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Thinking beyond Democracy and Freedom: A Post 9/11 War on Terrorism Scenario

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ABSTRACT

This paper is going to explore the world beyond democracy and the shrouded concept of freedom. In the world of 'globalution' where revolution comes through Multinational Corporations and any specific form of government does not work but tolerance. Tolerance for this paper is all about respect for each other's' ideology, opinion, and status. It makes us wise enough to make our surroundings a harmonized and liveable place. The dichotomous nature of societies demands space for each other. However, we humans are supposed to respect each other's existence without any specifications. We are just human beings instead of Confucianists, Communists, Capitalists, Hindus, Christians, and Muslims. Humans are born free but their specifications have made them intolerant towards each other. Tolerance is a basic ingredient of democracy, which is a means to an end, not an end itself. Freedom can only be observed with impositions and impositions are against the concept of freedom. Thus, this paper will conclude the outcome of the nature of the modern sovereign state system. It is teemed with liberalism (a mixture of liberalism and realism) and liberacantilism (a mixture of liberalism and mercantilism). Misinterpretations of the West have made certain errors during the post 9/11 socalled war against terrorism. These errors cumulatively transform terrorism into 'errorism'. This 'errorism' is bringing home the world that inequality and imbalances are occurring horizontally and vertically making this world disorder. Industrialization is going on in the West and the population is increasing in the rest, breaking the "iron cage of liberalism." It demands a glocal system of governance that could sustain people's co-existence at home and abroad. The triangulation method with primary and secondary sources would be used in the process of this research.

Central Idea of the Paper

Central Idea of the Paper is that democracy and freedom are traditionally misinterpreted concepts we have to review our thinking beyond these concepts for a healthy and liveable world in the twenty-first century. Democracy is replaced with

humanity and freedom replaced with Interdependence in this paper for a peaceful co-existence of human beings. For practicing this phenomenon we need efficient employment of "system capabilities" by the leadership.

The objective of the paper

The objective of the paper is to give a pragmatic response to human interdependence that is popularly but mistakenly known as freedom. Besides that this paper will explain democracy as the best means to an end. Thus, empirical analysis of history and the contemporary world would answer the query of what kind of world we needed as human beings.

Significance of the paper

It would be a source for further research on thinking beyond democracy and freedom. It may introduce a paradigm shift in the social sciences.

Keywords: Globalution, MNCs, Democracy, Freedom, Liberalism, Libracantilism

Democracy and Freedom: Masquerading Concepts

According to Amy Chua's democracy and market, the economy is breeding seeds of ethnic hatred and global instability owing to the dominant-minorities in South East Asia. This hatred is reacting against democracy and the market economy to finish the dominant minorities as well as its supporters (Chua, 2004). Big Business tycoons and their MNGs¹/MNCs are earning a lot in the developing world. Not only this they are perishing the local business that is why it is said that dominant minorities are expanding in the world. These MNGs/MNCs are creating a 'borderless world' through their consumer products. But these MNGs/MNCs have made the people slaves of their products. There are slaves of Apple, Blackberry, and Samsung companies. We may say this world is a slave of 'McWorld.' Benjamin R. Barber believes that the Modern world is encompassed by three forces fastest food by McDonalds, fastest music by MTV and fastest computers by Macintosh (Barber, 1996).

Today's world is in chains of these three forces. It is based on injustice and undemocratic features. One of the great social scientist Barrington Moore Jr. explains that traditional democracies have been developed on the participatory concept. This is how western and Orientals may differ. On the other hand, in the transitional democracies, Chinese reformer Deng Xiao Ping and Indian statesman Jawahar Lal Nehru exploited the existing wherewithal and kept the "system capabilities" self-motivated and well-organized (Almond & Powell, 1966). Therefore, as much as the leadership develops the available resources according to the needs of the intercontinental community, it develops sustainable economic systems. India is known as the largest democracy in the world for its population.

