

Why people become Violent Activist?

Root causes of violence

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Abstract:

The concept of terrorism and radicalism is a burning issue in the globalizing world today, largely due to the fact that many extremist groups attacking in and out of many Muslim countries are trying to justify their terrible act with reference to the Divine injunctions. This has in retaliation, provides an open and free atmosphere for many anti-Islamic elements, radical extremists, and prejudice non-Muslims to attack and defame the true message of Islam. Undoubtedly, it is great harm to glorious Islam by violent acts committed by certain Muslim groups. Although Power of peace is much stronger than power of violence, yet violent activists believe in terrorism and radicalism, and in their view it is commendable service to Islam in the name of Jihad. The present paper, in this background, attempts to explore and highlight the holistic causes of terrorism and radicalism. It demonstrates that whether is it possible to eradicate the Spectre of terrorism without knowing its genuine causes? However, through the power of peace, love, justice, tolerance, and compassion, and to end the corruption, suppression, and aggression on the earth, this human world can be transformed in to heaven.

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Introduction:

In this paper, I would like to first enumerate the Quranic verses with regard to the issue of violence, terrorism and violent activist and role of world religions with the aim to establish peace and harmony among the people of different religions. Before arguing the topic captioned above, I would like to invite the kind attention of the world champions of peace builder who ever proclaimed that "their lives are devoted to establish peace in this planet for everybody regardless of their religion, caste, creed and ethnic background. Here I would like to refer a

quotation which denotes universal truth about double standard of peace builder's champions.

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"Is it not amazing to every one?"

"A Jew can grow his beard to practice his faith with no problem, but when a Muslim does the same, he is labelled as an extremist. A Nun can cover herself from head to toe to devote herself to God, but when a Muslim woman does the same, she is considered oppressed. When a person defends his land against the invaders, he is called as a hero and protagonist, but when a Muslim defends his land, he is called as terrorist".

Human history is full of violence like killing, maiming, raping, kidnapping, aggravated assault, robbery, waylay and wilful destruction of property and this is not happening within one society but this occurs in all societies. Daily violence is viewed as the result of deviant acts by criminals or the mentally ill, or of temporary escalations of conflicts among social groups, such as labour and administration, black and whites etc. Violence is not common during wars but it has become a part of everyday life or it has become a routine matter in every society and with everybody. (1) In order to know about root causes of violence, we will have to know about social behaviour, social attitude, social values and social norms. Without knowing these facts, we would not be able to diagnose causes of violence comprehensively. Society is the cluster of human being, where good or bad, strong and weak, rich and poor, aggressor and aggressed, law observer and law breaker, honest and dishonest, righteous and transgressor, alms giver and hoarder, believer and non-believer, monotheist and polytheist, mystic and licentious/boozer, legitimate earner and briber, humble and arrogant, night vigilant in worship and night lodger in prostitution, wealth spender and wealth lover, good doer and evil doer, Rehman's slave and Devil's slave, obedient and disobedient, trustworthy and untrustworthy, fulfil of promises and non-observant of promise, envious and jealous, broadminded and narrow minded, optimist and pessimist, faithful and hypocrite, who love for virtue and detestation of sin and who love for sins and who believe in day of Judgment and who does not believe in the world hereafter are living here. This world is like examination hall, where everybody has to appear for test and the result will be announced in the world

hereafter and sometimes it has been announced in this world as well. But true and real transcript will be awarded in the world hereafter. One eminent source of violence is in man's biological aspect. Social philosophers like Thomas Hobbes 1588-1679 said that:

"Why man is violent? Man to be violent in his original state of nature, acquiring the means to solve conflicts peacefully only through considerable effort devoted to developing and maintaining civilization's constraints. This is important for understanding the violence around and before us and for suggesting different policies to pursue of violence is to be curbed. Violence, say various schools of thoughts, is the result of man's biological nature, of "normal" psychic predisposition; the result of successfully learning violent norms; or is caused by the social structure itself".⁽²⁾

A number of world leaders and prominent intellectuals have drawn world attention to the bone contention of terrorism is poor and pitiable economic conditions and lack of education push people to the outbreak of terrorism. In March 22, 2002, G.W. Bush 1946 said that:

"A lasting victory in the war against terror depends on educating the world's children because educated children are much more likely to embrace the values that defeat terror."⁽³⁾ⁱ

