

# Natural Resources ; a Blessing or a Curse?

## 1) Introduction

Thesis statement: Natural resources such as food, water, energy and minerals are blessings. However, curse and challenges posed by mismanagement of resources and geo-economic gains can be addressed by stringent policies and collaboration at national and international level.

## (2) How Natural Resources are a blessings? ~~Arguments.~~

(1) Supports life of Humans, animals and marine species.

Case in point: Water, food, plants and coral reef supports Humanity.

(2) Promotes Biodiversity.

(3) Renewable sources of energies offers cheap and environment friendly energy.

Case in point: Solar energy, Wind energy and Hydel energy

(4) Earthem raw materials and rare minerals facilitate modern technology.

Case in Point : Semiconductors and micro computer chips.

(4) Strengthens Economy by attracting foreign direct investments.

Case in Point: Saudi Arabia investing in Saudiak project in Pakistan.

(5) Balances Environment by regulating the climate.

Case in Point: forests and oceans regulate climate.

(6) Helps modernizing infrastructure and households.

Case in Point: Concrete for buidly roads and wood for furniture.

(3) How Resources are a curse? A counter perspective.

(1) Curse due to mismanagement of resources.

(a) Causes Social and Political unrest.

Case in Point: Protests and sit-ins due to water & energy crisis.

(b) leads to regional conflicts and disputes.

Case in Point: Ganga river dispute between India and Bangladesh

(2) Curse due to Geo-economic and Geo-political gains.

(a) leads to trade wars.

Case in Point: US vs china trade wars on the export of rare earth minerals.

(b) Facilitates proxy wars to gain influence

Case in Point: Proxy war in Middle east on national oil resources.

(4) Recommendations For Effective Resource management ensuring peaceful world.

(a) Promoting ~~civic education~~ to reduce food and water waste.

(b) Ensuring effective water policies with regional countries to reduce conflict.

(c) Stringent policies ~~for~~ balanced distribution of resources among provinces

(d) International organization like WTO to hold dialogues ~~for~~ collaborative trade outcomes.

5) Conclusion