

## UNREGULATED SOCIETY-KEY TO GOVERNANCE

Ideally in an utopian society, all the affairs pertaining to people are well articulated through defined laws. Subsequently rights, limitations and responsibilities are well known by all, through two key factors; education and punishment. Primarily all means are used to educate masses about prevailing laws. Those who fail to be educated due any reason are taught through requisite punishments, either as recipients or witnesses. Thus with a passage of time law abiding, fear of law, consciousness about law, awareness....whatever we call it, becomes deep rooted in the society and subsequently reflect. Such societies are generally called educated, developed, advanced, etc.

Despite education being the cornerstone of such societies, in my opinion punishment or fear of being caught and punished for wrongdoings actually maintains the initially achieved level. For instance according to Oxford dictionary, education is defined as

*“The process of receiving or giving systematic instruction, especially at a school or university”*

If education means teaching something which is not known then do we think people don't know that stealing is wrong? And yet there are thieves around the globe. Yet there are more thieves where the deterrence of law is less and simultaneously there are fewer thieves where rule of law is more pronounced.

Thus in order to maintain a society to its best, after education, law enforcement is the most instrumental factor. The same is done through LEAs ( Law enforcement Agencies ) which ensure that people abiding law are protected and those violating are dealt accordingly. Most importantly a society cannot be left on its own as it has to be managed, controlled or regulated. The most pronounce factor is that people are not at liberty to deal such societal matters on their own, which involve legal aspects. For instance, in developed countries a routine road accident is never directly/ solely dealt with persons involved in the accident, unless suitable LEA rep takes charge and regulates the matter according to prevailing law. Thus the concept doesn't let people getting one to one in any minor to major matter, thereby maintaining fabrics of a peaceful society. Similarly for any conflicting matter pertaining to people, there is a LEA process minimizing or even negating chances of people engaging amongst themselves.

Moreover, the same concept provides immense confidence to the society on promulgated system. People are sure that the state is vigilantly present to check wrongdoings and protect rights of innocent. In truly successful societies, the surety of being regulated is to such an extent that even during late night, people are forced to abide by traffic signs, despite being on the deserted roads. Perhaps, such aspects may appear too minor or unimportant, yet they actually depict unwavering faith in the command and control exercised by the state through its regulating apparatus. Such societies not only keep the populace under the law, but a majority of upper/ influential class is also duly regulated. In that mocking of law by strong, of law breaking due influence remain isolated and the state does not allow everyone to enjoy such liberty, as it remains extremely limited and to

an extent latent. As a result, people have the time, energy, education, courage and means to monitor/ challenge the state, which also keep the state under pressure to a certain extent.

And then there are some other types of societies....for instance the one in which we live. Pakistan is a case study from imponderable aspects/ dimensions of human behaviours. The state apparatus is perhaps too shrewd as it quickly learnt that the key to a successful and happy society is Regulatory apparatus of state. The state also learnt the flip side simultaneously: more society is well regulated, lesser is the available liberty available with the ruling class usurping rights. Thus they well articulated a totally UNREGULATED SOCIETY. Today from a minor road accident to a major legal issue the state has designed a system where people are directed to deal their matters directly within themselves. And then might is right becomes the main instrument to survive. And as its worst translation, the whole society has been infected with the deep desire to become the mightiest. So in order to become mightier, one is ready to bypass or ignore all divine, human, religious or state laws. And the beauty is....there is no one interested to stop the journey towards might.

Another major aspect of this unregulated society is that unlike other societies, where law breaking is kept as either hidden or privilege of a few, here it has been granted to almost everybody. Thus the whole society has been educated, groomed and trained on the morals of law breaking. Thus, law breaking, the expensive privilege of elite is being sold cheaply in our society, making it exponentially irreparable.

Often I hear an argument that if we, as individuals, start abiding law then this menace will diminish from our society. To my such friends, I will sincerely advise two things...Please do abide by laws as far as practicable within your personal life as it's obligatory. Secondly please avoid stopping on a red traffic light late at night on a deserted road as it may have severe consequences. When you come across a situation where the opponent is using all mighty means beyond law, then you cannot protect yourself remaining within confines of law. And for that very reason, there has to be intervention of the state to ensure through strict regulation.

Thus if anyone has to take charge and call shots, then it has to be the state apparatus. Unfortunately, there appears no formula other than top-down approach. Bottom-up approach can only create feeble ripples, disheartened failures and perhaps more gloomy society. So as individuals, besides abiding by law, state has to be forced to recover from paralysis and start regulating. The same may only be possible if the people at the helm of the affairs are touched to trigger the dormant capability to deliver goodness. Perhaps pressure groups within segments of society can create awareness to aware the state. Or perhaps someday divine intervention may trigger a change. Whatever happens, the core question remains....do we really want a regulated state where we can be questioned, checked, reprimanded or punished? Or we are actually happy/ satisfied in this unregulated state, having the liberty to toy with both divine, as well as law of the land? Until then....enjoy the liberty.