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The Utmost **VIP Culture** in Pakistan Need *Hazrat Umer's* **Accountability** Action Plan, A Disciplinary Analysis

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Abstract:

Elites enjoy privileges only in Pakistan, while Elite Pakistanis will follow all the rules and regulations in other countries. The corruption through VIP culture is different from ordinary corruption, which is treated as a crime. For Example, misappropriation of property by government employees. Some sociologists have identify elites. First are personal- on the basis of a person's official position. Second is based on the ability to influence decision making. Thirdly, on the basis of fame and recognition. *i.e*-the person also consider to belong to the elite class will go, which the elite people consider the credentialed commentators part of the elite. However VIP's in Pakistan scales are different. Unequal distribution of information, the access of a selected few to information that is hidden from public view, violations of regulations and unfair distribution of resources help to perpetuate these elite corruptions. Due to these factors, the representatives of the elite take advantage of the anomaly in the law and irregularity or arbitrariness in the contracts. They divert the public resources towards themselves through prices etc. The result of the very little of the budget allocated by the government to the people is used for its original purpose. We are aware of the pitfalls of VIP culture and continue to observe it. But who are these people? Who are occupant over the country's economy and how should they be confronted? In this regard, Implementation of *Hazrat Umer's* ® system of accountability can be useful for any corrupt country.

Keywords: Class System, VIP culture, *Umer's* rule of law as a Solution.

Introduction:

The class of our elites and rulers whether inside or outside their palaces, it has proved to be a cause of torment and hardship for the poor. Poor forced and helpless people. Unfortunately, instead of providing basic amenities to the people, the tax money obtained by squeezing the blood of the people used for lavish lifestyles, protocols and luxurious of the elites and rulers. When their class comes out of their palaces, the movements of the police and law enforces are to be seen. There are hours on the VIP route name roads and shops are closed. On election days, every effort is made to keep people seated on their heads out of the way of the royal procession. Then a patient reaches the hospital, student, school and labor factory in time or not, at their call. It is true that many lives are lost due to long waiting. The police instead of

protecting the citizen's life and property, engaged in the duty of royal protocols. (Abdul Basith Alvi, 2018).



Fig1.1: Such a protocol is seen around the political officials during election days. Which is done to show the political superiority over opposition parties.

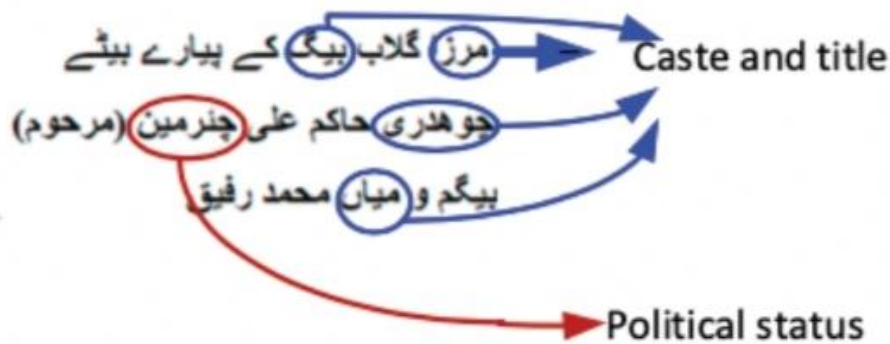


Fig1.2: In Elite families, the superiority of clan and designation is given on the marriage Invitation cards, as well on the funeral announcements of the deceased.

According to UN report (UNDP) the economic incentives given to elites, corporate sector, landlords and establishments in Pakistan is estimated at 17.4 billion dollar or about 6% of the country's economy are equal to and the largest beneficiary sector in the country is the corporate sector, which is receiving a total of 4.7 billion dollars in incentives or subsidies. (Ahmad Tariq, 2022).

