

Q: The Crisis of Ethics and Morality in International Politics

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Thesis statement :

International politics has always been subject to criticism due to lack of ethics and morality in its various aspects which is apparent for a number of reasons.

Essay :

The word humanity is derived from human which is a literal word for the specie homo sapiens but the idiomatic meaning means a sense or will of humiliation, empathy and care for others. Humans have shaped their social values over these pillars of moral and ethical values. Politics and political institutions also derive its norms from these social values. But with the passage of time, greed made humans to mould the rules for their benefit and let the morality take a back seat. When these greedy humans stepped into global politics

they also corrupted the international politics as well. That is how the international politics today has gone so vague when it comes to moral and ethical values. There has been a lot of discrimination going on in the world on the basis of differences in political ideologies. Even on the basis of races, the international politics is void of ethics and morality. Climate Politics is another aspect where little to none empathy is being shown in international politics. Furthermore, Religion is also used as a base for discrimination in international politics. Hence, these are a number of reasons that proves that international politics is void of ethics and morality on various basis or differences, which is a question mark for humanity.

International politics has gone so far these days that countries are discriminated on the basis of being underdeveloped. These countries are usually from Global South that have their development process slowed or stopped over time due to various factors. West led world order tend to deal trade and immigration agreements with already developed nations. Although, with such large populations, underdeveloped countries can be more resourceful for intellectual and human resources. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) barely has any country that is from the Global South except a few that had strategic sea ports. This proves that international politics discriminates on the basis of development standards.

At international forums, that are made to combat the existential

threat of humanity, i.e. Climate change, the Global North only comply with the decisions that are in their favour. Climate politics has witnessed a lot of discriminatory behaviour from wealthy nations. Wealthier nations took advantage of the industrial revolution and kick started the gradual process of Global warming. But most of these nations now back off when it comes to help under developed nations and try to assert restrictions. A demand of \$ 1 trillion was only met with an approval of \$ 300 billion annually. Hence, wealthier nations tend to play politics in their favour now but never paid a heed to when the issue was in its start.

Global Politics has been full of events that revealed the discriminatory behaviour and attitude of Global powers on the basis

of race. The practice has been going on for centuries but the extent of international politics was limited back then. Slave trade was based on racial difference across Europe and Americas. Similarly, the encroachment of Native Americans land was considered a usual practice under Homestead Act in the United States. In South Africa, Apartheid era lasted for 46 years ~~and~~ and there was little to none efforts to end it by any major global power. Hence, racism has been a basis of discrimination in international politics.

Similarly, religion has also been used to discriminate in international politics and defying the ethical and moral grounds of humanity. A number of such events have been there in the history of international politics that have

proved the lack of moral and ethical values among parties at Global forum. The war in Ukraine started in February 2022 and before the end of February, there were three resolutions passed in the UNGA for Ukraine which is apparently a good thing. But the war in Palestine has been going on since 1948 and only two resolutions have been passed at the same forum. Since October 2023, IDF has martyred over 35,000 Palestinian civilians. This shows that the influential powers in global politics discriminate on the basis of religion and ~~so~~ support their allies.

Furthermore, Cultural assertion has also been another factor that proves the international politics of being void of ethical and moral values. Cultural assertion refers to the use of forceful

implementations of practices being used in other countries. Poorer nations are being infected with these practices through franchises and laws that contradicts local norms. For years, western media has portrayed the nudity and islamophobia as the freedom of expression. Although, Muslim culture forbids nudity and disrespect of any religion but it is labelled as radical and conservative ideology. Hence, global politics ignores the norms and cultural values of others and tend to implement western norms as global standards.

Additionally, the poorer hegemonies are often given more than ~~any~~ enough authority over others and undermining the sovereignty of others. This is contradictory to the ethical and moral values of humanity. For years, various

nations have exploited others for resources through colonialism and now through debt traps. Some nations resisted and tried to break the chains of exploitation, but the power and use of force undermined their right of sovereignty. Libya raised voice against the western debt trap and vowed to make a bank for the African nations to stop their exploitation, but faced tremendous backlash from global powers. Hence, the powerful nations tend to keep upper hand while undermining the sovereignty and freedom of others.

Another great factor that proves international politics is void of ethical and moral grounds is the discrimination on the basis of different political ideologies. Western bloc, being the influential power, ~~are~~ is capitalist and

tends to hate communism. Russia and China are usually discriminated for being communist nations. Japan was an enemy of Allied forces in WW II but accepted western political and economical model and is now a great ally in Pacific. Russia on the other hand, apparently being capitalist, is still sanctioned and opposed by the west for differing political ideology. The west tends to only care about their politics but not for the people who would face the effects of these steps. Hence, discrimination is another thing in international politics for difference in political ideologies.

In international politics, usually the influential powers tend to worry about their economy rather than humanity. This has been proven at various moments in the history

when humanitarian crisis arises anywhere in the world. The west-led power bloc tend to worry about their products and trade markets rather than addressing the humanitarian crisis by confronting the responsible nation. One such case is of India. India is a market for various European nations and huge labour source for wealthy Gulf states, that's why the issue of Kashmir has been suppressed and no more talked anywhere on the media as well. This shows how much the global politics care about economy but not humanity.

Furthermore, global politics has been very vocal for issues involving economy and politics but turns a blind eye to proxy wars that have turned happy and prosperous nations to ruins. Influential nations

tend to support their allied actors in other countries through diplomacy, military and even financially, but would undermine their sovereignty. Iran and KSA has been fighting such proxy wars in Middle East for over half a century. The result is present Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Jordan. Iran supported Alawites in Syria, even being a minority and the result was the alienation and genocide of Sunni majority. Hence, such political games and proxy wars are the proof that international politics tend to care less about morality.

International politics has also disappointed humanity over the years due to its inclination toward eurocentric values and standards while undermining the consent, values and ideologies of people around

the globe. The promotion of such eurocentric ~~poor~~ values might be linked to the colonial history of the world but it should not be suppressing the will of people. International organizations tend to be used for such purpose worldwide. It is being claimed by far-right wing people in Pakistan that the institutes like IMF and World Bank forces European or western standards for economic development, undermining the will of people who tends to stick to the Islamic values. Hence, international politics tend to care less about the consent of people and their traditions.

Global politics has also been void of ethical basis on the issue of freedom of movement especially immigration policies. Usually,

the wealthier nations tend to have visa-free travel across each other's territories but have a very harsh attitude toward poorer nations. Humans tend to live in the country with better health care, security and other amenities. This is the reason for them migrating to developed nations. For instance, USA has a waiting time period for the immigration process of siblings of US citizens, who are residing in Pakistan. But anyone from Canada can get a visa at the border and travel to U.S. This shows how international politics is full of discrimination.

Hence, this proves that the international politics tends to care about everything but the ethics and morality of a country or nation. Discriminatory immigration policies for certain

countries are an example. Similarly, asserting certain culture and values over rest of world through power and politics also proves the dark side of international politics these days. Additionally, in the global politics, parties tend to care more about their politics and economy rather than humanity and its core values. Powerful nations assert their decisions over weaker nations, undermining their sovereignty. Various countries like Iran and KSA use proxy wars to influence other countries, meanwhile the people suffer the consequences. There are various other reasons that international politics is termed as immoral and unethical, occasionally. But, it can be hoped that some days the humanity's moral and ethical values shall prevail in all fields and in the global politics and marks the end of discrimination and cruelty.