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Books Build Nations, Screens Destroy Them Outline

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"This essay argues that books build nations by acting as the basic tools of awareness in a nation, giving the wisdom of intellectuals, organizing a nation, advancing a society and providing the future course of action, which cannot be performed by screens."

2. Books Build Nations and Screens Distract Them

1. Books are the first tools to instil awareness in a nation;

a. Every nation preserves its treasure of knowledge

2. Books equip an individual with ~~and~~ wisdom;

a. Provide leaders

b. Henry Kissinger in "Leadership"

3. Books organize a nation, which cannot be done by screens;

a. A case study of attention economy

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The Essay

No nation has ever been destroyed by the spirit of books. From the dawn of human journey on the mass of earth, knowledge is the necessary tool to frame the foundation of a society. Every society, from early stone ages till 21st Century, has sought to produce wisdom in the form of books. Indeed, this spirit has increased with every passing day rather than declining. The tales of great nations, the stories of modern successful nations and the causes of failure of nations are predicted by the content of books. The era of today's info-tech is the result of useful knowledge. Also, the technology of today in the form of screens is the result of books. However, when screens are taken as a means to an end, then it causes the journey of books to cease its fruits and the result is the stagnation of minds from moving forward. On the contrary, when books are utilized as the key ingredients, then a nation goes on to impart new stories of success to its destiny and thrills. This essay argues that books build nations by acting as the

basic tools of awareness in a nation, bringing the wisdom of intellectuals, organizing a nation, advancing a society and providing future course of action. These tasks cannot be performed by screens at all as they distract a nation from what have been the basis of screens themselves. A nation surely prospers when its basic notions of advancements lie on advocating for knowledge in the form of books.

To begin with, books are the first tools to instil awareness in a nation, which cannot be performed by screens. Every human child from early communal societies till the dawn of modern age has to rely on the basics of life, which were taken from one's society. Early ages provide accounts of educating through writings on stones, leather and clay materials. According to Yuval Noah Harari in his book "Homo Sapiens", stone age people used to teach their new borns via knowledge related to their living through certain writing materials like leather, stones and leaves as the primary form of libraries. With time new ways of educating the

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minds emerged and every nation has preserved the records of their ancestors in the form of books.

Greek society produced people like Socrates, Aristotle and Plato, who advocated for the awareness of people through knowledge. Their main concept of bringing awareness was to write and read books. Plato in his book "The Republic" says that the true King must be a well known person in wisdom, which means that a person of books having must hold the reins of a nation destiny. This shows that books have been utilized by all nations throughout history in order to create awareness in their societies.

On the contrary, there were no screens in early historical periods, but still those societies were well aware and prosperous. In short, books build nations by giving them the necessary awareness about every walk of life.

Additionally, books equip an individual with wisdom, who then frame strong foundations of their one's society. Wisdom comes from books in all walks of life. From politics and economy to diplomacy and

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and war, books have all remedies and principles. Books teach how an individual must learn from past in order to frame the future of a nation. According to Henry Kissinger in his book "Leadership", books provide a comprehensive view of a nation's rise and fall. The examples he provides are those of Charles de Gaulle and Konrad Adenauer. Both of these were well equipped with the past of their nations and the whole of Europe. The result was the creation of a strong foundation for modern Europe. Modern Europe and its prosperity is testament to the fact that books equip an individual with wisdom, who then build societies like European society. These leaders were aware of their past, so their wisdom provided a strong base for future of Europe. On the other hand, modern European leaders rely on the power of screens, which has resulted in disunity in the form of populist leaders and disintegration. In this regard, Brexit is the compelling example. To conclude, an individual's wisdom results from relying on books in order to provide direction to one's nation.

Also, books organize a nation while screens result in disorganization. Books teach how a nation must create incentives in every walk of life. They advocate for non-stop achievements in a nation's life without being contented in today's victories. Books explore new horizons of successes and discoveries in every field of knowledge. For example, China and America are the prosperous nations of the world; however, they have not ceased their journey in furthering their advancements. They still rely on the potential of their individuals in science and technology. According to a report published in Pakistan Journal of International Affairs, China accounts for 38% of the global manufacturing. This shows that China is prosperous because it has an organized society, which is the result of books because books have taught them the necessary criteria of how to place incentives and priorities in their society. On the other hand, China has misfired the Great Firewall in order to limit the screen power, which shows that a piece of

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book is more important than screens. Hence, books organize a society while screens distract them.

Furthermore, the advancement of a nation lies in books, which cannot be performed by screens. Every nation in the world, which is prosperous

relied on the power of knowledge to further their goals. As a result,

thousands of books were produced and consumed in various fields like

philosophy, literature and economy. The best example is that of Abbasid

Dynasty in Baghdad. Abbasids collected multiple books from across the world

in multiple fields of study. The result was that of "The House

of Wisdom". Later on the great city of Baghdad resulted. Also, its effect

spread to the Europe and their signs of prosperity are still present

in the form of Great Mosque of Cordoba. In modern times, Japan is

the best example, which raised to the height of Asian Tigs because

of relying on their tradition as preserved in the books of Japanese

Civilization. This shows that a nation advances only when its citizens

take the leap of faith and that faith can be found only in the preserved books.

On the other side, nations like Pakistan and Afghanistan rely more on screens and the result is stagnant minds. There are more than one hundred million social media users in Pakistan according to a report published in Dawn Newspaper. This shows the misplaced energy and hence downfall. So, a nation thrives when books are taken as a guide for advancement.