Fareed Zakaria believes that the U.S. is a popular country in the world owing to its undemocratic state organs like Executive, Legislature (Senate, House of representatives) and Judiciary. He further explains that the U.S. executive head is

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¹ The author believes MNCs have become multinational governments MNGs who is sovereign and autonomous in their affairs.

elected indirectly by the people undemocratically. In the U.S. legislature, Senate is the only most powerful upper chamber in the world which is undemocratically elected, as all states have representation in the Senate with two members regardless of their size or population. In the same way, Judiciary is comprised of nine nominated judges again undemocratic in nature (Zakaria, 2004). The House of Representatives is the lower house in the U.S. legislature has no power indeed.

Therefore, democracy is a means to an end, not an end itself. It is a human instinct instead of a form of government. An individual believes in sharing power with the sovereign as his policies may affect him consequently. For this paper, we may say that democracy is a human instinct (Ahmad, 2012) and it drives him for the attainment of human culmination that lies in respecting others' opinions or views, ideology, and existence.

China is known as a communist country but it is earning fruits of globalization with a mixed economy named liberacantilism (Ahmad, 2014). There is no pure capitalist or idealist and liberalist country in this modern world. Hence, concepts of democracy and freedom are masquerading as end products and deviate human beings from their original source of knowledge, the explanation would come later. Democracy is the best source for human interdependence and maybe the only way out for the modern world to reach its end product.

In the post 9/11 scenario when the war against terrorism seems more like war for terrorism (Ahmad, 2007).

Iraq and Afghanistan were better placed before the intervention of the U.S. in the twenty-first century for fighting against terrorism. More than two lac people had sacrificed their lives without any outcome. The incident of 9/11 changed the politics of the whole world and especially of South Asia. In the so-called war against terrorism, so many errors have been committed by the U.S. administration. In this paper word, errorism is just for explaining the intensity of errors the West committed during the war against terrorism. It seems ridiculous that martial forces can install democracy in Afghanistan and Iraq since democracy pertains to individual will, believes in the welfare of the whole, respect for each other and tolerance for others'. It can only be evolved through a gradual process of the local milieu, not with any imported rules and regulations. People in any setup are usually tied with the confined culture that prevailed around. Thus, that setup determined the value system of that community and through that valued community; a living standard is originated for human beings. You can name that living standard as democracy, monarchy, aristocracy or plutocracy. It does not make any difference.

In the name of freedom of expression different people are exploiting different communities. After 9/11 unfortunately Muslim community seems much deprived and the West left no stone unturned in humiliating Muslims. This what Dominique Moisie explains in his celebrated book The Geo-Politics of Emotions, that culture of fear, humiliation, and hope is reshaping world politics. He explains that democracy is highly misinterpreted and misunderstood concept in the world. The U.S. administration under George Bush left a lacuna between democratic values and its practices on a large scale. It was just a show of power politics (Moisie, 2009). If we quote Mr. Winston Churchill, "Never have so few been able to do so much harm to so many" (Moisie, 2009).

Moisie describes fear, humiliation, and hope as emotions necessary for human life as much as blood for human life. The balance in the composition of blood cells, red blood cells, white blood cells, and plasma is as necessary for a healthy life as said emotions. The balance in these emotions will guarantee a healthy world. It shows irrelevant discussion because fear is definitely the physiological outcome of any human observation but humiliation is psychological and pertains to external incidents of human life ditch the ego of one's identity. The identity of human personality is the only thing that gives him happiness. The state gives only identity to the individuals that may be snatched by MNGs/MNCs when individuals will start introducing themselves as landing in any other countries' airport, "I am from Mercedes Benz, from BMW, from Gillette, or from Ford instead of saying from China, U.S. Germany, Pakistan, or India."

In the modern world identity of the developing world is attached to poverty and crimes, it hurts them and makes them unhappy. When this happiness is snatched by any external force with the power it humiliates the victim. Humiliation does not produce in blood but it is an abstract of emotion that is felt by human beings owing to certain metabolic transformations. While fear is a result of the functioning of the medulla oblongata, positioned in the lower part of the brain regulates the blood circulation in the heart as well as other parts of the body.

