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## The Crisis of Ethics and Morality in International Politics.

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## The Crisis of Ethics and Morality in International Politics.

Morality and ethics have been the central to the human developmental and societal progress throughout the history. They define the principle of right and wrong, leading to the awareness and progress. In the realm of politics especially, international politics, the morality has guided us to differentiate the right and wrong stance. It has guided how to respect one's sovereignty and national integrity. On the other, the ethics has played vital role in global politics to ensure peace, and cooperation among nations. However, there are various factors that contribute to the moral decay and violation of ethical values. These factors have exacerbated the principles of morality and ethics. These

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are included national interest over moral and ethical principles, economic gains which always worsen ethical and moral values. and making of alliances to threat one's national integrity and sovereignty. Moreover, Corruption and lack of accountability of a nation due to its weak institutions always exacerbate the ethical values and morality of a nation. Additionally, geopolitical rivalries and military intervention of one entity into another entity to exploit them and to capture their resources for personal gain always violate the principles of nation-state system. Thus, this essay delves into the factors that contribute to the moral decay and violation of ethical values of one's nation.

Nations prioritize their national interest over moral principles, leading to the exploitation of ethical values. When a nation ignores

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the path of progress and accept the path that leads to his own development and worsening the principles of morality and ethics, the nation will ultimately face its consequences. Due to their national interest, they even violates international law and disadvantages other nations. This policy of a nation eventually leads to moral decay and undermining of ethical values. For instance, after French Revolution, Napoleon Bonaparte prioritize his national interest and violated the principles of morality and ethics. Eventually engaged his army into wars with various nations. This violation led to his downfall. Therefore, this evidence highlights how the nations prioritize their national interest over moral principles, eventually, face the consequences.

Economic gains always worsens ethical values leading to moral decay.

When a nation only focus on his economic gains no matter how it gains, it ignores the morality and ethics which eventually lead their destruction. Moreover, the nation face the violation of law and arbitrary tilt of people towards its government. It will threat to the national integrity and sovereignty of the nation. For instance, Russia before worldwar-I and after French Revolution tried to acquire the territory of Ottoman Empire and prior prioritize its economic gains rather than morality and ethical values. eventually saw the violation of rule of law in the nation. This example highlights the ignorance of morality and ethical values.

Political intervention of the developed countries into the weaker countries exacerbates their sovereignty and national integrity. Whenever, the stronger nations intervene their political

goals into the weaker nations and exploit their policies leading to the moral decay and undermining of sovereignty of the weaker nations. They will hinder to reform their policies.

For instance, political intervention of India in Bangladesh exacerbated the Bangladesh's policies and eventually led to the down fall of the Hasina Wajid's, the daughter of Sheikh Mujib-ur-Rehman regime. Thus, it illustrates the consequences to ignore the morality and ethical values.

Alliances like NATO threat one's national integrity and sovereignty. leading to the violation of principles of nation-state system. These alliances are formed to counter the targeted countries.

However, the cause of NATO is to counter Russia.

For instance, The NATO was formed in 1948 to counter USSR influence and his

communism model. Ultimately, in 1991, USSR integrated into various nations. Therefore, this example highlights how alliances violate the morality and ethical values of a nation.

Corruption and lack of accountability decline the morality and ethical values of a nation. When a nation engage into the practice of corruption and there is also a lack of accountability due to its weak institutions, the end result will be the fall of nation because it will ignore the morality and ethical values. For instance, Bangladesh recently saw -the downfall of Sheikh Hasina Hajid's regime due to lack of accountability and corruption saw the downfall of its regime. This example clearly highlights the consequences to of ignoring the morality and ethical values.

Arms trade between nations always exacerbates and creates security dilemmas in their enemy. When one country increases its arms capacity to keep his relative, the other country will also increase the arms. This will lead to the security dilemma. This security dilemma will compel nations to violate international law and will lead to the moral decay and ethical values' decline. For example, The arms trade between Russia and India threatens the national integrity and sovereignty of Pakistan due to the rivalries between Pakistan and India. This threat leads to the security dilemma between two neighbouring nations. This example highlights results of arm's trade between two nations and the security dilemma in their neighbouring countries.

Refugee crisis of a nation threats security of

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one's nation, leading to the morality and ethical values declination. If a country is unstable financially, it will not face the refugee crisis, eventually leading to the moral decay and declination of ethical values. This refugee crisis will exacerbate its security and compel it to break the international law. For instance the refugee crisis in Pakistan, the Afghani refugees came to Pakistan and Pakistan treated them as a father, eventually, they did not follow morality and compel Pakistan to withdraw them. Therefore, this evidence highlights how the refugee crisis can lead to moral decay and ethics undermining.

