Human rights violations and rise of authoritarianism

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ABSTRACT

Authoritarianism encourages blind submission to authority at the cost of individual freedom and rights .

The economic intelligence unit has released its latest democracy index , which ranks 167 countries according to political and civic freedom.

The study has five criteria : whether elections are free and fair [electoral process and pluralism] , whether governments have checks and balances [functioning of government] , whether citizens are included in politics [political participation] , the level of support for government [political culture] , and whether people have freedom of expression [civil liberties] .

North korea

Syria

Chad

Central African republic

Democratic republic of congo

Turkmenistan

Equatorial guinea

Tajkistan

Saudi arabia

Uzbekistan

Guinea Bissau

Yemen

Sudan

Libya

Burundi

Laos

Eritrea

Iran

Afghanisthan

Azerbaijan

UAE

Human rights violations has been long existing battle and surprisingly in the modern age still human rights violations has been prime issue on global level . Fight for power , ideology supremacy , minority intolerance , racism , xenophobia , women subjugation , LGBTQ rights issues etc .

In recent years, there has been a global trend towards the rise of authoritarianism and human rights violations. This trend is seen in the increasing number of countries that are becoming more authoritarian in their governance, as well as in the violations of human rights that are being committed in many parts of the world. This essay will explore this trend and its causes, as well as examine the impact of these developments on human rights and democracy worldwide.

Causes of the rise of authoritarianism

There are several causes of the rise of authoritarianism in the world. One of the most significant is the erosion of democracy and the rule of law. In many countries, democratically elected leaders are undermining democratic institutions and processes, such as the judiciary and the media, in order to maintain their grip on power. This is often done through the use of legal mechanisms such as the suppression of free speech, press censorship, and the use of state violence against protesters.

Another cause of the rise of authoritarianism is the emergence of strongman leaders who rely on populist rhetoric to gain power. These leaders often appeal to nationalist sentiment, exploiting people's fears and frustrations to gain support. They also tend to project an image of strength and decisiveness, appealing to those who feel that their country is in crisis and needs a strong leader to restore order.

The rise of authoritarianism can also be attributed to the increasing polarization of societies, both within countries and between them. This polarization is often fueled by social media and other digital platforms, which can amplify extreme views and create echo chambers that reinforce people's biases. This can lead to a breakdown of trust in institutions, as well as a lack of willingness to compromise and engage in dialogue.

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Introduction

What are Human Rights? Human rights are those rights which are inherently associated with us regardless of gender, sex, nationality, color, ethnic origin or any other status. They are not guaranteed by any state and are free from the foundations of state affairs. It is thus, however essential to every human being for being human. They are universal in nature and fundamentals to 'Right to Life'. United Nations General Assembly adopted the 'Universal Declaration of Human Rights' in 1948. It was the first legal document stating to universally protecting human rights across the globe. The UDHR is a foundation of all international human rights law. It is an instrument of 30 articles and many treaties and programs organized to safeguard and protect human rights. The UDHR with two of its covenants the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights, and the International Covenant for Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights make up 'International Bill of Rights.' Some of the features of human rights are:- • Universality and inalienable • Indivisible and interdependent • Equal and non-discriminatory

As already discussed that they are universal and inherent rights for a human being. Living an independent and respectful life is every individual's right. Education, health, basic needs and fulfillment of living standards i.e. food and shelter is every individual's right which shall be respected till the time one is alive. The state is a territorial boundary governed by an ideology or a concept to regulate the masses and leader for a state. A state is formed through its people thus it is important for its leader to keep such basic points in mind that a human

being is not viable to be a subordinate or slave. As in history we have seen many relations of slave and master, colonialism, fascist and Nazi regime, terrorism etc. are a threat to human rights.

The rise of authoritarianism has led to an increase in human rights violations in many parts of the world. These violations take many forms, including restrictions on freedom of speech and assembly, persecution of minority groups, torture and extrajudicial killings, and violations of the right to due process and a fair trial.

One of the most concerning human rights violations is the persecution of minority groups. This includes the persecution of religious and ethnic minorities, as well as the LGBT community. In many countries, these groups are subjected to discrimination, harassment, and violence, often with the tacit or explicit approval of the government. This has led to displacement and refugee crises, as people are forced to flee their homes and seek safety elsewhere.

