

## Corruption

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**"Corruption is the enemy of justice." - Roderick Justice MacGregor**

Corruption is the illegal use of legal authority for personal benefits. Corruption is one of the major issues facing our country for decades. Corruption can be done in different ways in different forms. Corruption is backed by the selfishness of an individual against the national interest of a country.

Weak governance structures, inadequate checks and balances, and a lack of transparency in public administration contribute to corruption. When individuals in positions of power are not held accountable for their actions, it creates an environment conducive to corrupt practices. Socio-economic disparities and poverty create an environment where corruption thrives. Desperate individuals may resort to corrupt acts as a means of survival or to seek opportunities for upward mobility.

**"Corruption is not only about embezzlement of funds; it corrodes the trust and social fabric of a society." - Ellen Johnson Sirleaf**

In Pakistan, corruption is prevalent in both government and non-governmental institutions. The traps of corruption range from bribery to money laundering. It also includes the illegal use of authority. Corruption is not only causing alarming damage to the economy of Pakistan. It is also killing citizens' trust in the functionality of the social institutions.

**Corruption is cancer that steals from the poor, eats away at governance and moral fiber, and destroys trust- Robert Zoellick**

Corruption damages the integrity of a country. It not only causes loss to the interest of a state but also stops development. Corruption is largely caused by the absence of concern for his nation as a citizen.

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When an individual starts considering his personal gains prior to national integrity, he descends into corruption. The only possible way to reduce corruption to criminalize it. It is necessary to make the institutional workings transparent. Besides this, there is a great need to establish accountability boards for the lawful working of institutions.

**"Corruption is the enemy of progress, and the friend of inequality." - Oscar Arias**

Strengthening Institutions and Rule of Law: Building robust institutions and promoting the rule of law is essential to combat corruption. This includes enforcing transparency, accountability, and stricter penalties for corrupt practices. Corruption perpetuates social injustice by exacerbating inequality. When resources are misappropriated, marginalized communities suffer the most, as basic services like education, healthcare, and infrastructure are compromised.

In Pakistan, the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) aims to fight corruption. However, its working is questionable. Therefore, this department has to be more empowered. It should be powerful enough to take action against the corrupt people.

**Corruption is like a ball of snow. Once it's set a rolling it must increase- C.C Cotton**

In addition to this, the certainty of punishment for corruption should be ensured. It is for this reason that many corrupt people easily escape the net of justice. The legal action should not see if a corrupt person is wealthy or not. The action should be taken and punishment is granted to those involved in this act.

**"Corruption is a thief of opportunities and a barrier to progress." - Paul Kagame**

The government should also use all methods to spread awareness in public with regards to corruption. The state is responsible for bettering its citizens morally so as to reduce corruption. Only by understanding the alarming nature of this problem and taking steps to counter it, it is possible to fight corruption. Corruption should be dealt with strictly if we want to save our economy and institutions as a responsible nation.

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Corruption poses a significant threat to the progress and well-being of societies, including Pakistan. By addressing the root causes of corruption, fostering a culture of transparency and accountability, and implementing effective anti-corruption measures, we can mitigate its adverse effects. Combating corruption requires a collective effort from citizens, civil society, and the government to establish a society based on integrity, fairness, and equal opportunities. Only through such concerted actions can we pave the way for a more prosperous, just, and corruption-free future.

**"Corruption is the enemy of development, and of good governance. It must be fought with courage and determination. " - Ban Ki-moon**

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