Climate change policies by stronger countries worsens the policies of weaker nations. When the developed nations violates the Climate agreement like Paris agreement and Kyoto Protocol which limit

their use of fossil fuels and contribution of in climate change, the developed nations set their own policies and exacerbates the policies of weaker nations. For instance, the recent report by Intergovernmental Panel on climate change (IPCC) highlights that Pakistan despite being responsible to contribute less than 1% of climate change, is among top fives due to its weak climate policies. This example highlights the impacts of developed nations' to ignore morality, lead to the restrictions on weaker countries' policies.

Exploration of weaker nations by stronger, leading to the violation of nation-state system. The nation-state system is based on ethical values and morality. This nation-state system ensures the national integrity and sovereignty of a nation. However, the developed nations exploit the weaker nations to exploit their resources and policies. For instance,

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The US has always been witnessed to exploit the resources of weaker nations due to its unipolarity. It is exploiting the resources in weak Arab nations. Thus, the above evidence informs the ~~exploitation~~ consequences of developed nation to the weaker, leading to moral decay and ethical values undermining.

Geopolitical rivalries in the region exacerbate sovereignty of the other nations, leading to the security dilemma. If two countries are rivals to each other in all domains, they will try to destroy each other. However, the effects of their rivalries will be shown on the other nations. These countries will lack the morality and ethics during their rivalries. For instance, the geopolitical rivalry between the US and Russia has worse effects on the sovereignty and integrity of other nations. However, the US and China

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are engaging other nations and use them as a proxy. In the return, they face security issues. This evidence illustrates the ignorance of morality and ethics, leading to worse effects on other nations.

Military intervention to capture the resources, ignoring morality and ethics, leading to the worse effects. Whenever, there is a developed nation and it wants to exploit the resources of weak nations and capture its territory by deploying its military. This military will extract the resources and leave his influence there. For instance, the military intervention of the USA in Afghanistan against the international law, and morality and ethics. But the US deployed its military to curb the Russian influence and extract resources in Afghanistan. Therefore, this example highlights the

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the way strong nations intervene - their military to exploit the resources of weaker nations.

Global institutions like the UNO favour their major contributors rather than prioritizing the morality and ethical values. These global institutions are made for a specific reason and initially there were made to ensure equality but now they are influenced by the dominance of only one nation. These global institutions are working as puppets. For instance, - the UNO works for the US only however, whenever there is a resolution in the UN Security Council, - the USA veto it and avoiding the morality and ethics. The UNO failed in Ukraine - Russia and Israel-Palestine conflicts. This example tells us the role of global institutions and their ignorance of morality and ethics.

Humanitarian crisis due to conflicts, violates the

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the principles of morality and ethics. Whenever, there is a humanitarian crisis, the country will face the security threats and ultimately, it will violate the principles of morality and ethics. The humanitarian crisis always ask for assistance and help however, the nations do not prefer to the morality and ethics. For instance, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza asks every nation and non-nation to assist them but the nations prefer to their relations with Israel rather than ethics and morality. Therefore, this example highlights how the humanitarian crisis can lead to the moral decay and ethical deterioration.

Violation of international law threatens the integrity and sovereignty of a nation. This violation exacerbates the principles of morality and ethics. When

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a nation violates the international law, the results will be in the destruction and ~~on~~ declination of the principles of nation-state system. For instance, the Israel is violating the international law and even it has banned on the UN Security <sup>General Assembly</sup> Council head to enter into the Israel and called him the terrorist and it continued genocide in Gaza. Thus this example highlights the violation of international law, leading to the moral decay and ethics declination.

To conclude, it is undeniable fact that there is a crisis of ethics and morality in international politics. There are various factor contributing to the crisis of morality and ethics. These factors have worse effects on progress and human development. Military intervention Nations prioritize their national interest

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rather than morality and ethics. Economic gains, political intervention and alliances like the ~~NATO~~ NATO ~~and~~ undermines the values and principles of the morality and ethics. Corruption and lack of accountability, geopolitical rivalries, and global institutions like the UNO have exacerbated human development and national progress. They have always been interfered in reforming policies and leading to the nations' downfall. All these factors have contributed to the moral decay and ethical values undermination. declination. Thus these highlight the existing crisis of morality and ethics in international politics.

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