

Crisis of Civil Consciousness and Decline of Democracy

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Abstract: *The value of freedom, respect for human rights and the principle of holding periodic and genuine elections by universal suffrage are essential elements of democracy. In turn, democracy provides an environment for the protection and effective realization of human rights. The serious challenges that democracy faces in different countries of the world for smooth running of government at least one - fourth of the earth is still not under democratic governments. Poverty, health care, low literacy rate, over population, unemployment are prevalent in most parts of India, hampering national progress, caste and gender discrimination continues to prevail in Indian society. Democracy has been on the decline globally for 20 consecutive years. Indian democracy mirrors a similar trend, with increasing public distrust in government, rising polarizations, and growing disinformation and other threats from rapid advances in technology; all of which sound the alarm bell that such division has made it difficult for diverse peoples living in the India to listen to each other and find common ground. Nirodh C., said that the rule of the best leaders is necessary for the achievement of excellence of civilization, so also for degradation without the role or contribution of the ruler of the opposite character.*

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Bertrand Russell says, good qualities are easier to destroy than bad qualities, by lowering the standard or norm of judgement it is therefore easy to achieve homogeneity.

This revelation is true or applicable not only about quality, but also applies to society, religion, politics, economics, ethics, values, individual community character traits. Also applies to the crisis or decline of civilization. Just as the war drums are ringing all over the world, the rule of war and even in the story of Mahabharata in the distant past, Kouravas and the Pandavas both formulated the rules of war. In Kurukshetra war, there were some exceptions, but basically all the rules were followed by both side. Of course, it was possible because both sides of the war would gather at a certain place and fight one king against another king. This war would not have been associated with the people. But with the change of era, there has been a great change in the character or strategy of war. Now the war is no longer confined to one place. A king is not limited to a king. Now the country with another country and the entire people with people of other country has become a total destruction war. This division of civil and military has been abolished. In earlier wars, both sides used to fight each other with bows and arrows and swords. The distance between each other was very less. Now such missiles have been developed which can easily carry and hit the most destructive nuclear bombs from one hemisphere to the other. However, it was no longer used after Nagasaki - Hiroshima. However, short - range missiles are not only capable of hitting targets hundreds of miles away, but are still doing so. The frenzy of Hamas - Israel war, the Russia - Ukraine war has obscured or suppressed the horrors of the destruction of life and property. But the war continues, the whole world continues to be affected by it.

The world is horrified by the massive loss of life and destruction of human resources in the Israel - Palestinian war. But statesmen of different states are emotionless. Hospital, schools, residences, markets, railways, bridges, factories etc. are all targets of destruction by opposing countries. The United Nations organizations (UNO) seems to

be becoming helpless to the big powerful countries day by day. Due to globalization in modern era every country is dependent on other countries. Ukraine is one of the world's largest wheat producers and exporters. It spread to different countries of Europe, Africa and Asia through the Black Sea due to Russian blockage, wheat export is not possible, the price of wheat has increased all over the world and it has become the cause of global crisis. Even in large wheat producing and exporting countries like India. Like the result of the world, wheat and other food grains are stockpiled and traded by the corporate world.

The principal of free trade or the global system has made the world a vessel or sphere of arbitrariness of a few corporate. And the country system and statesmen have become the playthings of these industrialists; people are forced to remain helpless dumb - deaf in front of the world's arbitrary countries. The country often owns the military and police administration but the picture in large democracies is no different. Even in democratic countries, it is seen that 'dictatorship is established through referendum. It is observing in many countries including India and Brazil. Karl Marx said that politics is the essence of economy. Not only had the communist theory said this. British Prime Minister David Cameron said that economics is the beginning and the end of everything. The rein of that economy is now run by capitalist bureaucracy in the so - called communist countries and the corporate run economy in the countries run by democracy i. e. free trade policy. Bureaucratic (political and administrative) driven economics and corporate driven economics are subject to and governed by the same capitalist rule system of 'profit is all'.

In the Bhishma parva (episode 0 of the Mahabharata, chapter - 1 states that 'rules of war', the Kauravas and the Pandavas determined the rules of war by ordering the time, only those of equal strength would fight each other, there will be no deception, if the commenced war is stopped, love will be established again, if the war of words is stopped, the war will be by words, if the army is released, it will not be beaten, the strong will fight with the strong, the elephant

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rider with the elephant - rider, the horse - rider with the horse - rider, i. e. according to merit, enthusiasm, strength and lust, he will first alert and then strike, and he will not hurt a person of faith and search. If you change in war with any person who is weak - armed, un - armoured and unwilling to fight, you will never strike him. The charioteer, the bearer, the weapon - bearer, the ferryman and the conch - bearer shall never be struck. Both the parties agreed after such rules and detailed discussion.