Another form of human rights violation is the use of torture and extrajudicial killings by authoritarian governments. In some countries, torture is used as a means of extracting confessions or punishing political dissidents. Extrajudicial killings, on the other hand, are often used as a means of silencing opposition or eliminating potential threats to the regime.

Restrictions on freedom of speech and assembly are also common in authoritarian countries. This often takes the form of censorship of the press and social media, as well as restrictions on the right to protest or engage in political dissent. In some cases, governments have also used violence against protesters, resulting in injuries and deaths.

Methodology

This study with a descriptive analysis of human rights violations and how it impacting on world and leading to fuel authoritarianism and rise of it . along with few nations which are under authoritarian regime and their human rights violations and how it is strengthened the authoritarian regime . What can be solution to these daunting things and this descriptive research will be based on secondary as well as critical and observational methods to further study the human rights violations.

Impact on human rights and democracy

The rise of authoritarianism and human rights violations have had a significant impact on human rights and democracy worldwide. In many countries, the erosion of democratic institutions has led to a lack of accountability and transparency, as well as a lack of protection for human rights. This has resulted in a deterioration of the quality of governance and the rule of law, as well as a decline in public trust in institutions.

The rise of authoritarianism has also had an impact on international human rights norms and institutions. Many authoritarian governments have sought to undermine international human rights norms and institutions, such as the United Nations Human Rights Council and the International Criminal Court. This has made it more difficult to hold governments accountable for human rights violations,

In recent years, the world has seen a worrying trend of human rights violations and the rise of authoritarianism in many countries. These two issues are closely related, as authoritarian leaders often use tactics that violate the basic rights of their citizens to consolidate their power.

One of the most concerning aspects of this trend is the erosion of freedom of speech and the press. In many countries, journalists and other media professionals face harassment, imprisonment, or even death for reporting on government corruption or other issues that are deemed sensitive. This has a chilling effect on free speech and can make it difficult for citizens to get accurate information about what is happening in their country.

Another area of concern is the use of surveillance technology by governments to monitor their citizens. In some cases, this technology is used to crack down on dissent or to identify and punish political opponents. In other cases, it is used to monitor the activities of ordinary citizens, infringing on their privacy and creating a climate of fear and suspicion.

There has also been a rise in discrimination and persecution against minority groups, particularly in countries with authoritarian leaders. This can take many forms, including restrictions on religious practices, discrimination based on ethnicity or sexual orientation, or violence against minority groups. These actions are often justified in the name of national security or preserving traditional values, but they have a devastating impact on the lives of those who are targeted.

Furthermore, there have been growing concerns about the erosion of democratic institutions in many countries. In some cases, this is due to leaders consolidating their power and weakening the checks and balances that are essential to a healthy democracy. In other cases, it is due to the erosion of public trust in democratic institutions, which can lead to apathy or even hostility towards the democratic process.

There are many factors driving this trend towards authoritarianism and human rights violations. One is the growing economic inequality in many countries, which can create a sense of disillusionment and frustration among those who feel left behind by globalization. Another is the rise of populist movements that appeal to nationalist or nativist sentiments, often at the expense of minority groups or other vulnerable populations.

In addition, the global community has been slow to respond to these issues, often prioritizing economic or strategic interests over human rights concerns. This has emboldened authoritarian leaders and made it more difficult for those who are fighting for democracy and human rights to get the support they need.

To address this trend, it is essential that we prioritize human rights and democracy as key values in our foreign policy and global institutions. This means supporting civil society organizations, independent media, and other groups that are working to promote human rights and democracy. It also means holding governments accountable for their actions and using diplomatic and economic tools to pressure them to change course when they violate human rights.

In addition, we must address the root causes of authoritarianism and human rights violations, including economic inequality, political polarization, and social exclusion. This may require investments in education, job training, and other programs that help to build more inclusive and resilient societies.

Ultimately, the fight against authoritarianism and human rights violations is a global struggle that requires cooperation and solidarity across borders. We must work together to build a world in which everyone is free to speak their mind, worship as they choose, and live their lives without fear of discrimination or persecution.

Authoritarianism

Authoritarianism, in politics and government, the blind submission to authority and the repression of individual freedom of thought and action. Authoritarian regimes are systems of government that have no established mechanism for the transfer of executive power and do not afford their citizens civil liberties or political rights. Power is concentrated in the hands of a single leader or a small elite, whose decisions are taken without regard for the will of the people. The term *authoritarianism* is often used to denote any form of government that is not democratic, but studies have demonstrated that there is a great deal of variation in authoritarian rule.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN LIBYA

Libya has been plagued by human rights abuses for decades, and the situation has only worsened since the 2011 uprising that toppled longtime dictator Muammar Gaddafi. The country is currently embroiled in a complex and ongoing conflict involving various factions and foreign powers. As a result, human rights violations are widespread and varied, affecting both civilians and combatants alike.

