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1. what is right is not always popular, and what is popular is not always right.

Outline

1) Introduction

1.1) Stock market manipulation - a phenomenon of herd behavior

1.2) Difference between 'right' and 'popular'

1.3) Thesis Statement:

Some aspects that are right but not popular include: being vocal despite backlash; prioritising education for self-growth; restricting voter's eligibility; providing tax relief to investors; and population control. Some popular values that maybe not right are: capitalistic economic system; honour killing; short-term gains; overuse of technology; and adapting to Electric Vehicles.

2) What is right is not always popular

2.1) Being vocal despite public backlash

2.11) Conquering over the fear of 'what will people say'

2.12) Maintaining ones values over social pressure

2.2) A person educating himself or herself for learning than for employment

2.21) Growth mentality over financial pursuit

2.22) employment as a by-product of education

2.3) Widening eligibility criteria for voters in democracy

2.31) Scrutinizing 'quality' voters over 'quantity' voters

2.32) Selection of a more eligible candidate

2.4) Tax relief for major investors to encourage investment

2.41) Greater financial inflow reduces country's
Balance of payment deficit.

2.42) Increased employment, circulation of
wealth and exports

2.5) Population control through contraceptives

2.51) Population boom narrows resource availability

2.52) ~~Consequences~~ ^{controls} negative environmental implications

3) What is popular is not always
right

3.1) Capitalism has done more exploitation
than benefit in liberal world order

3.11) Global South continues struggling with
trade liberalisation

3.12) Neo-Imperialism through loans and aids

3.2) Murder in the name of honour

3.21) Blatant violation of 'right to life'

3.22) ^{of killing} endorsing highlights deeply embedded
patriarchal system

3.3) Prevalance of pleasure seeking over gradual happiness

- 3.31) Youth's inclination to drugs and social media, as a source of happiness, is short-term
- 3.32) leads to social issues like depression, deviance, and identity crises

3.4) Excessive use of technology

- 3.41) Use of Artificial intelligence is undermining creativity
- 3.42) Machines have made humans lazy

3.5) Electric Vehicles, as a environmentally friendly alternatives, is a sham

- 3.51) The overall process of electric batteries affects environment
- 3.52) Better alternatives like hybrid engines

4) Conclusion



The Essay

In stock market, a common phrase ~~'herd'~~ 'herd behavior' is used while determining the future value of the shares. It happens not because due to a popular opinion over the stocks, driving the sentiments of investors into buying and selling ^{stocks} and affecting the market value of shares. However, the intrinsic value of stock, based on actual performance of a company, maybe different. Hence, popularity undermines its actual worth.

~~Similarly~~ Popularity does not mean something is actually right. On the contrary, something right may not be popular. Popularity is the by-product of emotions while determining something as right is clearly driven by rationality.

In the contemporary world, many things that are right may not be popular. They include: being vocal under any circumstances; educating oneself for growth; enhanced voting criteria in democracy; providing

tax relief to investors; and controlling population growth. On the other hands, there are many aspects in which something not right is popular such as the following: capitalistic economic system; honour killing; short-term pleasure; overdependence on technology; and electric vehicles. Humans must channelise their emotions with rationality to differentiate between what is right and what is popular.

To begin with, a person should take a stand on truth regardless of social pressure. Many people stay silent over incidents that require condemnation because of the fear of public backlash. They think that their point of view would result in social disapproval, preventing them from being expressive. A popular example is the taboo of Love marriage in Pakistani cultures. ~~Many people~~ They become people

victims of murder, labelling, mental traumas and social isolation. The general population avoid speaking up for the victims, as it would generate cultural disapproval. Moreover, they abandon their values, morals and opinions to appease the general public and avoid criticism. This mentality has prevented actions to ~~cover~~ address ingrained cultural and social issues.