The adrenal medulla secretes adrenaline and creates fear in the human brain. So he reacts accordingly. The point is for a healthy world, individual health is important as a healthy mind think healthy and an unhealthy mind think unhealthy. That involves the whole personality of human beings not only blood ingredients. Hope is always concerned with the future, individuals who maintained their presence in a respectable manner became successful in leading a happy life. Contrary to this, individuals who are taught for so-called sustainable human development (SHD) is a call of the day that means fulfilling the needs and demands of the people without depleting the needs and demands of the future generations.

How come that with an ongoing flux of automobiles and opening new food chains emission of CFCs and acid rain is happening depleting the ozone layer up in the stratosphere can have SHD. It is just lip service and there is no pragmatism involved in it. When literature of the West humiliates only one community in the world in the name of freedom of expression how come there would be a healthy world. Here is the content analysis of four books titled as Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order by Samuel P. Huntington, (1996) Jihad vs. McWorld by Benjamin R. Barber, (1996), Geopolitics of Emotion by Dominique Moisie (2009) and Deadly Embrace by Bruce Riedel, (2011). Two books are from pre 9/11 and two are written in the post 9/11 era. In these books analysis is made on how many times words like Islam, Islamic, Islamism, Islamization, Muslim, Muslims, Jihad, Jihadi, Jihadist, Pakistan and Pakistani are used, positively or negatively:

A statistical content analysis of four books

SPH	BRB	DM	BR	P/N	
Islam	299	35	78	26	N
Islamic	348	30	66	96	N
Islamism	04	00	04	01	N

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Islamization	11	00	01	01	N
Muslim	469	09	51	52	N
Muslims	250	08	59	23	N
Jihad	18	237	02	109	N
Jihadi	00	00	01	09	N
Jihadist	00	00	01	53	N
Pakistan	103	08	17	583	N
Pakistani	10	00	03	213	N

SPH: Samuel P. Huntington BRB: Benjamin R. Barber

DM: Dominique Moisi

BR: Bruce Riedel

P/N: Positive/Negative

The content analysis of the said books shows that not a single book uses these words positively in the pre or post 9/11 era. It is awfully humiliating for the Muslim community in the world. How can the West hope for a healthy future of the world? Whosoever sows the seeds of hatred will reap the harvest.

Terrorism has nothing to do with any of the ideologies of the world. It is an, in fact, a tool in the hands of the technologically sophisticated countries not in the hands of the poor countries who cannot buy food for themselves, unable to have access to clean water and good sanitary washrooms, how can they buy bombs and hand grenades to kill others? However, all the manmade laws, principles and forms of government are based on social injustice and selective morality. For example, there are five permanent members of the UN Security Council. They have veto power and can use that veto against any nation of the world. It is highly selective and injustice in the community of nations. It promotes deprivation that is the root cause of all anomalies in the world (Ahmad, & Eijaz, 2020). because of its definitions regarding its basic elements, as there is no sovereignty of the state or government or territory is respected by the missile technology. Russian missiles hit Iran during the Syrian crises. Russian missiles could not detect the geographical boundaries. Increased interconnectedness of IFIs, WB, MNGs, and WTO has made this world a place where people live with 'liberalism' and 'liberacantilism.' 'Liberalism' means that peoples of the world are neither completely liberal nor realist but a mixture of both. In the same way economies of the world are neither altogether liberal in any sense and nor based on economic nationalism. The world business is run through a mix of both that is called 'liberacantilism.' The world has to be free of economic and political chains and must follow the law of nature.

Man is Born Free

Umar Farooq RA once said not Rousseau, "Man is born free" but in this world owing to his specific identities as Christians, Confucianists, Hindus, Jews, and Muslims

fight with each other. Not only has this, whenever any ideology dominates in the world it dictates its terms in the form of economic system, politics, and culture as well as in language. The societies that adopted the dominant ideologies immediately became colonies and countries which challenged the dominant ideologies became colonial masters. For example, after the First World War in 1918, Europe and the U.S. challenged the fascist regimes of Germany and Italy and fought for their survival and the U.S. emerged victoriously, became colonial masters. After the economic recession of the 1930s again, Germany and Italy challenged the colonial masters and in 1939 the Second World War started. It depleted the economy of the whole of Europe and Asia as the U.S. remained unscathed during the Second World War.