One of the most pressing human rights issues in Libya is the use of arbitrary detention by various armed groups and authorities. Thousands of people are being held in detention centers throughout the country without trial, often in horrific conditions. Reports of torture, forced disappearances, and extrajudicial killings are widespread, with many detainees subjected to physical and psychological abuse. In addition, women and children are often held in the same facilities as men, further exacerbating the risks of abuse and violence.

The situation for refugees and migrants in Libya is similarly dire. The country is a key transit point for people attempting to reach Europe, and many are detained upon arrival and subjected to various forms of abuse. Reports suggest that migrants are often held in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions, with little access to food, water, or medical care. They are also frequently subjected to extortion, rape, and other forms of violence by their captors. Many are ultimately forced to work for little or no pay, often in dangerous or exploitative conditions.

Journalists, activists, and human rights defenders are also at significant risk in Libya. The country ranks among the most dangerous in the world for journalists, with numerous reporters and media workers targeted for their work. Many have been kidnapped, tortured, or killed, often by armed groups or militias. Meanwhile, civil society organizations face significant restrictions on their activities, and many have been forced to operate in secret or abroad.

The ongoing conflict in Libya has also had a devastating impact on civilians. Both sides in the conflict have been accused of carrying out indiscriminate attacks on civilian areas, resulting in significant loss of life and displacement. The use of explosive weapons in populated areas has caused particular concern, as has the targeting of essential infrastructure such as hospitals and schools. The situation has been further exacerbated by the use of foreign mercenaries and other non-state actors, who have been accused of committing serious human rights violations.

Finally, the situation for women in Libya is particularly concerning. Women have long faced discrimination and marginalization in Libyan society, and the ongoing conflict has only made matters worse. Reports suggest that women have been subjected to rape, forced marriage, and other forms of gender-based violence, both by state actors and armed groups. Women who speak out against these abuses are often targeted for reprisals, including harassment, threats, and physical violence.

In conclusion, Libya is facing significant human rights challenges across a wide range of issues. Arbitrary detention, torture, and other forms of abuse are widespread, as are attacks on journalists, activists, and human rights defenders. The situation for refugees and migrants is also of great concern, as is the impact of the ongoing conflict on civilians. Meanwhile, women in Libya face significant discrimination and violence, exacerbating an already challenging situation. Addressing these human rights challenges will require a sustained and coordinated effort by both Libyan authorities and the international community.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SYRIA

The Syrian conflict, which began in 2011, has been marked by numerous human rights violations committed by all sides involved in the conflict. The conflict began with peaceful protests against the government of President Bashar al-Assad, but quickly escalated into a full-blown civil war.

One of the most egregious human rights violations committed by the Syrian government has been the use of chemical weapons against its own citizens. In 2013, the Syrian military was accused of using sarin gas in an attack on the Ghouta suburb of Damascus, which killed over 1,400 people. The government denied responsibility, but an investigation by the United Nations confirmed that chemical weapons had been used. There have been several other instances of chemical weapons attacks since then, including in the town of Khan Sheikhoun in 2017.

The Syrian government has also been accused of numerous other human rights violations, including arbitrary arrests, torture, and extrajudicial killings. Human rights groups have documented cases of detainees being subjected to horrific forms of torture, including beatings, electric shocks, and sexual assault. In some cases, detainees have been killed while in custody.

Opposition groups and non-state actors have also committed human rights abuses. These include kidnappings, executions, and attacks on civilians. The extremist group ISIS, which at

one point controlled large parts of Syria, has been responsible for numerous atrocities, including mass killings, beheadings, and the use of child soldiers.

The conflict in Syria has also resulted in a humanitarian crisis, with millions of people displaced and in need of assistance. The government has been accused of blocking aid to areas controlled by opposition groups, while opposition groups have been accused of using civilians as human shields.

The international community has been slow to respond to the crisis in Syria, with the United Nations Security Council often deadlocked on how to address the situation. The United States and other Western countries have provided support to opposition groups, while Russia has supported the government of President Assad.