The war on terror will never be won until and unless we will overcome and cope with the problem of poverty and thus the sources of discontent may smash altogether.⁽³⁾ⁱⁱ People who are gravely facing unemployed or force to work at low cost wages or in low paying jobs, are always be angry because of their unfavourable and discontented circumstances. They are always engage mentally, physically, and psychologically in protest activities for the reason being that they, in fact, do not typically lash out at the world. Due to their low income, and not fulfilling their basic necessities of lives, bound to live below poverty line, having no other option, join terrorist activities. More than our half of the world's population lives on dollar two or even less a day. More than one billion people, worldwide, have only primary school education or less and more than 800 million adults are illiterate. So it has been identified that poverty and inadequate education are the main causes of terrorism and violence. The world would be teeming with terrorists eager to destroy our way of life.⁽⁴⁾

According to my view point, a person who firmly believes in the world hereafter will never be with an attitude of violence because he knows that all his deeds and actions committed publically or privately are recorded and preserved. This record will be produced before Allah's court on the day of judgement and He will dispense justice without any discrimination on that Day. The record of actions of a man will be weighed in a balance and the weight of his good deeds and bad deeds will decide as to whether he will be sent to paradise or to hell. The belief in the world hereafter enable a man to hate evil deeds because he knows that as a result of misdeeds he will have to suffer un-ended and perpetuate torture of fire in the hell. Such a person loves to perform good deeds in the hope of generous reward.

The spectre of violence and terrorism, whether nationally or internationally is casting dark and gloomy shadow in these days on the future of orderly and peaceful societies, threatening cataclysmic event in which precious lives of numbers of people come to close and as a result stagger the global economies stability and shatter sever blows. The bitter remembrance of the revulsions and horrors of 9/11/01 in Manhattan, 3/11/04 in Madrid and 7/7/05 in London and later on un-ended chain of attacks in Pakistan conveys in vivid message even the most powerful nations of today sneak attacks by fanatics, who willing to sacrifice their lives for a noble cause they believe is right and just. Although phenomenon of latest and modern waves of global terrorism is not new, it is over hundred years old but the scope of its menace has continued to grow, and unfortunately, in this extreme edge of terrorism and extremism, no one is bother to find out its root causes and symptoms but everyone says like our government's statement "crush it, root out, break the back bone of terrorist etc." No doubt, the terror activist are perpetrator to the humanity but as the government move forward to subdue their violence, they become more violent and aggressor and increase their attacks and suicide bombing frequency. Psychological analyses of modern terrorism have been available in the social science literature at least since the late 1960s and the 1970s; a time when a wave of terrorist attacks at different parts the globe catapulted the topic to the top the world's agenda.⁽⁵⁾

Before high lighting the root causes of violence, we should know it very clearly that after 9/11 the terrorism has become an International Issue, it cannot be attached and connected with any specific country. It would be high-handedness, presumptuous and arbitrary to connect terrorism with any particular country. As it has become the talk of the town that “suicide attack in any corner of the world, Pakistan implicated first, without any evidence, cogent reasons and solid proofs”. International community should now change their lenses and shift the paradigm. The ancient concept of “Might is Right” is no more in promulgation, and also this concept “the powerful, tyrant and mighty considered the pursuit of persecution as their inherent right and the weak, helpless, and low strata of society had to suffer it as their fate” is no more in practice. The weak and powerless people will take their revenge in any way to create high level of fear, horror and terror among citizenries, and they will said as ‘extremist’ but no one will bother to notice what injustice, tyrannical and despotic act played against the weak and poor. The holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) said the situation of lawlessness in society before Islam among rich and poor:

إِنَّمَا أَهْلَكَ الَّذِينَ قَبْلَكُمْ أَنْتُمْ كَانُوا إِذَا سَرَقَ فِيهِمُ الشَّرِيفُ تَرَكُوهُ وَإِذَا سَرَقَ فِيهِمُ الضَّعِيفُ أَقَامُوا عَلَيْهِ الْحَدَّ، وَإِيمُ اللَّهِ لَوْ أَنَّ فَاطِمَةَ بِنْتَ مُحَمَّدٍ سَرَقَتْ لَقَطَعْتُ يَدَهَا. (6)

Nations were destroyed before you because they would punish the small and weak, but pardon the big, powerful and influential.

