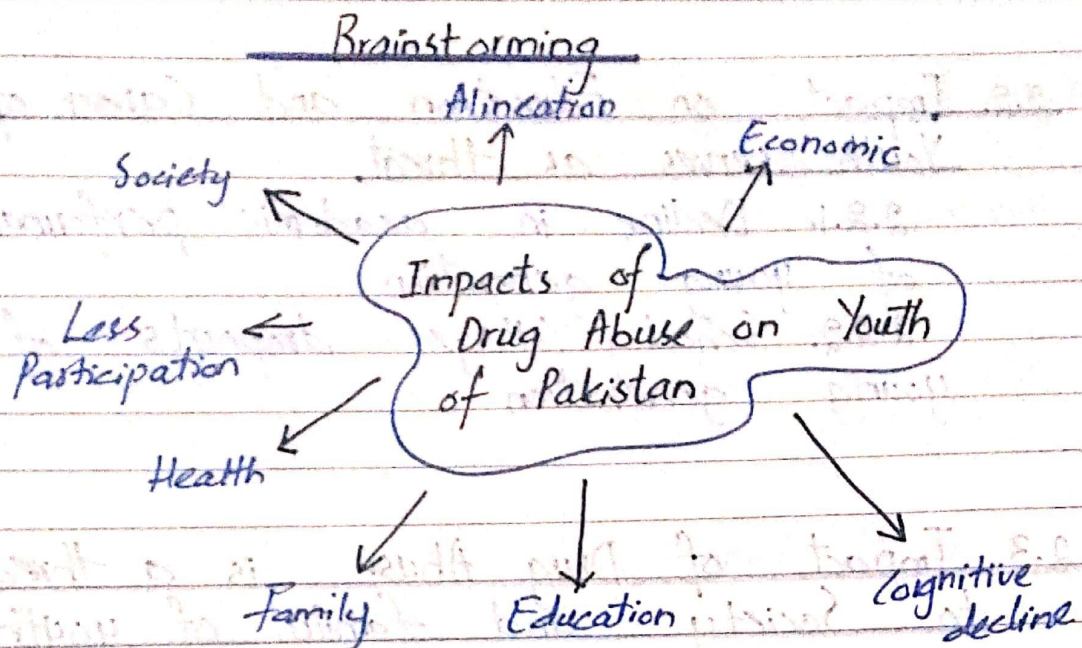


Drug Abuse : A Growing Threat to Pakistan's Young Generation.



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The Essay

"There are nearly 300 million drug users globally", as per World Drug Report of 2024. When drugs are used for non-medical purposes and alter the normal behaviour of people it is called as "drug abuse." Drug abuse, also dipsomania, and illicit trafficking have persisted through history as a humanitarian crisis leading to the deaths of million of people, as well as, cripple the economies and economic power of the users. The drug dependency is one of the global issues prevailing in the world that neither developed nor developing countries are free from it. There are studies which have reported that United States of America is the capital of consumption of drugs in the whole world and Afghanistan is major producer of drugs. Along with developed countries, unfortunately Pakistan currently facing the issue of drug abuse especially (and) young generations and (some rē) according to some reports there are nine million of young people who are taking drugs. The issue of drug abuse is now posing threat to Pakistan's youth by destroying their (family) relations with family and society, impacting their health, education and potential to participate for future developments. However, through proper action it can be controlled.

To begin with the impact of drug abuse is posing a threat to Pakistan's young generation as it is impacting health of youth in Pakistan. In any part of the world youth are by nature very active, intelligent and curious age group. They are by nature very curious about new things. Similarly, to drugs young generation are more attracted to it. They use it by curiosity and impacts humans indirectly. Drug (Ab) abuse is a threat to young generation as deaths has increased and increasing (thrs) of those who involved in (its) taking drugs. For example by not paying money for drugs (as x well as x) (its x adx) can cause death casualties. Furthermore, some people use injections (while x x con) (while x) during its consumptions, like young nurses male or female, in Pakistan especially government hospitals (carx) has (Cx) increased risk of HIV in Pakistan. Moreover, continuous use of drugs in daily routine (caused x) causes organ damage of youth. For example diabetes and eye problems are most common diseases in youth of Pakistan. In addition to it liver problems and heart problems caused increase in heart patients and lung cancer. The impact of drug abuse is not limited to physical

rather it has spread to mental problems such as psychosis, paranoia, and cognitive decline. Young generation is considered to be mentally and physically healthy and active but their involvement in drugs taking has caused threat to health of youth of Pakistan.