In conclusion, the conflict in Syria has been marked by numerous human rights violations committed by all sides involved in the conflict. The use of chemical weapons by the government has been particularly egregious, but opposition groups and non-state actors have also committed abuses. The humanitarian crisis caused by the conflict has been enormous, with millions of people displaced and in need of assistance. The international community has been slow to respond, leaving the people of Syria to suffer the consequences of the conflict.

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HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SUDAN

Sudan has a long history of human rights violations, including but not limited to:

1. Conflicts in Darfur: The conflict in Darfur, which started in 2003, has resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people, displacement of millions, and widespread human rights abuses such as rape, torture, and extrajudicial killings.

2. Repression of political opposition: The government has a long history of cracking down on political opposition, civil society, and the media, often using excessive force to suppress dissent.

3. Restrictions on freedom of expression: The government has imposed strict restrictions on freedom of expression, including censorship of the media and internet, and arrests and detention of journalists and activists.

4. Discrimination against ethnic and religious minorities: Sudan's government has been accused of discrimination against ethnic and religious minorities, including the Nuba, Beja, and Darfuri people.

5. Use of child soldiers: The government has been accused of using child soldiers in its conflicts, in violation of international law.

6. Gender-based violence: Women and girls in Sudan face discrimination and gender-based violence, including female genital mutilation and f

orced marriage.

7. Lack of accountability: There has been a lack of accountability for human rights abuses, with many perpetrators going unpunished.

RESULTS

Human rights violations are actions that infringe upon the basic rights and freedoms that every person is entitled to. These rights include the right to life, liberty, and security of person, freedom from torture and slavery, freedom of expression and religion, and the right to fair and equal treatment under the law. When these rights are violated, it can have severe consequences for individuals and communities, and can often lead to long-term damage to society as a whole.

One of the most severe human rights violations is torture. Torture involves intentionally inflicting severe physical or psychological pain on someone to extract information, intimidate or punish them. This practice is illegal under international law, but it is still carried out in many countries around the world. Victims of torture often suffer from physical and emotional scars that can last a lifetime, and their rights to due process and a fair trial are often violated.

Another form of human rights violations is human trafficking, which involves the exploitation of people for profit. This can take many forms, including forced labor, sex trafficking, and child labor. Victims of human trafficking are often subjected to brutal conditions, with little or no pay, and are often denied basic human rights like freedom of movement and communication. The psychological trauma and physical abuse they experience can have lasting effects on their health and well-being.

In many countries, discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation is a widespread problem, leading to serious human rights violations. Discrimination can take many forms, from hate speech to systemic exclusion from opportunities and resources. This can lead to the marginalization of certain groups, which in turn can lead to social and economic inequality.

Violence against women is another significant human rights issue. This can take many forms, from domestic violence to sexual assault and harassment. Women are often subjected to violence simply because of their gender, which violates their basic human rights and can have serious long-term consequences for their physical and mental health. Finally, the denial of basic human rights, such as freedom of expression and assembly, can have serious consequences for democracy and civil society. When people are denied the right to speak out and organize peacefully, it can lead to the suppression of dissent and the perpetuation of authoritarian regimes.

In conclusion, human rights violations are a serious problem that affects people around the world. These violations take many forms, from torture and human trafficking to discrimination and violence against women. It is the responsibility of governments and individuals to protect and promote human rights, and to ensure that everyone has access to the basic freedoms and protections they deserve.

CONCLUSION

The past few years have seen a rise in authoritarianism in various parts of the world, accompanied by an increase in human rights violations. This trend is concerning as it undermines democracy, individual freedoms, and the rule of law. In this analysis, we will examine the causes of this rise in authoritarianism and the resulting human rights violations.

One factor contributing to the rise of authoritarianism is economic inequality. The widening gap between the rich and the poor has led to a sense of disillusionment among the working class, who feel that their governments are not addressing their needs. This has created an opportunity for populist leaders to exploit this sentiment, often by scapegoating minority groups and promising simple solutions to complex problems. Populism has been on the rise in countries such as Hungary, Turkey, and Brazil, where leaders have been elected on platforms that promise to protect the interests of the working class.

Another factor contributing to the rise of authoritarianism is the erosion of democratic institutions. In many countries, the independence of the judiciary, the free press, and civil society has been compromised. This has enabled authoritarian leaders to consolidate their power, often by circumventing the constitutional checks and balances that exist in democracies. In Hungary, for example, the government has taken control of the judiciary, the media, and civil society, thereby undermining the country's democracy.