Consequently, colonial masters had to withdraw their forces from their colonies to sustain their native economies. Drums of democracy, human rights and peace were beaten in the whole west. It started a cold war in which again Russia was challenging the capitalist block and leading the socialist block. However, the fight was going on with different names of human errors. A war between Capitalism and Communism started. In the name of liberalism, mercantilism was the call of the day. Not only in Russia but also in the U.S. no one could say definitely that what kind of economy was prevailing in the world. Was it Capitalist or Communist? Even to date in this age of globalization when time and space have been compressed as much that in a blink of an eye a lot of difference can be made. The developing world became dependent upon the developed world but it was an illusion as there was no dependence in a real sense but always interdependence. For without any dependent no one can pronounce itself as an independent. Forgiving aid or being creditor you need a debtor. If there is no debtor, there would be no creditor. All MNCs/MNGs are making business in all economic markets in the world. The most lucrative economic markets are China and India in the world where these MNCs are working more efficiently

The West tries to penetrate the developing world through its meager economy, de facto governments, and influenced cultures. Owing to its developed institutions, the developed world has the capability to assimilate different communities. McWorld means, MTV, McDonald's, and Macintosh have no conformity with the Chinese and Indian cultural heritage. For instance, food restaurants are full of young guys and girls wearing trousers and shirts alike. It has become very difficult to recognize a boy or girl by their external appearances. A long ponytail can be seen borne by young boys. In traditional societies like China and India, some fast-food restaurants have dance clubs where boys do not hesitate to dance with their partners. This is all due to these MNCs and the communication revolution. The wiring of the world has inter-connected the people in a way that it has become impossible to recognize whether one is sitting in China, India or in America or Europe. The assimilation of different communities through western culture is a good sign for global politics. It may increase tolerance among different communities of the world. The chains of McWorld may become a source of tolerance for ethnic identities while they would interact with each other in the future. It may be the inception of peaceful coexistence among different communities of the world.

Tolerance and Peaceful Coexistence

Tolerance comes through mutual trust-building among different communities when people start giving respect to each other's heroes. It is the real source of peaceful coexistence among diversified ethnic identities. Abusing Jinnah may hurt Pakistanis or calling the names of Gandhi or Nehru hurt Indians. Talking Holocaust in America is unwanted.

Fareed Zakaria also gives the example of India as a transforming society and considering her as "less tolerant, less secular, less law-abiding, less liberal" but more democratic in some ways (Zakria, 2004, p. 106).

Pakistan's former minister of foreign affairs, Mr. Khursheed Kasuri's book launching ceremony in Mumbai, on October 12, 2015, is a pertinent example of Indian less tolerant, less liberal, less law-abiding and less secular status. Kasuri's book titled as Neither a Hawk nor a Dove: An Insider's Account of Pakistan's Foreign Policy, is launched despite ruling Shiv Sena's opposition and paint attack on Sudheendra Kulkarni, organizer of Kasuri's book in Mumbai. Indian human rights violation in Kashmir and Muslim genocide in Hyderabad, and Gujrat shows the real face of extremist and undemocratic India. This book is said to be a bridge between two rival countries in trust-building in the time trust deficit.

A recent ban on sacrificing a cow after Eid-u-Azha September 25, 2015, in India raised protests from extremists Hindus shows that degree of tolerance is very low among extremist Hindus even after centuries as this protest is not the new but traditional one. But the majority of Hindus are not extremists. We are unable to claim that what number of Hindus believes in sacrificing cow is a right for Muslims, it does not mean that Hindus, who do not resist in sacrificing cow, are supporter of it but it means that they just respect other human beings. For example, many people smoke cigarettes drink alcohol or do not believe in Allah. Such people are living in different parts of the world and remain unharmed owing to their acts. It means they are respected by other human beings. It absolutely not means that people like to be smokers, drinker or non-believer.

In the same way, Muslims were dealing Hindus in a selective manner, especially during Mahmood Ghaznavi's seventeen attacks in the eleventh century on the Hindu temples were purely based on political and economic motives. Allauddin Khalji dynasty in the sub-continent in the thirteenth century, Aurangzeb Alamgir's Mughal era were full of Hindus genocide in India in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Thus, in the subcontinent, perception played an important role in determining political and economic affairs. Tolerance being one of the basic ingredients of democracy socializes people how to behave others respectfully.