After lapse of 1437 years the same trend, attitude and propensity is in practice in this modern and enlightened era. The best example with the relevant context can be quoted of an American citizen ‘Raymond Davis’ who killed two innocent Pakistani citizen and five injured in the day light at busy road on the last week of January 2011 in Lahore at Mozang at cross road, and he had been given pardon as his inherent right. Before Islam, there was no concept of social justice and fair play and it was not in practice among different tribes and clans, as it is similarly happening in the present enlightened and modern world. Might is right was the order of the day and law of the society. Before the holy Prophet (S.A.W) there was absolutely no concept of justice, equality, forgiveness, fraternity, love and compassion. The society was in-acquaintance by the virtue of

tolerance, sympathy and empathy, mutual cooperation. No sympathy waves for poor, orphan, widow and weak were in the ignorant society of Arabia. As a result of these social evils, social injustice and social discriminations, the entire structure of society was paralyzed. When Islam introduced as State religion, this chapter of persecution and tyranny was completely closed and high standard of justice was established in the society, which eliminated all differences based on colour, creed, race, and ethnic background. Islam demolished the barrier of hatred and enmity between different classes and groups of mankind and all human being became equal to one another. In the dispensation of justice, Islam does not take into account the high offices held by any individual. This unprecedented social transformation in history was due to social justice which is now, non-existent in this present world. The social justice is not only need of rich but also need of poor class of society. Social justice is the only gadget which not only establishes peace and harmony but maintains lovely, peaceful, amiable and cordial relations between rich and poor. Peace is one unit of social justice and without social justice, dream of peace will never be interpreted. The main distinctive feature of Islam has always been to administer social justice without any fear and favour. The modern peace builders teach people the lesson of social justice, but ignore to implement it over themselves. This double standard and dual policies of global peace-builders for all and sundry and their varied attitude cause of turmoil, insurgency, havoc, cleavage, terrorism and extremism. So we can say that there is no change in the characteristics of this world; it is like as it was ever before in the period of ignorance and darkness. The incident of 9/11 forced the people to think and rethink about their rights as a group, as a class, as a nation, and ethnic identity and background.

Causes of Violence and Terrorism:

Now I would like to draw attention of the analysts, commentators, experts, champions of global peace builder, and resolvers global issues and therapists about the serious and critical ground realities and situational factors which are needed to be addressed at top priority but no one taking serious steps to address and resolve these issues which are the 'root causes' of terrorism. I am very briefly and precisely mentioning major causes of violence and I will also highlight the reasons as to why people are compelled to apt the way of violence?

1. Poverty is cause of violence
2. Democracy promotes violence
3. Why would Terrorist enjoy extensive popular support?

4. Social supremacy and social identity support violence against the West dominance
5. Psychological causes of violence
6. Political aspects of Violence/terrorism
7. Terrorism used as psychological warfare
8. Social, political and judicial injustice
9. Unemployment
10. Illiteracy
11. The belief that violence or its threat will be effective
12. Religion

1. Poverty is one major cause of violence:

The relation between poverty and terrorism is of considerable interest, among other reasons, the poverty is considered at top, and if poverty is among the "root causes" of terrorism the problem of terrorism may be solved through monetary investment. According to Alan Bennett Krueger 1960 and Jitka Maleckova's view point about poverty as one major cause of violence:*

"That investment in education is critical for economic growth, improved health, and social progress is beyond question. That poverty is a scourge that the international aid community and industrialized countries should work to eradicate is also beyond question. There is also no doubt that terrorism is a scourge of the contemporary world. What is less clear, however, is whether poverty and low education are root causes of terrorism".⁽⁷⁾

I also say, yes! Poverty is among the "root causes" of violence/terrorism and this problem of terrorism may be solved through monetary investment. Poverty breeds frustration and frustration produces aggression and aggression is the result of violence and terrorism. Frustrated individual may become depressed and engage in aggression against self rather than against others. It should not be surprising. Without eliminating poverty, terrorism will not be stopped. Youth willingly join terrorist groups due to poverty. Poverty is the root of all evils existing in the world. Allah says in the holy Quran:

وَاذْكُرُوا إِذْ أَنْتُمْ قَلِيلٌ مُسْتَضْعَفُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ تَخَافُونَ أَنْ يَتَخَطَّفَكُمُ النَّاسُ فَآوَاكُمْ وَأَيَّدَكُمْ
بِنَصْرِهِ وَزَادَكُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ⁽⁸⁾

"And remember when you were few and oppressed in the land, fearing that people might abduct you, but He sheltered you, supported you with His victory, and provided you with good things – that you might be grateful".