According to the traditions. *Hazrat Umer*' after becoming the head of the caliphate issued instructions to his workers, governors and officers that no ruler or officer would ride a Turkish horse, wear fine clothes, bread made of sifted flour. He will not eat and he will not make a fence at his door, will these were the symbols of social distinction in that era. Which *Hazrat Umer* (RA) prohibited for his officials and officers. I interpret this to mean that, *Hazrat Umer* (RA) rejected the VIP culture and obliged the rulers and officers of the country to pay less than ordinary citizens in terms of food, clothing, accommodation and transportation. *Hazrat Umer*(RA) enforced this order and showed that' he followed it and even took strict disciplinary action, If a violation was reported from anywhere. (Zahid Al-Rashidi, 2023).

Literature Review:

*Saeed Shafqat, *Governmental Manner of Pakistan and Municipal Channels, Essays in Comprehension*, 1989 = Saeed Shafqat identified five types of elites. He describe year to year situations, especially mention the PPP political party with some dominant classes.

**Arif Azad, Hamza Alvi*, The Guardian, 2003 = *Hamza Alvi* points out that the unnecessary proliferation of civil and military democracy leads to inflation which is hindrance to the real development of society, different classes and colonies.

**Ayesha Shoukat*, Power Reconfigurations and enterprise Development, 2016 = She have a fundamental approach to the links which connects the superior classes.

**Khalid Rasool Sangi*, The Position of Accountability in the Settlement of a Welfare State, A research analysis in the context of the caliphate of *Hazrat Umar Farooq*= He argued the destruction of a nation which have down accountability system and give examples of *Umer's* caliphate and its system of accountability to overcome the fall of nations.

Research Objectives:

*We will know that turning away from equality gives birth to *Pharaohism (Ferawniyyat)*.

*In order to be sure that there is a solution to every problem of the present era in Islamic history.

Research Questions:

*How did the VIP culture produce in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan?

*Who are the VIP's in Pakistan?

*If the poor/lower class cannot raise voice against VIP class, then who and how they will be controlled?

Research Methodology:

It has a Qualitative, case study research method. Through which the researcher tries to suggest such type of action plan for a specific issue. Which provide a possible sense of the correspondent issue and its solution.

Limitation:

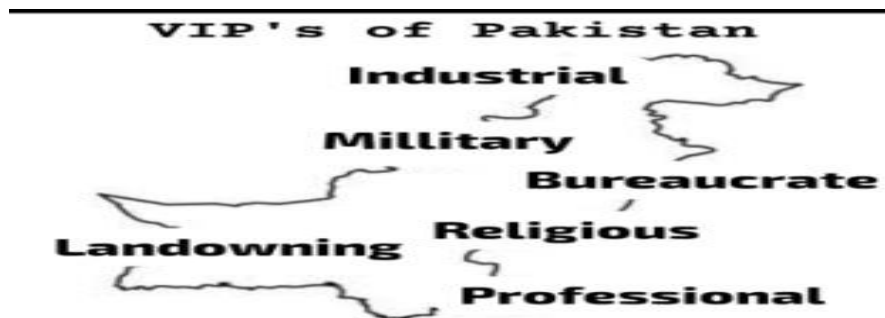


Fig2.1: The class difference is found in every corner of Pakistan. Here the designation Is not for responsibility but for making the status.



Fig2.2: Caliph *Umer* was the fearsome figure of Islamic History, Who uproot the class system in its inception?

The scope of the topic is to identify an important problem in Pakistan and adopt it to the Islamic accountability system. Which was adopted by *Hazrat Umer(RA)* during his caliphate.

It mentions only “one” reason among the reasons for the country’s financial problems while avoiding other reasons.

VIP Culture is the result of Elitism:

Development of Elitism:

Elitism hold the former notion but was disclose after the “re-birth” era. When the common people was stuck together due the coercion of rulers and priests. Sociologists talked about elites that, they are of two types: Governing Elites – Policy Makers, Non Governing Elites - Professionals. The people of the state are associated with them in daily life. These minorities are imposed mentally, physically and emotionally over the common people. It changes the meaning of democracy.¹

Elite theory is the concept of powerful caste or status of the some people in a state. It is related to the expand and descend of superior class in political field. And how a person is move round procure and displaced into various positions. Pareto define this theory as, Humans are unlike from one another physically and mentally. In a community, there is various types of human beings, have various castes and values. Some of them are more gifted.²

