployment and making them dependent over the western powers. US sanctions imposed

on Iran and Russia, is against the morality of international politics depriving them the access of basic resources and putting financial constraints. This leads to ~~the~~ rivalries among countries and polarizing the world through developing alliances. BRICS + alliance is formed to counter the unethical and immoral decisions taken by US to influence Global South.

To conclude, the ongoing crisis of ethics and morality in international politics has resulted in a chaotic, anarchic and a polarized society. Humanitarian crisis, excessive western influence, rising extremism and xenophobia and violation of international laws are the consequences of the political decisions lacking ethics and moral values. International politics have fuelled the hate towards particular nations and also ^{is} focused upon seeking political gains at the cost of bloodshed of innocents which is visible in the

two larger conflicts. Moreover, veto power and the ineffective implementation of the UN resolutions due to political influence have resulted in a polarized and an unjust world. However, the spirit of the progressive and cooperative world can be revived, with the inculcation of fair, just and suitable practices when making political decisions. International Organizations, like UN, should be empowered and made free from any political influence in order to ensure a stable world order.