Lack of tolerance among the haves, in fact, is thwarting the acceptable or livable process in any part of the world especially in South Asia. South Asia is a battlefield wherein the name of terrorism terror prevails than ever before. Like all airports, hospitals, and other public places even academic institutions and sacred seats of learning are insecure. Since this world has become more technologically sophisticated and scientifically advanced, it has become more insecure for terrestrial as well as marine life. The depletion of the ozone layer and climate change has made human beings psychologically disturbed. It is minimizing the level of tolerance among humans and making them inhuman. Interdependence is the only way out that

can increase tolerance among people of the world and can eliminate the fake concept of dependence.

Interdependence Vs Dependence

So-called human dependence started increasing owing to the concentration of wealth among few hands in the world over after the Second World War in 1945. Sometimes it looks that interdependence started after the Second WW. Contrary to this, it ends the interdependence of human beings that was creating amity among them. The real source of human friendship is a man to man cooperation and nothing else. Since Adam to the so-called last man of Francis Fukuyama there is only one law on this planet is working effectively that is a law of nature, which means might is right. Here Might means authority, not power and development is linked with authority, not with power. Authority means when the majority of the population starts believing that whatever the sovereign legislates that is in the favor of the majority. It gives legitimacy to the sovereign to govern. In the subcontinent especially in Pakistan, since 1947 to date rulers had been looking for authority and rushed towards West for seeking legitimacy. This act of selfish rulers made them salves of the West. When a sovereign earns the support of people he enjoys authority and legitimacy and become a popular leader. In Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew and Mahathir in Malaysia are glaring examples in this context. Zulfigar Ali Bhutto in the 1970s and Imran Khan at present in Pakistan are pertinent examples in this perspective. Dependence is in fact slavery until or unless slave wags tail for his masters remain in power. On the other hand, a leader with authority enjoys legitimacy work with the cooperation of other nations and promotes interdependence to make this world a liveable place.

In the twentieth and the twenty-first-century human beings had been striving to give a man-made system with different names but unable to maintain any because of selective morality on the part of the West and giving up Ijtihad among Muslims. So a so-called clash of civilizations thesis originated by Samuel P. Huntington to engage the human mind in a falsified phenomenon in the 1990s. Man is born free and no one can keep him in chains. Confucianism, Hinduism, Capitalism, Communism, Liberalism, Realism or Islamism all are just serving the interests of the few. That is why; there is no livable place in the world even with a technologically sophisticated world.

We are running after shrouded concepts of human freedom, as all kinds of freedom lie in impositions. Impositions are against the essence of any liberty or freedom. The West kept engaged to the people in such thoughts and knowledge that had nothing to do with human excellence. Keeping them engage in such futile knowledge, the West is practicing "might is right" in the context of power, not authority. When might is understood in the meaning of power it becomes vice. The West today is exploiting that vice to get rid of Omnipotent's law of nature (might is right) known as virtue recognized by Socrates as knowledge. All researches, theories, hypotheses and so-called creation of knowledge by the U.S. predominantly could not succeed in halting war against human beings. Freedom is all about interdependence, we human beings are unable to live without cooperation. Interdependence will make this planet free of sectarianism, parochialism, provincialism, capitalism, and communism. Interdependence is a real authority or might which is absolutely right.

Matter of the Fact

Matter of the fact is this in social sciences knowledge can neither be produced nor created: it can only be reproduced or reinterpreted. In the twenty-first century when Globalution has created revolutions in the life of human beings sitting beyond through Multinational governments which are popularly known as multinational corporations (Friedman, 1999). Whatever comes from the west is not the final word but we have to review our thoughts in the light of the Holy Ouran that is the only source of knowledge for human beings and it is the only book that talks about humans not about Muslims only. This book is an explicit answer to today's problems. The deceptive and dominant ideology of the West must be reviewed. As with the economic crunch in 2008, the U.S. government gave to bail out their banks for their survival. It was, in fact, the demise of Capitalism. The communism was collapsed in 1991. Therefore, there is no need to name any system or form of government that is being run successfully in any state of the world. We are unable to guarantee that such and such system would be certainly successful in any other part of the world. The human free domain still exists in this twenty-first century but it becomes confined when humans allow others to rule over them. The whole world is land for human beings they must respect each others' laws instead of paying lip service through the United Nations Charters that never been respected by the developed part of the world. The veto powered countries are a real source of trouble for the world. Respecting each others' ideologies and norms are the only way out for coexistence.