He define Elite as: “A superior group of individuals who have the crown roots in their field of work, and that group is called the VIP class”.³

An another term is, Power Elite Theory’ In 1956 *C.Wright Mills* present this theory. The basic characteristics of this theory are that, Power is undivided, the elites are combine together and non-elites are disparate and powerless, elites interests are linked together due to common backgrounds and statuses and the defining characteristic of power is institutional location.⁴

Power Elite in Pakistan:

In Pakistan, the word Elite generally invoke the image of landlords, who were in the beginning part of governing elite after the independence in 1947. However after some years’ this began to change with the states civil and military bureaucracy become emerge into the VIP’s and also using state funds to produce other VIP groups.⁵

It is non-static, forever increasing theory. VIP’s in a country like Pakistan can smoothly exploit, dominate & get command on the state and society. Elites are present in almost all countries but it have play very negative role in Pakistan. They are dominated over the entire society. No institution has any authority before the class of superiors, even if they deviates from the laws of the state.⁶

Separation of East Pakistan was the act of Elitism:

Many thinkers blame Pakistan’s political leaders for dignifying the politics of racial division that resulted in a clash between Punjabi and Bengali political commanders and the functionalism within the Muslim league that hinder the development of party system.⁷

The ole of aristocracy was seen in the secession of Bengal. The debate has been borrowed that East Pakistan’s income and governmental welfare rights were underestimated by the bureaucratic & corporate supremacist in the government in west Pakistan who were firm on attaining their self-interests.⁸

Types of Elites or VIP’s in Pakistan:

Bureaucratic Elite:

As the political parties' increases, the dependency on civil bureaucracy raised the power of bureaucratic elites. Many leading politicians had a strong bureaucratic background.⁹

Religious Elites:

Islam was the main tool of *muslim* league in circulating the populace. The protection of the status quo in the name of traditionalism is the religion of the individuals of every era in Pakistan, which they worship. These religious elites provide public support to the strategic beliefs when they needed.¹⁰

Military Elites:

It builds the roots from British colonialism. The military as a most powerful institution, maintaining the proper status quo in Pakistan. This class is expanded over all the institutions of Pakistan, had a strong rule on the state.¹¹

Landlord Elites:

These are the landowning families, the landed aristocracy. They get easily elected in political position as well as a high class influence in a society. The military and bureaucracy have hand with them.¹²

Industrial & Business Elites:

The industrialists were a new variety of organizers and the strongest exponents of industrialization and its related cultural values. In the first decennium, military elites control over the industrialists. But in the second decennium, the military elites come forth to depend upon the industrial elites to the point that *Ayub Khan's* regime was designated a businessman's government. They appropriate control of newspapers, collect wealth in foreign banks.¹³

Hazrat Umer's Accountability System regarding to VIP Culture:

There is a quotation of *Hazrat Umer* in which he states that: "In a state that shows mercy to criminals, innocent people die with great cruelty".¹⁴

Who are the criminals of the state? They are minor and major criminals. Definitely the major will be the Elite or VIP community.

Step1#Umer's Mission of Inspection:

Once *Hazrat Umer* said, God will, if I live, I will visit my subjects for a whole year. I know that, People have certain needs that do not reach me. Their officers do not convey their needs to me and they themselves cannot reach me. I will go to Syria and stay there for two months. Then I will go to *Kufa* and stay there for two months then I will go to Basra and stay there for two months. Then By Allah, how sweet this year of my life will be.¹⁵

However *Hazrat Umer* have implemented some of his intensions especially have visited the state of Syria many times and revived the conditions there, entered the houses, the governors and officers there. So that their get to know the lifestyle closely.¹⁶

Step2# Visit to the Governor Houses:

Once *Hazrat Umer RA* heard about *Yazid bin Abi Sufyan* that he used various foods in his meals. So He planned to reach his house at the time of everything meal and arrived exactly at meal time. When he saw their food, he forbade him to overindulge in food.

Hazrat Umer entered the house of *Khalid bin Walid* and he did not find anything remarkable, only weapons, In which *Khalid bin Walid* was busy in their accuracy at the moment.

