

The Fifth Political Theory and Countering Terrorism in the Post 9/11 Era

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Abstract

This paper is going to explain about the Fifth Political Theory that challenges all existing three plus one (Capitalism, Marxism and Fascism + Fourth Political Theory) theories. It says, “it is human ambience evolve any political system to survive instead of borrowing other imported thoughts to live in a specific environment, in which Legitimacy leads to authority and promotes humanism.” According to this theory no other state is allowed to dictate or install any political system upon other states. It is the born right of individuals to choose a political system or a set of values that is going to make their structures and functions efficient enough to support the system harmony and counter the negative forces successfully. In the post 9/11 era, it is observed that all existing theories like Capitalism, Marxism, Fascism and Fourth Political Theory remained unsuccessful in resolving the global crises. The so called war against terrorism is proved as war for terrorism and creates a vacuum at the global stage, worsening the crises. The fifth political theory is an answer to counter terrorism in the twenty first century. It calls for accountability of the United Nations for its failure in sustaining peace at global level. Therefore, the UN charter is supposed to be implemented in its true letter and spirit. All independent sovereign states have right to evolve their own system to carry out a political system that suit them best for sustaining harmony at home. This is the only way to counter terrorism. This paper is comprised of mixed method. Qualitative, quantitative and comparative methods will be used along with secondary sources. The objective of this paper is to create knowledge for the benefit of human beings with a logical and rationale argument. It will help political scientists and scholars in conflict management and countering terrorism on pragmatic grounds.

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Introduction

Contemporary global politics is just like a jungle like world where no central authority exist and absence of leadership explicitly making this planet insecure. Thus in the presence of prevailing theories’ nonexistent nature author decided to be the part of this evolutionary process. Therefore started contemplating the solution for the given environment that may be acceptable universally. Fifth political theory is an effort to include us all in a debate that liberalism to fourth political theory all are at the state of abeyance what to do next.

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Basic argument of the paper

All societies are diversified in multi ethnic and multilateral aspects hence we need to be tolerant enough to be the part of evolutionary process of evolving indigenous values that could adorn local people's life accordingly instead of imposing any imported and manufactured system upon others.

Theoretical Framework

Theories are not to explain, prescribe or predict but just to open the pandora box for academic debate to compliment the ongoing discourse. These are a rich source of evolutionary process in the history of nations. We started with Adam to date are just doing our best to introduce a manmade reforms that could guide human beings in the whole universe. It is just like a wild goose chase because of the complexity of human behaviours. Owing to these unpredictable human behaviours we are unable to coin a universal system.

Theories are just to suggest an evolutionary process may not any solution in social Sciences. This paper is just a way to explain a perspective regarding countering terrorism as it is believed that in prevailing circumstances early ideologies have been exhausted with their masquerading existences. We all know there is only one law that exists might is right. Other theories and perspectives are just intervening variables would keep intervening without making any substantial difference in the lives of the global world. Let's have a debate on all existing theories one by one:

Communism, Capitalism and Fascism

Since 1945 to date two blocks emerged in the world politics, one was known as socialist block lead by the erstwhile Soviet Union and capitalist block lead by the US. The US consistently kept working against the spread of communism and made a North Atlantic Treaty (NATO) in 1949 with an objective to contain communism in the world.

The former Soviet Union made the counter force named as Warsaw Pact to dilute the impact of capitalism in Eastern Europe. A Cold War was going on between the two superpowers namely US and Soviet Union. It remained until 1971 and here both powers might have tried out of their exercising muscles against each other through slogans, debates, seminars, speeches and writings. Both the US and the Soviet Union thought to have a breathing space and observed Détente, a relaxation of tensions for the time being. The period of détente totally favoured the US that revisited its economy and restored the distorted aspects of its economy.

