

English Essay

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POWER TENDS TO CORRUPT AND ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY

Outline :-

1) Introduction:

- * Power is associated with many negative traits like corruption and injustice.
- * Absolute power and authority often times lead to corruption, exploitation of power and cruelty.
- * This is due to lack of accountability, checks and balances and no opposing force.

2) What is Absolute Power?

- * Absolute power means having sovereignty, complete authority and decision making powers.

3) How does Absolute Power Corrupts a person?

3.1 Due to lack of accountability

→ Mughal emperors enjoyed absolute power and were not accountable to any one

3.2 Lack of Strong Opposition

→ Army dictators in Pakistan always had weak opposition

3.3 No fear of consequences

→ Ottoman emperors killed their own brother without repercussions

3.4 Complete decision making authority

→ Dictatorial decision in the presidential form of government

3.5 Forgets the universal principle of "all rise has a fall"

→ The great Chengiz Khan lost his power and might

4) Impacts of Absolute power leading to Absolute corruption

4.1 Dictatorship of the sovereign

→ Pakistan faced four martial laws due to absolute power of army

4.2 Injustice and inequality in the society

4.3 Exploitation of public resources and state's treasury

4.4 Extreme use of force

4.5 Amoral and corrupt practices leading to destruction of society

→ Many underdeveloped countries of the world.

Conclusion:

^{Absolute}

* Power comes with unique challenges of not being corrupt and exploitative as it provides all the opportunities to do so.

Ever since the beginning of human civilization, the world has seen a number of sovereigns, emperors and kings with absolute power in their hands. Most of these kings enjoyed complete authority and power by adopting strict, harsh policies. Some of them became corrupt and cruel, others remained just and fair. One thing that remained constant was the fact that absolute power and authority brings with itself the negative opportunities of corruption due to and immoral practices without any consequences. This is due to the lack of accountability, a strong opposition and with minimum to no checks and balances implemented in the system. So, a sovereign with absolute power often tends to fall prey

at to the unchecked and extreme use of power if left unbridled

Absolute authority and power means having complete sovereignty and decision making authority by a single individual.

It can be the head of the family, head of the government or an executive in organization.

Absolute Power comes with it's own benefits, cons and unique sets of challenges. It can easily make a person exploitative, dictatorial and corrupt if left completely on the whim of human nature

First and foremost, absolute power can corrupts a person by due to lack of accountability and lack of consequences simultaneously.

As the sovereign enjoying the complete authority is not responsible

and answerable to any one for his doings. Thus he adopts any and all practices that can be considered immoral and corrupt. With no fear of accountability, backlash and consequences, the sovereign has greater chances of undergoing corrupt practices. In the past, many mughal emperors fell prey to this ~~power~~ negative trait of power and it led to the fall of the mughal dynasty.

Thus absolute power allows easy access to corrupt practices without any checks and balances, implemented in system and with no accountability for ^{overall} actions.

Similarly, absolute power can lead to absolute corruption due to lack of strong opposition. Many a times the executive, sovereigns that have absolute authority and

power can be faced with
either very less or no opposition
at all. The ~~pres~~ absence of
no opposition or due to weak
opposition allows the sovereign to
undergo decisions and such
steps that can easily be
considered corrupt and immoral.

As there is with no opposing
force and backlash from the
public and masses, the person
can easily adopt bad practices.

In Pakistan, dictators have played
their role in (political) country's
politics by overthrowing governments
with their absolute powers and
due to very poor and weak
opposition from political parties
and the public. The dictatorial
practices come under the banner
of corrupt and cruel practices.
Thus absolute power with

great opposition tends to lead to corruption and cruelty.

Moreover, the absolute power can also lead to absolute corruption, cruelty and injustice as there is no fear of consequences. The complete authority and unchecked power takes away the fear of consequences, transparency and accountability. The Ottoman Kings adopted many cruel policies like killing their own brothers and family members to secure their power and authority and for the sovereignty of their rule and (Sultanate) state. As no one dared to challenge these practices due to fear of being killed on the charges of being disloyal and a rebellion. So the Ottoman Emperors enjoyed complete freedom

of actions without any fear of any kind of consequence from their public and religious clergy. So, absolute power has the ability to aid in absolute corruption without fear of any sort of repercussions.

Furthermore, absolute authority leads to corrupt practices as the sovereign enjoys complete decision making authority. The absolute power having the absolute decision making authority aids to implementation of harsh, strict and unjust practices. As the final decision would always be the sovereign ones, the complete hold of decision making in matters of affairs public, defense and all other administrative roles gives the sovereign greater chances of

exploiting the situation very badly. In Pakistan, the presidential form of government where the power rests with the president has seen dictatorial practices. The Presidents enjoying the final say in policy making and having absolute executive authority has led to nepotism, favouritism, unfavourable policies and corrupt executive presidential ordinances. Thus absolute power over decision making aids in undergoing malpractices and corrupt behaviours.

Last but not the least, absolute power leads to absolute corruption as the one enjoying power and might forgets the universal principle of all rise has a fall. He forgets that it is nature's

principle and practice to create
rise and fall. (of 5)^x So,
every rise, absolute power and
authority is bound to fall
one day and lose the
authority and would have to
face the brunt of his consequences.

Not keeping this fact in
mind and completely ignoring
it, makes a person with
complete authority and might
to undergo malpractices without
giving it a second thought. A
person forgets that he will one
day fall down and the corrupt
acts will pay back one day.

Thus he undergoes the harsh,
cruel, immoral practices without
bating an eye. So absolute
power leads to absolute corruption
due to the lack of foresightedness
and not taking a universal

fact of decline and defeat.
into account.

The absolute power leading to absolute corruption has a number of negative impacts on that individual and the overall society as a whole. Firstly, it leads to dictatorial and cruel practices. The masses get highly impacted by the cruelty of the sovereign enjoying absolute power and oppressing the masses and public. Pakistan has faced four martial laws in total with army dictators taking over the country and halting the entire democratic procedure. This is due to absolute power enjoyed by Pakistan's army. Thus it has a severely negative impact on the political system of the country. The

dictatorial takeover is always due to the presence of absolute power with an institution or an individual -

Moreover, absolute authority leads to the exploitation of public resources and the issues of it. It also leads to the mis-handling of the state's treasury having public taxes and revenue.

As absolute power allows a person to undergo corrupt practices freely and without any consequences.

Many a times, it leads to the injustice and inequality of the among the society by exploitation, oppression and misuse of public property and public resources. The tax money and revenue gets misused by executives enjoying absolute authority over them and with

no fear of accountability. Thus absolute authority leads to negative impacts and ~~rep~~ severe injustice among the society.

lastly, absolute authority leading to absolute corruption and immoral practices lead to the complete destruction of the society and the breakdown of social system in a state. Many underdeveloped countries where one segment or institution of the (state undergoing and practicing) having absolute power and ~~and~~ subsequently undergoing extreme practices has led to the downfall of that state and destruction of the morals and principles of the society. Thus leading to the absolute ~~the~~ damage of the state and exploitation of the public overall.

In conclusion, absolute power provides opportunities and tends to lead to absolute corruption due to unchecked and uncontrolled power, lack of strong opposing and complete decision making authority. Having extreme and harsh impacts on the masses and public leading to the destruction of society.