The rise of authoritarianism has also been facilitated by the increasing polarization of politics. The proliferation of social media platforms has made it easier for people to consume news that confirms their biases, leading to echo chambers that reinforce extreme views. This has led to a breakdown in dialogue between different groups, with each side demonizing the other. In this context,

authoritarian leaders have been able to capitalize on the polarization by positioning themselves as the only ones who can protect their supporters from the perceived threat posed by their opponents.

As authoritarianism has gained ground, human rights violations have become more widespread. Governments have cracked down on dissent, often using excessive force to silence critics. In countries such as China, Russia, and Saudi Arabia, human rights defenders have been imprisoned, tortured, or killed. The rights of minority groups have also been violated, with religious and ethnic minorities facing discrimination, persecution, and even genocide in some cases.

The rise of authoritarianism and the resulting human rights violations are not limited to developing countries. In the United States, for example, there has been a growing trend towards authoritarianism, with some political leaders questioning the legitimacy of elections, attacking the media, and sowing division among the population. This has created a climate of fear and uncertainty, with the erosion of democratic norms and values.

In conclusion, the rise of authoritarianism and human rights violations are a cause for concern, and it is essential to understand the underlying factors that have led to this trend. Economic inequality, the erosion of democratic institutions, and the increasing polarization of politics have all contributed to the rise of authoritarianism. The resulting human rights violations are a clear indication that democracy, individual freedoms, and the rule of law are under threat. It is crucial to continue to monitor and speak out against these violations and to support those who are fighting for human rights and democracy around the world.

Human rights violations in authoritarian countries are unfortunately all too common, with numerous examples throughout history and continuing to the present day. In these countries, the government or ruling regime has centralized control over the political system, often through the suppression of opposition groups and a lack of democratic institutions. This can lead to a range of abuses, including restrictions on free speech, the use of torture and extrajudicial killings, and the repression of minority groups.

One example of such a country is North Korea, which has been ruled by the Kim family dynasty for more than 70 years. The government of North Korea is notorious for its human rights abuses, including widespread political repression, arbitrary detention, torture, and forced labor. The country also maintains a large network of political prison camps, where an estimated 80,000 to 120,000 people are held in conditions of extreme brutality.

In China, the ruling Communist Party exercises tight control over all aspects of society, including the media, religion, and education. The government routinely engages in censorship and propaganda, while dissidents and critics of the regime are often arrested, detained, and subjected to torture. The situation for minority groups in China is particularly dire, with the Uighur Muslim population in Xinjiang province facing widespread surveillance, internment, and forced labor.

Another example is Saudi Arabia, where the ruling monarchy maintains a strict interpretation of Islam known as Wahhabism. The government has been criticized for its treatment of women and minorities, including the use of the death penalty for offenses such as blasphemy and apostasy. Women in Saudi Arabia are required to have male guardianship in order to travel, work, or marry, and face discrimination in education and employment.

In Iran, the Islamic Republic has maintained tight control over the political system since the 1979 revolution. The government engages in censorship and repression of the media, while minority

groups such as the Baha'i face persecution and discrimination. The country also has a high number of executions, with many of these carried out for drug offenses or political dissent.

In Syria, the regime of Bashar al-Assad has been accused of widespread human rights abuses, including the use of chemical weapons against civilian populations. The government has engaged in mass detention, torture, and extrajudicial killings, with estimates suggesting that tens of thousands of people have been killed or disappeared since the start of the civil war in 2011.

In Venezuela, the government of Nicolas Maduro has been accused of a range of human rights abuses, including arbitrary detention, torture, and extrajudicial killings. The country has also seen a crackdown on political opposition and free speech, with many journalists and dissidents arrested or forced into exile.

These are just a few examples of the human rights violations that can occur in authoritarian countries. In such regimes, the government is often able to maintain its grip on power by limiting individual freedoms and suppressing dissent, often with the support of the military or security forces. Despite the efforts of international organizations and activists, many of these abuses continue to go unchecked, with little accountability for those responsible.

It is important to note that not all authoritarian countries engage in human rights abuses to the same extent, and there may be variations in the types of abuses that occur depending on the political, social, and cultural context. Additionally, there may be cases where governments that are not strictly authoritarian also engage in human rights violations, highlighting the importance of a robust system of international human rights protections and accountability.