Contrary to this the Russians went in a war against Afghanistan and intervened in Afghanistan in 1979. It provided a golden opportunity to the US to adopt the policy of conagement (a composition of confinement and engagement). It kept Russia engaged in Afghanistan for almost ten years till 1988. When the Russian forces were exhausted physically and economy got a bad shape back home in Russia. Under Geneva Accord

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1988, the agreements signed between Afghanistan and Pakistan to send Russian forces back to barracks with the guarantee of the Russians and the US. Russian economy was totally shattered and disintegrated the Soviet Union in 1991. The Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) a confederation came into existence with 15 independent states in former Soviet Union.

In 1994, Taliban emerged in Afghanistan because they have gathered a lot of dollars and US arms as they fought a proxy war for the US under the supervision of Pakistani army men. Pakistani army men trained them very well thus; they exploited their arms, money and training in ruling Afghanistan after Russian withdrawal their forces. Afghanistan was under the control of Taliban that started another war in Afghanistan between warlords.

In 1998, India detonated its nuclear explosions with five nuclear detonations and Pakistan followed suit with the same number and declared itself a nuclear power. It was the time when communism was collapsed and the capitalism was shattering as an individual allegedly residing in Afghanistan named as Usama Bin Laden attacked the World Trade Center and Pentagon, the US economic and Security hubs respectively. The US was challenged and retaliated with ballistic missile a billion dollar a piece, attacked on Afghanistan in 2001. This was the start of the downfall of capitalism in the world. Although the world has become “Uni-Multipolar,” in 1991 after the collapse of Soviet Union yet the Centre of Power was divided among five superpowers along with Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Italy, and Japan.

The US as a single world power has its importance on the one hand and other powers are advanced enough to survive in world politics successfully. In 2008, owing to the consistent US engagements in world politics and showing itself a policeman of the world made a serious dent on the political economy of the US. There was an economic crunch in the US in the same year and its banks started closing but the government intervened and gave a bailout [plan to the banks to survive. That was a direct intervention of the government in market forces and it was against the essence of capitalism as an economic ideology. Thus, it was a collapse of Capitalism in 2008. Fascism was ended at the end of Second World War in 1945 after the death of Hitler and Mussolini in April 1945.

The Fourth Political Theory and Fifth Political Theory

Aleksandr Dugin the Russian theorist introduced the Fourth Political Theory in 2009 to integrate the positive points of all three preceding theories liberalism/democracy, Marxism/communism and fascism and try to supersede it with his theory. The fourth political theory tries to revive the cultural diversity by ending the commercialism with the integration of positive points of all three, liberalism, Marxism and fascism.

The fourth political theory was the direct outcome of that monopoly which had been thwarted the global system after the collapse of communism in 1991 and the US announced its so called self-acclaimed New World Order. That has nothing to do

with the world but working for the interests of the US only. The fourth political theory could not sustain as much because the West did not give space to it. The other reason was the Russian economy was fighting for its survival. Above all again it was against the human nature because like all earlier mentioned three theories it was an effort of an individual to challenge the law of nature, ‘might is right.’

The Fifth political theory is an effort to integrate the humanly attributes of all earlier three plus one theories and explain the phenomenon of the law of nature and considering it the real law for human being. The fifth political theory can be defined as, “it is humanly nature evolve any political system to survive instead of borrowing other imported thoughts to live in a specific environment, in which Legitimacy leads to authority and promotes humanism.” This theory is in fact consolidating the phenomenon of governance through the lens of law of nature that believes in might is right. Here on ward we see how the Fifth Political theory is working on operational level.

Operational Framework

Four theories have been passing through evolutionary process and now looking for some other process or processes to replace the previous ones. Fascism started at the end of eighteenth century and started reshaping itself near second WW. Marxism became docile in 1991 after the disintegration of the former Soviet Union. We cannot say that today there is no purely defined political system. A blend of different political, economic and religious ideologies is taking over the world. It is creating a situation that abhors supremacy and monopoly of any other system. World is uni-multipolar today. The US, India Israel nexus is challenging this uni-multipolar world. On the other hand, after Brexit the melting of EU starts and giving rise to glocalization and making an end of globalization.