In the light of above mentioned holy verse, it is clear to understand the human needs which are 1) he must be free from oppression, 2) he must be free from abduction or kidnapping, 3) he must have safe and strong shelter, 4) government must support and safeguard to the weak, poor and helpless and 5) provision of sustenance. If we look at the havoc situation of the present world, the picture reflects about the prevailing situation that people are deprived of their five above mentioned fundamental needs. In the absence of their basic needs, what the people will do? Certainly, they will involve in violent act and their intensity will grow higher and higher until they will achieve their objective, whatever their objective may be. It is dire need of time to address the issue of poverty. Poverty is outcome of unemployment, joblessness, and scarce means of income, which do not meet the basic need of a family. Allah said in the holy Quran as:

وَفِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ حَقٌّ لِّلسَّائِلِ وَالْمَحْرُومِ⁽⁹⁾

"And from their properties was given the right of the needy, petitioner and the deprived."

In the above mentioned verse of Sura Adh-Dhariyat, Allah Almighty gives his command to those who have been given wealth much more than their need, involve needy and deprived people of the society in the particular portion of their wealth. This is divine injunction to eliminate poverty and raise poverty stricken people and stand them on their own feet. When wealth, which is common property to all, concentrated with in few hands of society, then anarchy is the fate of that nation.

2. Democracy promotes violence:

Democracy is also root cause of violence. It is true that democracy encourages violence and insurgency. The democratic countries provide relatively more freedom of speech, movement and formation of association promoting parochial interests to get organized and reducing the costs of conducting violence

and disruptive activities. Open democratic societies, therefore, facilitate terrorism for the purpose to achieve their specific objectives. As it has always been happened at every occasion of general election in Pakistan. What said William Lee Eubank and Leonard Weinberg (1994)?

"They examine whether democratic or authoritarian regimes host more terrorist groups. They find that terrorist groups are more often found in democratic societies than in authoritarian ones. They conclude that political and civil liberties are positively associated with political terrorism."⁽¹⁰⁾

When free and fair election not conducted in democratic societies, the right of citizens to vote and compete for public office will jeopardize, the result will be violence and in this situation violence will not be stopped by any one.

Andrews Chronology of International Terrorism and the U.S State Department investigate that:

"Whether political government type is linked to the frequency of international terrorist events within countries in 1994 and 1995. They find that terrorist events are substantially more likely to occur in free and democratic countries. Moreover, countries undergoing regime change are more likely to experience transnational terrorism".⁽¹¹⁾

Pakistan is also experiencing transnational terrorism. Pakistan is known as democratic state, what happened in this so-called democratic state during the occasion of election? What happened in Karachi, the economic hub of Pakistan? People are called for vote at gun point and in case of failure which, life and property is at high level of risk. Free and fair elections have never been conducted in the history of Pakistan. Political terror activists' hi-jack national election for required result in favour of their party interest. So it is eminent that the network of transnational terrorism is intensifying and expanding in the whole world. In the name of democracy, the fundamental human rights are exploited in the democratic states. Democracy is like sugar coated tablet, in which people are told that "their all sorts of rights are preserved but it is contrary to the facts". America is not a democratic state? What is happening there regarding fundamental human rights? People are fully enjoying their human rights? So democracy is sleeping pill for temporary relief against anguish and mental stress. Pakistan is also a democratic state. Whether fundamental human rights are observed here? People get there due rights? National elections are conducted here in peaceful

environment? In the democratic countries, democracy is only for the people, who are in power, rich in wealth, and no fears of accountability before public or before any court of justice, and they change the result of general election according to their best wishes. This is democracy, which promote terroristic thoughts in the minds of people. So democracy is also root cause of violence.

3. Why would Terrorist enjoy extensive popular support?

Terrorism and extremism are actually result of aggression, oppression and social injustice but later on they work for some particular personalities who are in power. This is very true that “the Taliban were freedom fighter in 1979 when Russia invaded Afghanistan and they had wide and extensive popular support, and the same Taliban, after 9/11 are worst terrorists because the purpose and objective had been achieved of ‘the Grand and Majestic America’. So it is also universal truth that: ‘a man gains wide popular support when he is serviceable to others’, and after that he is liable to be trashed’.