Another unpopular but correct approach is looking at the education through the lens of learning and not through for financial security. Many people seek education to secure a job. They prefer 'cramming' over learning to secure good grades and become a competitive academically. However, the essence of education lies in learning, discipline and personal growth. Dr Nadia Saeed, counsellor in IBA, highlighted that many student of social science backgrounds easily secure technical position, as their

focus is mental development and personal growth. Hence, career security is actually a by-product of education. Unfortunately, the young generation have limited the scope of education to academics.

In contemporary world, democratic values are based on 'one person, one vote.' The only eligibility criteria is age to become a voter. This narrow scope of eligibility may not have fruitful results, as the majority may be illiterate, extremists or radicals, causing political instability. It is important to widen eligibility for voting by including education, ^{social} contributions and research works. The greater the fulfillment of these criteria, the more the weightage given to the voter. This may result in better selection of political candidates. For instance, low literacy, feudal system,

and tribal system may induce voters to bias voting. This is one of the main reasons for toxic political environment in the country.

An eligible voter, on the other hand, will have better stance in decision making process & voting by selecting a candidate who may actually work for betterment of the country, undermining the agency-client behaviour of politicians. Hence, 'quality' of voters must be preferred over 'quantity' of voters.

Tax relief for investors may be another unpopular belief which can generate positive economic results. Reducing tax burdens on investors make the investment less risky. This will induce an inflow of investment into the country. It is true that the burden of tax will shift to other segments. However, a rise in investment decreases Balance of Payment deficit. Thus,

a country will be less dependent on loans, and economic growth will increase. Dubai has become an investment hub with high rise buildings due to zero-tax policy. In addition, investment creates employment. Presence of capital in the market increases demand and supply, making companies to increase labour induction. Moreover, exports value could rise due to presence of factories to produce value-added goods. Therefore, Human Development Index (HDI) improves in long-run.

Population control through contraception is a need of modern world. The explosive rise in population during the 20th and 21st century has put a strain on scarce economic resources. The natural resources like oil, gas and coal are rapidly declining. Many regions of the world has been

declared 'Water stressed' region. Recently Iranian ~~Pres~~ President Mahmoud Pezashkian announced possible evacuation of citizens from Tehran due to high risk of no water availability. Population control has been highly unpopular in the developing countries. Many view it as an overstep on personal lives. Others justify population growth with religion. Similarly, population growth is rapidly worsening environment and climate of the globe. Urbanization & forests, rise in air pollution, deforestation due to rising demand, solid waste mismanagement, and increase in pollution-causing industries have ruined earth's aesthetics and driven it towards a climate change. The year 2024 was considered the hottest year since Industrial Revolution, highlighting the process of irreversible rise in temperature. Thus, population control is necessary for sustainable future.

Embracing the global Capital system is one of reflection on the idea that what is popular is not always right. Capitalist economic system reigns the global world order. It focuses on profit maximisation, trade liberalization and a global financial system. It gained traction during the Brettonwood agreement but provided more miseries than benefits to global South. The idea of liberalising trade has not proven fruitful to the developing and under-developed countries for a number of reasons. Firstly, it threatened the existence of valuable local firms by exposing them to competition with highly developed international corporations. Secondly, it has widened income disparity in the global system. Many tech giants like Apple, NVIDIA, Google and Tesla have their market capitalisation in trillions of dollars. Thirdly, it has

relied many countries on foreign debts. For instance, Pakistan relies on International Monetary Funds (IMF) to cover its Balance of Payments (BOP) deficit. This is because Pakistan imports more from China through Free Trade Agreement. These international financial lenders oversteps on local economic policies such as IMF's SAPs in order to exert influence, creating neo-Imperialistic tendencies. Thus, Capitalistic Global System has pushed developing countries further into crisis, raising questions on its popular legitimacy.

Another concept of popularity over rationality is the deeply ingrained patriarchal system in many parts of the world. Male becomes the head of the house without questioning his legitimacy. In societies like that of Pakistan, patriarchy has given

rise to incidents of honour killing. In the documentary of Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, 'A Girl in the River', the locals appreciated the family responsible for killing the girl due to love marriage. This social approval and appreciation has driven many to murder to restore 'Family's honour.' Although culturally popular, this has raised the questions regarding human rights violation. The constitution of Pakistan and United Nations Declaration of Human rights bestows human the right to life. Furthermore, Islam has granted women the choice of her marriage. Hence, the social approval does not mean that honour killing is a rational way to address deal with a social circumstance.