This rise of glocalization is the real source of introducing fifth political theory as it calls for the will and consent of the concerned people for the sustainable political system in any part of the world. There is no universal system in the world that can be considered a final authority in governing the country smoothly in any part of the world. Today we know that China is considered as a rising economic giant in the global politics. China is surviving without democracy in world politics, thus, it proves that democracy is a mean to an end not an end itself. The UAE, and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are kingdoms by nature but still West like these kingdoms. Contemporary global politics is based on a jungle like world there is no central authority.

Therefore, absence of leadership explicitly making this planet insecure. Thus in the presence of prevailing theories’ nonexistent nature fifth political theory can be considered as a good source to answer the crises in the global politics. The FPT is a part of the evolutionary process. Therefore, in the given environment that may be acceptable universally. In the imminent paragraphs we try to find out how the FPT can counter terrorism in the twenty first century.

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Countering Terrorism in Post 9/11 Era

Terrorism is a cliché owing to the meaningless outcome of the debate regarding its conceptual framework that involves too many complications owing to the monopoly of western narrative regarding terrorism. This definitional dilemma of terrorism is exposing the western designs usually known as a conspiracy theory. There is no universally accepted definition of terrorism because of the misperceived superiority of the West.

The Western economic monopoly over the global political economy is a fake hegemony. The developed world is scared of losing the hegemony and consistently keeping the rest under control by introducing threat based concepts like terrorism and technologically sophisticated arms' stockpile rests with the west. The FPT is managing to integrate all the preceding concepts, approaches and theories in a way that locally residing people could figure out a way out for their living in the surroundings in an environment of peaceful coexistence. No country today is ready to tag itself with any of the human made forms of governance.

There is no purely sole economic or political system in any part of the world. Every part of the world is mixing the different concepts to evolve a new one to serve its purpose. China is a mixed political and economic system. The US is again a mixed political and economic system and name any other part of the world, would find the same circumstances.

It is deduced that human behaviours are so complex that we are unable to harmonize the societies with any universally accepted system. We are obliged to follow human instinct and live accordingly. For our satisfaction, we may name any of the system with a specific nomenclature as we opt here the FPT. Otherwise there is nothing special in giving names to any specific system and it is against the human nature that we start confining human behaviours after carving out different structures and functions as per our understanding. Those structures and functions if work according to the efficiency level of the 'system capabilities (Jr., 1966)' make the system successful or vice versa.

It is always the efficiency level of the 'system capabilities' that determine the socio-political and economic stability of any country and the FPT in fact tries to maneuver the positive aspects of all capabilities. In the traditional democracies we do not find any influence of the first four theories in the twenty first century but we may derive that FPT can make a serious impact in the prevailing situation in the global environment. The first four theories remained unsuccessful in maintaining social order at the global level and harmed the political processes in the global politics. It resulted terrorism.

Terrorism is a direct corollary of the imposition of imported political systems on the other parts of the world which were unable to adjust itself in the given environment and they responded negatively to those borrowed concepts. Thus the FPT may be a

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source to counter the wave of terrorism in the prevailing circumstances successfully. We may give space to the local values, attitudes, skills, rituals or customs to grow and evolve a local political system for the residents. There is no need of any formal constitution to limit the human behaviours. Individuals become calm and serene when allowed to live according to the local milieu.

In Afghanistan, it has been happening for centuries that local warlords kept under the influence of global warlords. They (local warlords) took the money and did whatever their masters ordered them. The Great game in the 19th century between the Great Britain and Russia was based on political self-aggrandizement, perceiving a threat for each other. Since the Britain was expecting the Russian expansion towards south and Russia thought about the British expansion towards North might threaten the sovereignty of their lands. The Russian threat was more valid as it was their homeland to secure from any external danger. On the other hand, the British threat was in the perspective of its East India Company, monopolizing the political economy of the region in India, already a colony of the Britain.