Moreover, the prosperous modern world is the result of books, which proves the point that books build nations. Books germinate the seeds of light and re-birth. It teaches a nation its lost glory. It also brings a nation or society to its right track. And books also teach how to embark on the future through consistent effort. For instance, when the Eastern Roman Empire was destroyed, people, especially Christians carried with themselves scripts of Greeks and Romans into Europe. These people started teachings from old books and new knowledge was produced in Europe. As a result, Europe soon tasted the sweets of enlightenment and Renaissance flourished. Not only enlightenment rather Europe took on the charge of the whole global reign through its knowledge and power.

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Knowledge gave them power and they utilized that power to bring scientific and industrial advancements. Resultantly, Europe ruled the world in the centuries that followed and even today also. On the contrary, Muslims downgraded the power of books through luxuries and they lost their glory as in the fall of the Ottoman Empire. Even modern Muslims lag behind Europe and are ruled as in the case of Palestine because they have forgot their past and the only power they can exert is through condemnation of the West, which fill the screens of modern media. In summation, books create new pathways to prosperity.

Adding ^{but also} further, books not only advance a nation, rather they protect the gained glory of a nation from an enemy. For a prosperous nation book is not just a collection of written pages rather they contain the necessary principles of how to prosper and how to protect that prosperity. Firstly, books aware an individual related to one's nation demands and national integration. Resultantly, an individual does not go against one's own nation in order to be trapped by an enemy's agenda.

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As Sir Syed Ahmad Khan says, "Educate, educate and educate. Cure the roots and the tree will flourish". So, a nation can cure the roots of its society only when books are taken as necessary fertilizers. Also, powerful narratives cannot create havoc in a society when the faith is depending on the spirit of knowledge. Today, a nation can only secure its interests if its people are well aware to distinguish between right and wrong piece of information. When this is not the case, then screens take on the charge and misguides a nation. The best example is that of the Arab Spring, which created havoc in Arab states through propaganda. To cut it short, books not only prosper a nation but also provide ethics regarding the use and spread of information.

Books also provides lessons of the past. They teach where the prosperity lies and what went wrong in their nation's journey. Also, they equip a society with the true guide, which could be missing in the past. This guide can be about morality, religion and modern forms of education. For instance, the Chinese

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People have learnt the lesson that their prosperity lies in competing with the modern world. It is because China was one of the two Asiatic societies, which created more wealth than the whole of Europe combined. When they lost that spirit in 18th Century, then the fate was the Century of humiliation that followed. However, in today's time, China has once again an awakened society. Napoleon once said, "China is a sleeping giant, when it awakes, it will reshape the world". So, Chinese awakening was possible only via books and knowledge and it China knows very well today. The nation of Japan, once hit by nuclear weapons, is also embarking upon new endeavors because their Meiji culture teaches them to take the leap of faith and never lose hope. Such are the sweets of books, which raise a nation from loss to glory. These are the miracles screens cannot perform. In summation, books teaches the past lessons and those who learn those lessons never go astray. In today's world if a nation wants to safeguard itself from decay, it must first stop its intellectual decay.

Books are the key in this regard. It is because books never make stagnation of minds. Rather books always innovate societies by giving new directions in what has already been achieved. A society which stops will remain stagnant and can never safeguard its future. Even when a government is in crisis, the people of that nation can still advance their aspirations via books. Yael Noah Harari in his book "21st Lessons for 21st Century" is of the view, "When the government is slow, you have to run faster". He teaches the pathway which books teach. In modern interconnected and digitalized world, a nation can only stop its destruction by consistently gathering new information to fuel the engines of modern artificial machines. Also, U.S. President Mr. Donald Trump said that we are in an era of modern technological competition, aired at Al-Jazeera, when the news of Chinese Deepseek filled the screens of U.S. Citizens. This shows that books, which provide knowledge, are the key ingredients of a nation's future. On the other side, screens provide controlled and outdated data, which is not suitable for innovation and discovery.

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In short, books are the real weapons against the possible futuristic destruction of a nation.

Last but not least, the future lies in books, which shows how books build a nation. In today's world science and technology have gained unprecedented heights. Most of the advanced nations have progressed in all walks of life. Even some states have reached farther planets in order to secure more vital interests.

Despite such advancements, no nation of the world could be taken as an example to have left the door of library. Even the less developed nations are aligning with advanced nations for modern technology and knowledge. For instance, Pakistan has signed MOUs with China in the field of modern education because Pakistan knows the books (knowledge) of China can be utilized for its own prosperity. Also, the future lies in books because a nation has to control superhumans (machines fuelled by AI) which cannot be done by those who waste their energy on screens. Henry Kissinger in "World Order" says that the modern leaders are the product of compelling media stories and the leaders of

tomorrow need literature, philosophy and politics till subjects to advance their nations. In conclusion, no nation can deny the spirit of books because the future lies in the spirit of books.

In conclusion, this essay has discussed in detail that books frame a nation while screens destroy them because books create necessary awareness in a nation by giving wisdom, lessons of the past and a guide for the future. Humans have always sought awareness regarding worldly and spiritual entities. In this regard, they have gained light from books and have preserved that books for the future. The ~~successes~~ success of modern world is the result of the consistent efforts of those who have given time to books in order to explore the treasures of wisdom therein. Even in the modern world of today, books hold immense value and multiple books on diverse topics are produced by ardent lovers of books. Books are the pioneer of any nations success and prosperity. Due to the growing competition in contemporary era, the future also holds enough reasons to justify the vitality of books.

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