Hazrat Umer entered the house of *Abu Ubaydah* and observed his worried lifestyle. Because of the miserable life of family, *Umer RA* was criticized a lot by the by the wife of *Abu Ubaydah*.¹⁷

It shall be noted that, when *Umer RA* used to go out to investigate the governors and officers, He suddenly reach their house with a man, that man would knock on the door of the governors, ask for permission to come in with his colleagues. It was not known that *Umer* was also present with the person seeking permission. Thus when *Umer* entered the house, He will inspect every item of the house.¹⁸

Step3# Punishment to the Person who makes Joking of the Lower Class:

It is narrated by *Qais bin Abi Hazim* that *Umer(RA)* sent an *Ansari* youth as an officer. He was a guest of *Amr bin Hayyan bin Baqila*, a nobleman of the inhabitants of *Hira*. He offered food and water. The officer made fun of him and grabbed his beard. That man could not bear this disrespect and he came to *Umer* and said: O commander of the faithful, I have served Caesar and *Kisari* too. But I never saw in them the disrespect, I experienced under your government. *Umer* asked: What is the matter? He told that your agent become my guest here and disrespect me...*Hazrat Umer(RA)* call the agent to come here and said: Listen! He presented food and water before you as you asked, so did you hold his beard? By Allah, If keeping a beard was not a *sunnah* of the Prophet, he would have pulled out every single hair of your beard. But go, by *Allah!* From today you are not fit for any position.¹⁹

Step4# Equality in Public and Government Servants:

Ibn Abbas narrated that *Umer bin Al-Khattab RA* went to perform *Hajj*. *Safwan bin Umayyah* cooked food for them. Companions brought food in a big pot by four men, the food was placed in front of everyone. Everyone started eating and the servants stood. So *Umer* said: Do you keep them away away from you? *Sufyan bin Abdullah* said: No, By Allah! It is not so, O *Ameer Al-Momineen!* However they prefer themselves over them. *Umer* become very angry and said: “You people too set down and eat, so the servants also set down and began to eat. But *Ameer Al-Mumineen* did not eat”.²⁰

Step5# Equal Treatment with Opposite Party:

Hazrat Umer RA wrote a letter to one of his governors: Judge righteously between people, whether they are near or far, all are equal in this ruling. Once when *Ubai bin Kaab RA* presented a claim against *Umer RA* regarding a garden, he said about it. It could not understand the correct decision. So I appointed *Zayd bin Thabit* as my mediator, and both of them came to *Zayd bin Thabit's* house. *Umer* said: ‘we have come to you for decision’. At that time’ cases were heard in his house. *Zayd bin Thabit* got up from his bed and wanted to set the *Umer* on his bed. He also took out a pillow and presented it in front of *Umer* and said: *Ameer Al-Moomineen!* Come here. *Umer* said: O *Zayd*’ You made a mistake at the very beginning of your decision, seat me on my side, then they both sat in front of *Zayd*.²¹

Step6# Encouraging people to continue doing Business:

Umer went to the market once during his caliphate and saw that, most of the traders were *Nabti*(mean foreigners among the Iraqis). *Umer* saddened to see this and when the people

gathered. He asked the reason, mentioning their distance from trade and their withdrawal from the market. He said that *Allah* has freed us from the market by the abundance of conquests. So he said: By *Allah*! If you start doing that' your men will need their men and your women will need their women.²²

Step7# Restriction on those Signs which promote VIP Culture:

When the *Umer* appointed a governor, He write a permit for him, On which instructions were written that: He should not wear fine cloth, not eat bread made of sifted flour, not stop opening his doors to the public, and not have a porter. Keep it so that whenever a questioner wants to come to you, he can come without hindrance, visit the sick and attend the funerals, never kill an innocent person' so that he is humiliated. Not ride a Turkish breed horse, because it has swagger.²³

Conclusion:

Today, the image of Pakistan around the world is not hidden from anyone. We are suffering from degradation in every field of life. Islam is known to us, but class system destroys us badly at small as well as at large level. We have an excellent example in the history of Islam in the form of *Hazrat Umer* Caliphate. If that accountability action plan will implemented, then all the issues will be solved by this single and stable act.

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