One of the observations that have most baffled and distressed societies that are targets of terrorism is the apparent support, sympathy, and even enthusiasm for terrorist behaviours expressed by substantial proportion of the populations from which terrorists arise. Of course, this varies greatly according to the particular terrorist campaign. There was little evidence of broad popular support for German Red Army Faction also known as Baader-Meinhof Group or for the Italian Red Brigades in the 1970s. Yet survey research suggests that many groups that claim to fight for independence, oppression, or freedom from occupation – such as Hamas, Hizbullah, ETA or the IRA – have enjoyed considerable support from broad segment of their respective societies. Perhaps even more worrisome from the point of view of long term global security, the Pew Global Attitude Survey suggest that roughly one quarter of Europe’s 15-20 million Muslims support terrorism.⁽¹¹⁾

This observation may be explained, in part, by a maxim as simple as to be said that “if one man is freedom fighter and care taker of his mother land but the next moment he, the same is terrorist”. When a group of people feel affiliate bonds and common identity, and when that group perceives itself as literally at risk of annihilation, one can well imagine a collective setting aside of restraints on intergroup aggression. When a high proportion of a group has suffered humiliation, perceived injustice, or explicit and unequivocal violence to person or

property as by one survey 60% of Palestinians have suffered at the hands of Israeli soldiers, the urge for communal self-Defence by any means, for revenge, for demonstrating group efficacy in the face of insurmountable odds, or even for the stress relief of externalizing behaviours as an alternative to despair may help to explain the occurrence of terrorism as well as the acquiescence or support of significant segments of society.⁽¹²⁾

4. Social supremacy and social identity support violence against the Western dominance:

Social dominance and social identity are the key point to any society or nation or ethnic because no nation or society or ethnic can be identified without its basic identity. So every nation tries its level best to keep alive with its identity. After the misfortune event of 9/11, the Western dominance tried to delete the Muslims identity as attributing them the event of 9/11. So it is the matter of life and death for Muslim to keep their social, religious, cultural, and ethnic identity alive at their level best. Here I would like to share the view point of Shana Levin, P.J. Henry, Felicia Pratto, and Jim Sidanius. What they said about social dominance:

"We examine various group identifications among Lebanese Muslims and Christians after the events of 9/11 and how these identifications related to social dominance orientation (SDO) and support for violence against the West. We expected stronger identification with less powerful groups to be associated with lower SDO, and stronger support for lower SDO, and stronger support for terrorist organizations and violent acts against powerful nations. Consistent with these expectations, we found that SDO related negatively to identification with Arabs, and this groups identification related positively to support for terrorist organizations and feelings that the September 11 attack was justified. Furthermore, we found that the direct negative effect of SDO on support for terrorism was mediated by Arab identification. Efforts to reduce conflict are discussed in terms of recognizing the anti-dominance elements of Arab identification in Lebanon, and the

powerful implications that this subordinate groups identification has for continued support of terrorist organizations and violence against the West.⁽¹³⁾

Tom Pyszczynski 1816, Sheldon Solomon, and Jeff W.Greenberg1951, described about 'Terror Management Theory' (TMT) that:

"The attack of September 11 2001 very likely made national, religious, and ethnic identities salient, not just for Americans, but for people in all regions implicated in the ensuing conflict".⁽¹⁴⁾

It is the historical truth that violent groups are formed in the retaliation of any action because reaction is the result of action taken against. The landscape of Palestine makes it an ideal place to study the dynamics of social identification and their possible relation to support for intergroup violence. Lebanon is an Arab country, however the issue of Lebanon does not command as much U.S attention as other Arab states, and Lebanon might be considered one of the Arab nations most embroiled in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. Lebanon is currently inhabitant of approximately 350,000 Palestinian. Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982 and the radical anti-West, anti-Israel organization of Hizbullah was organized there in 1983 as retaliation'.⁽¹⁵⁾ So Hizbullah was come into being against the aggression of Israel in order to protect their honors, lives and properties. Is it true that Mossad is not terrorist organization whereas Hizbullah is terrorist organization? Powerful people often turn their anger against less powerful others.⁽¹⁶⁾ The economic and intellectual power also translate itself into political power and control over the organs of the state. The ruling class control over the state is considered so complete that the state is regarded as the "executive committee of the ruling class".⁽¹⁷⁾ among other things, racism, ethnocentrism, and nationalism are seen as instruments used by ruling class to keep workers at one another's throats and thereby prevent them from correctly perceiving and understanding their representative democracies, it is not the people who elect their representatives, but rather the representatives who get themselves elected by the people.⁽¹⁸⁾

"The most contemporary example of official terror are the disproportionate use of the death penalty against subordinates in nations such as South Africa and United States, and the acts of collective punishment used against the Palestinians of Gaza and the West Bank by Israel. Rather than being a relatively uncommon occurrence in the modern world, the evidence suggests that official terror is quite widespread. For example, in a 1997 study of 151 countries, Amnesty International reported general, comprehensive and widespread state violence against ethnic and racial minorities in the form of mass arrests, trials without due process of law, extended detention without trial, beatings, the torture of children in front of their parents, and the like."⁽¹⁹⁾