The second impact of drug abuse is on education of young generation of Pakistan that ~~(their)~~ careers of youth is at risk. When the ~~(you)~~ people will remain mentally inactive and lazy they will never perform well in their academic career. In Pakistan youth of higher education such as those who are pursuing careers of medicine, engineer, charter accountant etc takes certain type of tablets in their final exams so that ~~(the)~~ their mind remain active during nights as well, but it is posing serious threat. It is because students become curious about other drugs and later they become addict. It is happening in major and elite universities and educational institutes of Pakistan. In this way people especially from humble background got dropped out and fails to acquire higher education. Hence, drug abuse ~~(in)~~ among young

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generation is not allowing them to obtain higher education and (cx) successful career, thus serving as threat to (yolx) youth of Pakistan.

V The third impact of drug abuse is on the family and society of young generation of Pakistan. Those young people who are involved in drug abuse can not make their spouse, mother, children even their friends a happy. It is because people are mentally stressed and (they are) (notx) (congix) their intellect to balance emotions and stress got disturbed. In Pakistan especially middle class young people are drug abusers, their life (isx) (ux) remains unstable and their children and family suffers too. Drug (lx) abusers either got isolated from their families or (inx) remain involved in conflicts in daily routine. Pakistan's young generation especially of middle class are facing family issues due to their bad habit of drugs consumption. Therefore, drug abuse is threat to social peace in Pakistan.

The fourth impact of drug abuse is that people who isolate themselves from family they mostly (gox) involve in criminal activities in order to pay for drugs.

In Pakistan, mostly youth are involved in illegal activities to gain money. Though poverty is major reason but it is one of major reasons. It is because drug abuse is also prime reason for young generation to involve in street crimes, shooting ^{innocent} people, thefts, drug trafficking and so on. The reason for these crimes are because they have to pay price in order to quench their thirst for drugs. In this way in Pakistan youth are involved in such illegal activities thus they are not abiding the laws and enforcement in Pakistan. (thus) Thus, they are posing threat of more involvement (of) in criminal activities by young generation of Pakistan.

The fifth and most important threat of drug abuse is the economic burden (that) of drug abusers carried out by public Pakistani youth, as compared to past, is less productive. It is because they are more glamorized by drugs and its usage through different platforms. (They) Most of Pakistani youth is jobless it is because their capacity to do work is decreasing and drugs are hypnotising their minds. In case of no job mostly young people are relying on their family's or public assistance for

money. Furthermore the rehabilitation treatment is costly so most of families can not afford it thus from drug abusers they get worse and turned into drug addicts. In this way threat of economic burden is increasing.

Last but not least, drug abuse is a growing threat to young generation of Pakistan it is because if more young people will involve in drugs there will be more threat to Pakistan's civilisation and its development. In Pakistan almost 50,000 drug addicts (and) add up each year; the number of drugs addicts in the country was increased from 50,000 in 1980 to 8.1 million in 2011. Pakistan has approximately 25 to 44 percent of students reporting alcohol and illicit drug use, and prevalence rates are on the incline. This is (these) the real threat because young generation of Pakistan is involved in useless activity. Even the (local) children of (and) owners of local businesses are involved in drug abuse (the) resulting in losses in their small businesses. Economic growth of Pakistan is not increasing it is because young people who belong to middle class they spend money on useless drugs. They are fond of drinking alcohols, taking

expensive drugs as well as testing new types of drugs. Most of young people are now not (involved) taking part in political, social and economic affiliations. The reason is obvious because their minds are not in (right) active conditions and in this way they have become puppets at the hands of other people. Drug abuse (th) is posing a threat to Pakistan's young generation in a way that young drug abusers are distracting from the path of their success and they are not taking part in progress of nation.

The threat of drug abuse by young generation (can) could be (lessened) overcome if government of Pakistan introduce awareness programs in schools, colleges and communities. If laws strengthened then (it) (drug) this threat may get less. Furthermore families and communities support is needed to increase their checks on their children's social and peer circle. Moreover, government need to (coun) take steps to counter glamorising of drug use in pop culture. Thus, collaboration efforts (are needed) of government, NGOs and private sectors are needed most to cope with this rising threat of drug abuse among young generation of Pakistan.

To sum up, youth is the building block of future development of any nation, if youth will forget about their goals and responsibility the country will not (progress) progress. Though Pakistan is facing many challenges but drug abuse by young generation is one of major and biggest challenges that Pakistan is developing slow. Young people like Mark Zuckerberg, Elon Musk, David Karp etc they are successful in the whole world it is because they are not involved in drugs, (it is best) and they used their intellect to get successful and ^{made} (made) their country progressive in the whole world. In this way young people of Pakistan need to learn from those people and they must know that their existence matters to Pakistan's future. The youth are the future of Pakistan so saving them from drug is a national and collective duty.