Conclusion

Democracy and freedom are two disguised concepts we have to be vigilant while understanding these concepts. As the most misguided word in the world is secularism. Even in the different English dictionaries, you may find different meanings of secularism in different phases of history. In the online Cambridge and other dictionaries say that it's a belief that separates religion from political and social affairs of the state. The contemporary world has many examples that categorically expose the so-called nature of democracy and freedom as concepts. Lately, Donald Trump declared Jerusalem as a capital of Israel which was rejected by both the houses with majority of votes, in security Council of the U.N. 14 out of 15 votes went against the U.S. and in the General Assembly of the U.N. 124 votes were against the US and only 6 votes were in favour. In spite of majority of votes cast against the US but still resolution went in favour of the U.S. because of her veto power. The literal meaning of secularism is non-intervention, and in this perspective, Islam is the only secular religion in the modern world. It is the youngest and modern in all revealed religions. It abhors any external intervention in the personal affairs of an individual. It focuses on two major aspects of human life; one is social justice and second is morality in social interactions. Social justice keeps the society integrated and morality harmonizes the dichotomous nature of human beings. Islam does not involve human beings in masquerading concepts of democracy and freedom but allows every human being to live according to their own environment. For example, a man living in Australia in the months of November to February cannot wear warm clothes as his precincts do not allow him to do so. On the other hand, in South Asia, the same months are of winter and people have to wear warm clothes they cannot wear summer clothes. In the same way, when

people have to sleep, they do that and when they need to eat they do that. They do not need any law or ruling from any external force to tell them what they should do in different circumstances but they naturally perform according to the prevailing circumstances. It does not mean that there should not be any organized system that could manage human affairs. It just means that we have to think beyond democracy and freedom and other such concepts that are not aligning the prevailing circumstances of the world. The modern state has to redefine itself getting itself out of the traditional parleys of freedom and democracy. It has to reconsider the pristine principles of social justice and morality for the welfare of humanity.

It would make an end of terrorism at least from human lives. Human interdependence is a call of the day which would increase the love and affection and lessen the distrust among human beings and that would ultimately make this world livable. All manmade system has met to their accounts and they never been practiced in true sense. On the other hand, Islam was the only system that had been practiced in Medina more than 1400 years ago and was a great success. Gradually owing to human conflicts started giving way to other ideologies to fill the vacuum. As Ibne Khuldoon, a renowned Muslim scholar explained different phases of the state which might end the Muslim golden period owing to the absence of the sense of "Asbiya" (integration) and Ijtihad.

Hence the contemporary world can only be rescued from the clutches of terrorism if it takes guidelines from Quran through Ijtihad. We all have to show respect to each others' identities, caste, creed, statuses, and existences. Humans are humans they should not be divided between Muslims or non-Muslims. Quran is a universal document as Bible, Taura, and other revealed books and documents are of the same nature. But Quran as the only authenticated and original revealed book present in the present-day world although recently Syrian president Basharul Asad did his best to introduce his changed version of the Quran but remained unsuccessful. We all are created by the Omnipotent who is the creator of this universe and showing submission to him is a reflection of our humility towards Him. There is not a single human being who does not show directly, indirectly, consciously or unconsciously his submission to the creator. For example, if a person said that he did not believe in the creator has no religion but his every act is a reflection of his attachment to any of the prophet of God. We are the reflections of God in fact so we cannot get out of that shape even keep denying it. Thus, peaceful coexistence among different ideologies is the only outcome for a healthy and liveable world. The dichotomy of thoughts is the anatomy of this world.

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