5. Psychological causes of violence:

The roots of modern terrorism are, rightly associated to late 19th century, but at the threshold of the 21st-century this havoc phenomena has reached unprecedented proportions and has become a menace to civilized societies worldwide. Essentially, terrorism is a tool of warfare. It uses intimidation and fear to achieve national, social or religious objectives. We see every day hundreds of terroristic incidents occur around the world. Like bombing, hijackings, seizure of embassies, kidnapping, assassinations and maiming. Terrorist activity appears to be increasing steadily.⁽²⁰⁾ In understanding how normal and even idealistic people can become terrorists, it is important to recognize that their radical behaviour is acquired gradually, progressing from the less to the more extreme. Often, an individual will join a succession of groups and causes, beginning with ones that advocate relatively pacifist goals in some cases, the commitment to terrorism may be made only when it appears to the individual that terrorist action is the only possible alternative in effecting social or political change.⁽²¹⁾ The dilemma is that terrorist can attack anything, while government cannot protect every conceivable target against every possible kind of attack. If embassies cannot be seized, embassies can be blown up. And if terrorists cannot blow up embassies, they can blow up railway stations, hotel, restaurants or public parks, (as recent happened in Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park, Lahore on Sunday at Easter

festival). The dilemma of security officials is part of a large problem confronting those who must deal with terrorism. Despite increasing government success in combating terrorists, the total volume of terrorist activity worldwide has increased during the last ten years. It is a paradox that frustrates government and confounds analysts. Terrorists who seek worldwide publicity and political concession by barricading themselves with hostages now must also contemplate being shot. ⁽²²⁾

These international crises highlighted as 'Breaking News' at the television screen moment after moment, and likewise we receive every sorts of news in the morning newspaper. So media is also spread panic and horror among people and its psychological effects penetrate in the heart and mind of people as worst as poison. Human psychology demands that "nothing like peace of mind" mental tension, aggression, frustration, humiliation and mortification are the causes to ignite the human psychology.

The tactics are now familiar. It is natural phenomena to be hyper at watching television screen any miss happening or tyrannical activities occur against anyone, anywhere, across the globe, whether logically or illogically, justifiably or unjustifiably and reasonably or unreasonably. Human mind mourns over such incidents and its unforgettable impacts remain for a certain period of time. Like killing of innocent Muslims in minority in Myanmar without any cogent reason, and as retaliation, such like incidents instigate the Muslims in other countries to take revenge against the tyrants and aggressors. Human mind is like clean slate, it absorbs every pleasant or unpleasant events imprint forever. Human psychology is reactionary attitude in responsive toward aggression and oppression. I mention here my personal example when I saw, read or know any wrong doing, my blood pressure instantly shoot up and I said myself, "would that if I would have power, I teach the lesson to aggressors to set an example to others". So social psychology is also one cause of terrorism and extremism.

6. Political aspects of violence/terrorism:

In order to achieve political objective, violence is the part and parcel of our political system. Achievement of Political ends without violence; it has never been happened in human history. Political terrorism, in its broader sense, is

defined as 'use of power or threatened people or use of violence (terror) in order to achieve apolitical, religious, or ideological aim'. It is classified as fourth-generation warfare and as a violent crime.

Types of political Terrorism

Generally political terrorism is divided into three types;

1. Revolutionary Terrorism-violence against civilians carried out by enemy of the government who want to bring about change.
2. State-sponsored terrorism – when a government provides money, weapons and training for terrorists who conduct their activities in other nations or countries, like India who fully support terrorist monitory, weaponally, and training and send them in Pakistan to conduct terrorist activities.
3. Repressive Terrorism – conducted by a government against its civilians to protect existing political order.