After the First World War 1918, an Afghan, King Amanullah Khan, did his best to execute western ideas and modernity such as western outfits and education among women in a conventional society, forced him into exile later. We saw a relative peace in few decades ahead in Afghanistan.

In 1979, Russia invaded in Afghanistan to install Soviet backed Babrak Karmal replacing him by Hafizullah Amin to spread communist influence in the region. Pakistan successfully countered the communist threat with the help of the US money and arms. Pakistan trained the Afghan Muhajrin how to protect their homeland from external invaders. In 1989 when the Russian forces withdrew from Afghanistan under the Geneva Accords 1988. Pakistan and Afghanistan decided to have an agreement on thawing the hot war in Afghanistan with two international guarantors, the US and the former USSR.

After the Russian withdrawal the US also went back home without making any structural arrangements to restore peace in Afghanistan. It allowed Taliban in Afghanistan to emerge as a power in 1994, having the US money and arms, occupied Kabul. Leaving Afghanistan in sojourn was a blunder on the part of the US decision makers which they realized very late and the former US secretary of State Hilary Clinton confessed the blunder committed by the US administration in a video clip. In 2001 the 9/11 incident happened and the US invaded in Afghanistan allegedly to counter the so called war on terrorism, the US waged war and elongated since 2001 to date. In the twenty First century, the US has used her best technological sophistication and scientific advancement to get any advantage in Afghanistan, unfortunately it has been facing defeat in every field against Taliban, a Western given name to Mujahidin in 1979.

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Until they were fighting for the cause of the US were known as Mujahidin and as soon as, started fighting for their national interests become Afghan Taliban. Although the US administration under Donald Trump intend to get back with a face saving as according to the US, the new Great Game has started in the region. Allegedly, the regional powers like Pakistan, Iran, India, China and Russia started allying with Taliban and vying to outdo the invaders. Contrary to this the local Afghan leadership that has been installed by the US government time and again in last 17 years is trading allegations that the US government destroying the peace in the region.

The US forces has a great collateral and financial damage in Afghanistan since 2001 to date. Today, the US administration is blaming Pakistan led Taliban are creating problems for the US in Afghanistan. It shows categorically the frustration on the part of the US and demanding from Pakistan to do more. Finally, Pakistan denied to do more under Bajwa Doctrine.

The newly elected leadership in Pakistan after the General Elections in 2018, Imran Khan explicitly said in a TV interview with a foreign journalist that Pakistan was an ally of peace and decided not to be a hired or client state of the US. Imran Khan emphasized that the days are gone when Pakistan used to behave apologetically. Pakistan has to get itself out from any war of others and to secure itself as it has been a victim of war on terrorism and devastated its economy and more than fifty thousand lives of innocent people.

The US remained unsuccessful in installing democracy and peace in Afghanistan for last seventeen years because it did not match with the local rituals and conventions. It means the FPT is the answer of prevailing crises in Afghanistan that may allow people to carve out a local plan for the wellbeing of humanity at home as it is the high time to give opportunity to peace in the region.

Consolidation

In the concluding paragraphs, we may say that imported forms of government hardly get success in sustaining peace and prosperity in any society. Especially when there has been a dichotomy at a large scale between words and actions of any superpower. For example, the UN Security Council and General Assembly denied the choice of the US (Jerusalem as a capital of Israel) with majority of votes against the same.

In this dismal situation threatening of the US ambassador Nikkey Halley grumble in GA and SC losing by 124/9 and 14/1 respectively questioned the existing so called champions of liberalism and human rights. How they can talk about democracy and freedom when they threaten the world with grave consequences on denying support to the US on the issue of Jerusalem. The stubborn attitude of the developed world is making this world a hell. All other countries have to think collectively what to do next.

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Nuclear war is out of question and fifth generation warfare are really tarnishing the very fabric of global societies. Rise of Glocalization is the answer of end of globalism in the presence of fifth political theory talk about human consent to adopt the surroundings that evolves out of their own values and language instead of borrowing any imported or imposed values and language. Here we start another debate on the upcoming humanism.