Human mentality functions on both

rational and sentimental drives. However, humans tend to resort to instant gratification, making it highly popular in many aspects. Many individuals seek pleasure through drugs and endless social media scrolling.

Scientifically, it reduces pleasure hormones, ^{dopamine} into the brain, resulting in short-term pleasure. It discourages a person from hard work, discipline and consistency. Consequently, it results in various long-term challenges in a person. Pleasure results in myopic view of one's future. This leads to various social issues such as deviance, depression and identity crises. According to Social Strain Theory, a person resorts to unfair means of achieving a socially approved objective, leading to crime. This reiterates human tendency to short and instant gratifications which increase criminal activities.

Therefore, the widespread psychological endorsement of short-term pleasure creates many challenges in the future.

21st Century has led to exponential digital revolutions. Many people are increasingly becoming dependent on tech-items. Technology has gained popularity due to its function of easing human lives. However, excessive utilisation of technology is raising various concerns. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is already creating various issues. They are reducing human's capability to brainstorm, think creatively, evaluate critically and make efforts.

Instead, platforms like Chat GPT are used on slightest inconvenience.

Moreover, machines have made humans lazy and obese. Machines mechanically ease a physical task. This reduces physical mobility in humans.

Many health complication arise as a result. Lack of Serotonin creates stress and anxiety which is collectively reflected in a social model. Also, there are rising cases of heart attacks due to obesity, diabetes and blood pressure. Hence, technology has indeed eased human lives, but it has caused many mental and physical health complications.

Recently, the idea of switching to Electric Vehicles have gained traction, amid changing climate change. According to the supporters of this approach, electric vehicles have zero emissions because they are electrically charged. Thus, it will reduce air pollution in the atmosphere. However, this claim is rigid due to many reasons. First, the process of creating these batteries directly and indirectly has many environmental

implications. Second, many countries generate electricity through hydrocarbons. For instance, Pakistan, through Independent Power Producers (IPPs), use coal, gas, and oil to meet country's electricity requirement. Charging an electric vehicle (EV) with this electricity cancels out benefits. Third, automobile companies like Toyota has avoided from going fully electric. This is because it claims that the overall impacts of 'Hybrid' engines towards the environment are less than from Electric Batteries. Hence, the widespread popularity of Electric Vehicles (EV) does not mean they are ~~are~~ the realistic solution to address environmental concerns.

In conclusion, humans are driven through emotions, as well as rationality. Although unpopular, voicing concerns and maintaining one's values is necessary to reinvigorate social controls. Many people

seek education for better career rather than personal growth. Learning is not popular in educational settings. In a democratic system, many people oppose the idea of varying weightages for voters. It is necessary to bring a more suitable candidates in political offices. Tax relief is discouraged for investors on the concept of income disparity. However, they can have long-term economic benefits such as BOP surplus, rising employment and increase in exports. In the era of uncontrollable population expansion, it is crucial to make contraceptives widespread. This will lessen strain on limited resources and improve overall environment. On the contrary, there are many circumstances

with widespread popularity but questionable outcomes. The system of Capitalism is globally popular, but it continues suppressing Global South and enhances the dominance of Global North. Patriarchal societies justify and appreciate murders in the form of honour killing. However, it only creates human rights violations. Many people prefer short-term gratification, leading to prevalent depression, deviance and identity crises. Overdependence on technology has suppressed creativity and resulted in mental and physical health issues. Finally, the recognition of Electric Vehicle as environmental friendly automobiles has been wrongly perceived. This is because they may be contributing adversely to pollution and have better alternatives in the form of Hybrid engines. Hence, it is important to popularise what is right and debunk what is wrong.