As a social and political phenomenon, terrorism is undoubtedly older than recoded history. The use of assassinations, bombings, and other forms of violence to achieve political ends did not start in this century. Yet, since 1968, terrorism has increasingly attracted public attention worldwide. Among the many definitions of political terrorism that has been suggested, the one employed is the systematic utilization of actual or threatened violence by non-state groups, aimed to achieve political objectives. The intrastate terrorism has grown much recently; there has been a marked rise since 1968 in international terrorism. According to US Official statistics tally 142 international terrorist incidents in 1968 and 760 in 1980. ⁽²³⁾

7. Terrorism used as psychological warfare:

The great diversity of terrorism and the ambiguity surrounding its cause notwithstanding, terrorists of all nationalities, races, religions, and ideological or political leanings employ the same tactics and strategy. All of them wage a sophisticated form of psychological warfare. That is, by bearing on target publics' emotions and attitudes, terrorists create an impact that disproportionally exceeds the physical consequences of their action. Clearly, on a national scale, such consequences are negligible. According to the U.S Department of State 1983, in the 10-years period from 1973-1982, international terrorism around the globe

resulted in the death of 3509 persons. As a manifestation of a severe international or national problem, this figure is quite small, considering that in the United States alone, the annual death toll in road accidents is approximately 45,000. To illustrate this point further, one of the deadliest terrorist incidents in history was the October 23, 1983 suicidal car-bomb attack on the U.S Marine headquarters in Beirut, in which 241 American soldiers were killed. This event instigated vocal criticism of the U.S. Administration by politicians and the media, and was arguably a precipitating factor in the ultimate decision to evacuate United States troops from Lebanon. Thus, the death of several hundred men, in a single incident, had a profound effect on a super power policy in a critical region and, quite possible, on the fate of Lebanon as a state. ^{(24)*}

8. Social, political and judicial injustice:

The social, political and judicial injustice is also main reason of terrorism and I can understand it why. As I researched for more terrorist attacks related to social, political and judicial injustice. I couldn't find any terrorist attacks that were not related to social, political and judicial injustice that had occurred in the twenty-first century. Most terrorist attacks in the twenty-first century have been revolved around religious hatred and odium. Other crimes and attacks which occurred occasionally are of this sort. Because I have personal experience of what happened by social and political injustice, when my whole family was falsely implicated politically in four criminal cases one after the other and I suffered agony of trial for fifteen years. So I can conclude that social and political injustice was a main cause of terrorism and even today social and political injustice is the main cause of terrorism but at the moment other motivators are also the causes. People choose terrorism when they are trying to right what they perceive to be a social or political or historical wrong – when they have been stripped and unprotected of their land or rights, or denied these. For instance the Irish Republican Army (IRA) bombed English target in the 1980s to make the point that they felt their land was colonized by British imperialists. ⁽²⁵⁾

9. Unemployment:

A famous proverb that is known even pre-historic period is “An idle mind is the devil’s workshop”. I modify this proverb in the present context that “An idle mind is the best tool of terrorism”. Finance is the fundamental need of every living human being. When people in the prime of their life will not get job, what will they do? They will definitely, join the group who will server their financial purpose and their rest of life will be rendered with that particular group. Nothing dreadful such like hunger. Unemployment breeds poverty, poverty breeds frustration and frustration breeds psychological disorder of social structure of life. Due to poverty and unemployment, people often commit suicide, because they can’t drag the cart of their life. When a major number of people are devoid of their basic need and that is finance, and finance come from employment and when there will be no employment people will chose the way of terrorism. And no one will stop them to choose this way of life because they have no other option beside this last opportunity. Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, when he was the Prime Minister of Pakistan visited Europe; one of the journalists over there asked the question:

“Sir your youth like doctors, engineers and software technicians are leaving Pakistan. Why are they leaving their beloved country? The Prime Minister replied ‘who is stopping them?’”

In this situation, who will stop terrorist activities when youth, after completion of their highest education, will face terrible situation of unemployment?

10. Illiteracy:

Illiteracy is defined as whereby anyone who is unable to read and write. In its simplest form, we can say that a person who is lack of sufficient education. Illiteracy is one of the main causes of terrorism. It should be prime object of every society to play its vital role for building a literate society with a view not to curb only but to crush the menace of terrorism. Illiteracy is a social offence which causes terrorism and other social evils. An illiterate can easily be motivated and

convinced that by killing innocent people, he will get entrance into paradise without any accountability. And he will be rewarded highest reward under the shadow of Allah's Empyrean. So this is because of his inability to read and understand the right direction and interpretation to the Qur'an and Sunna of the Prophet given to him.

Here I would like discuss the issue of terrorism and illiteracy in Pakistan. Terrorism and extremism in Pakistan is the worst form of illiteracy when people do not have the sense to realize the significance of innocent people that are killed in the terrorist activities. No one can overlook the current situation in Pakistan generally and in Karachi particularly where more than 1500 innocent people have lost their lives without any reason in the current year alone. If people are given sufficient education to cope with their impoverished circumstances, this might prevent people from getting involved in terrorist activities. Allah said in the holy Quran that:

“قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ.”