On the eve of the evolutionary war, both sides were able to bind the rules of war in the presence of a third party. But in the current political situation of India, the ruling party that does not agree to follow the specific rules of the constitution is trying to make the four pillars of democracy ineffective by using the opportunity of the majority. Media is called the fourth pillar of democracy. The ruling party has taken control of all the so - called national electronic channels by using its allies and has brought down the credibility of the people to the channels almost to zero. In this context, one of Joseph Pulitzer's revelations comes to mind, "we are a democracy and these is only one way to get a democracy on its feet and that is by keeping the public informed about what is going on". But due to the arrogance of majoritarianism, the head of the ruling government has been adopting various methods of beating the media with livelihood and man handing. That is why mainstream paper and electronic media have surrendered or been forced to do so. There is no doubt the ruling government has succeeded to a large extent but the people have diverted their attention and vision to social media and YouTube. It has become so strong that even the ruling government is unable to trust the mainstream media, and has resorted to the help of YouTube. However, taking over the power of the media, the government has forgotten that it is not possible in this era. The public is very keen to protect freedom of speech and the public is helping many media outlets to survive by paying them.

The existence of opposition parties is essential in a democracy. But the way the ruling government is showing disrespect to the voice of the opposition party in the arrogance of single power is scary. I am reminded of a saying of Jesus Christ, who wields a sword, he perishes by this weapon. The way the current ruling party is trying to partisanize or obedient the elements of democracy i. e. another important pillar of democracy is the judiciary or tried to destroy the self - governing independent spirit, so that when he is not in power, he will also have to face the tyranny of the rulers. Then there will be no one to answer his call. History teaches us that not only the head of the government but the entire nation and the people will have to suffer the consequences of destroying the self - governance of the self - governing constitutional bodies and binding them to 'party - slavery'. Change of government is inevitable in a democratic system. The government can try not to see, not to hear, and to forget, but the truth of logic and science will not remain silent and inactive at any time. Every action in the human and material world has an equal and opposite reaction, everything from dust to stars is bound in this chain of nature.

It can be said that India as a whole was never free from corruption, not yet, but it was hidden a little. The judiciary was not about it, not yet. At one time the famous lawyers of the Supreme Court Prashanta Bhusan said in a public meeting that various judgements have been purchased on the basis of profits, but it is very little all these things have been aired on YouTube channel. And another Chief Justice, Ram Mandir and in another case the government has been honoured by the Rajya Sabha membership for giving a favourable judgement. It has not been possible to free the judiciary from the interference of political administrations. Political parties have never been free from these accusations and still are not. No colour flag indicates any difference. Neither party is agreeing in any way to end the non - transparency of their funds or to disclose their sources of income. When almost every person in India is ready to sell themselves, political parties are free from it or how? Dr. B. R. Ambedkar said that the basis of democracy is the natural tendency of citizens to obey the law. Apparently it is currently absent in India. No matter how much he banged his head on the parliament stairs his 56 inch wide chest did not vibrate or conscience to cancel the parliament building itself in a few days. The head of government felt no qualms about destroying the wealth of the poorest countrymen in rich country. If there is to be any administrative reform, these is an urgent need to end the autocratic institution called the Governor. His degradation has reached an all - time low under the current government. Like judges, this institution has become a field for rewarding obedient political and administrative bureaucrats. In a democratic country there is no need for provincial Governor (subedar) as in Mughal rule. In this context, a quote by Jeremy Bentham is worth mentioning here, brutal and inconsistent use of power and anarchy are not so isolated or distant. Written by Nirodh C., the rule of the powerful and sordid lower classes pushed the entire country towards decadence. In order to achieve the excellence of civilization, the rule of the best leaders is necessary and for degradation, the role and contribution of the ruler of the opposite character is needed.

Dr. Ambedkar commented on this, no matter how good a constitution is, if those who implement it are not good, it will become bad. Dr. Ambedkar was aware of the role of the enforcers in his lifetime and sounded the warning. Therefore, as in the era of Mahabharata the rule of war is bound and its implementation is also in this era to protect the self - rule of the national pillar and it is necessary to create the national instinct and drive of citizens to obey the law or the rule of law or the foundation of democracy (political and social), it is inevitable that it will be weakened. Anarchy may become inevitable. It urges readers to read the history of two (interregnum) historical periods for what its consequences might be. The period between the death of Emperor Aurangzeb and the establishment of British rule and the period between the establishment of English rule after the fall of Siraj - ud - Daulah. Finally, the article concludes with the statement of a US judge, wherever you see any injustice, inequality or injustice, this is your democracy.

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