Say, "Are those who have knowledge equal to those who do not have knowledge?" Only they will remember who people of wisdom are. (26)

Illiterate people are easy to involve in terrorist activities because they have no ability of high thinking. Through this paper I will request to the government of Pakistan that they should spread education network through country at gross root level. Through education, it is hope that this increase in education will lead to decrease in terrorism.

11. The belief that violence or its threat will be effective:

Another way of saying this is: the belief that violent means justify the ends. Many terrorist in history said sincerely that they choose violence after long deliberation, because they felt they had no other choice and option except violence. In the modern global scenario, violence is being used as a weapon to achieve particular objectives, like 1) to change over the present government or placed more wanted people in government. 2) To release their people who are

behind the bar. Hijacking planes of India is related to the same issue. And 3) force the government about constitutional amendment or implement the system in the country which supports their mission.

12. Religion:

Perhaps the most commonly held belief today is that terrorism is caused by religion. Though it is not the main cause for terrorism, religion does play a significant role in driving some forms of it. Many terrorists get wrong understanding in religion. Since 1980, there has been an increase in terrorist activity motivated by religion. Most common people exploit religion in negative way, and instigate people against their religion. Sometime religious people/theologians blame other religions and people of particular religion rose up in revolt. Giles Anthony Fraser (1964) said:

"It's not the religion that creates terrorists, it's the politics."⁽²⁷⁾

Prolific works of Dr. Tahir ul Qadri on terrorism and suicide bombings:

Shaykh-ul-Islam Dr. Muhammad Tahir ul Qadri did lot of work to identify the true face of Islam and its fundamental teaching of peace and harmony among the diverse societies of the world. In number of national and International conferences, he made to acknowledge that Islam is not the religion of terrorism and extremism, Islam is a religion of peace, love, tolerance, justice and compassion. Islam has always been established a strong relations with the other religions of the world.

Dr. Muhammad Tahir ul Qadri said in his Fatwa entitled "Fatwa on Terrorism and Suicide Bombings".

"If we analyse the methodology and activities of modern-day terrorists, we see that they are mentally immature, young and brainwashed, and have the same modus operandi as the Kharijites of old."⁽²⁸⁾

Dr. Muhammad Tahir ul Qadri further said:

"These people justify their actions of human destruction and mass killing of innocent people in the name of jihad and thus distort, twist and confuse the entire Islamic concept of jihad." ⁽²⁹⁾

Global appreciation of Dr. Tahir ul Qadri's Fatwa on terrorism and suicide bombings:

Prof. John L. Esposito said:

"Qadri's fatwa is an exhaustive, systemic theological and legal study of the Islamic tradition's teaching on the use of force and armed resistance to support and absolute condemnation of any form of terrorism for any cause." ⁽³⁰⁾

Farid Zikria of CNN said:

"While past (fatwa) may have hemmed and hawed about where the Koran condoned terror or particular kinds of violence, this one is definitive. It says there is no theological justification for terror in Islam." ⁽³¹⁾

Prof. Mannan Ahmed, Frele University in Germany said:

"This is a landmark theological study—a careful and systemic treatment of a thousand years of legal tradition dealing with armed resistance against the state". ⁽³²⁾

Conclusion:

The modern peace builders teach people the lesson of social justice, but ignore themselves to implement over themselves. This double standard and dual policies of global peace-builders for all and sundry, and their varied attitude cause of turmoil, insurgency, havoc, cleavage, terrorism and extremism. Islam demolished the barrier of hatred and enmity between different classes and groups of mankind and all human being became equal to one another. In the dispensation of justice, Islam does not take into account the high offices held by any individual.

In the last, I would like say that dialogical theories are the best solution of present state of turmoil and insurgency. Extremism and terrorism is the cause of misunderstanding and misperception to each other. Change of mind is very easy but change of religion is very difficult. Let the people remain their forefather's

religions and offer them your view point with open-mindedness. Let the people think about reality and natural truth and then their judgment and observation would be far better than your suggestion and offer. Let the people time to share their problems and difficulties with other with their own free will and definitely they would be able to find out solution of their cognitive problems. Purposeful and meaningful dialogue is real life. Peace, tranquillity, harmony and mutual understanding and peaceful co-existence are latent in dialogue. Let come to dialogue and make this globe a beautiful and peaceful living place for every human being.

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