

Rational Political Consciousness Only way-out to avoid war on Nuclear Age

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Abstract

The nuclear age heralded on internal politics after atomic bomb dropped on Japan On 05 & 09 Aug 1945 by USA. The triumph of nuclear weapon over humanities has Created balance of terror in world politics. The nuclear nations have total destructive Power which converts a simple war into total war. These nations have capacities to spur havoc in world. The only way-out from its menace is to create rational political consciousness at local, national and international level. The confidence building measure to built rational political consciousness in populace and its political actors at all level. These can save world from another nuclear war. The rationality developed on the part of populace and its political actors can drive the world into peace and prosperity. The democratic values of rational populace consciousness have been included in constitution of some nation and United Nations charters to achieve its goal to some extent. The rational political/social movements at national and international level are also a fillip to rational political consciousness. The high time for humanities is to think, drive, dedicate, decide and act on the line of rationality and spread its consciousness among the nations.

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1. Introduction

The political consciousness derived from two words. The inherent meanings of political are (i) rights, duties and obligations supported by populace (ii) the form of government which providing social, economic and political amenities (iii) enacting and maintaining laws and orders by government with changing time and keeping pace

with science, technologies and globalization. The second one is consciousness which supported the meaning of awareness. So the meaning of political consciousness is the awareness possess by common population in a political system. The inherent cause of rational political consciousness is rationality of awareness developed by common people in a political system which are barometer of political development .The political consciousness in populace give a way to political development which causes a political system to develop .The rational political consciousness is a so strong device which can over throw the age old traditional irrational political system into a modern pragmatic political system. The rational political consciousnesses are tools on the hand of political actors to make a society good. It has a hidden power to over throw any corrupted political system and it can act as a catalyst to change the political systems whatever deforms it may contain.

It can establish good societies by changing the political systems itself. The irrationality in political consciousness can damage a political system and society as a whole. Though the political actors are carrier of its components but some of them are product of it. If the political consciousness is strong and cautious than no political storm can proof it unfertile. The populaces are in majority in any society which can trace development path of any political systems and society as a whole. It is the duty of political actors to keep the rational political consciousness alive. To destroy the basic fabrics of it met with disastrous. Any political systems in world subjected to rationality on political consciousness. The rational political consciousnesses of American political system give it an advance political system than Asia and Africa. One can't deny the hidden power of rational political consciousness in all forms of political systems. It is the pious duty of political actors to keep it alive and update with changing time .They can develop it by keeping pace with science, technology, and globalization.

The case of Indian political system can be taking into account for its interpretation. The Indian society is sum total of fragmented parts. The every part has a unique design and unique bases. It is over ridden by caste, class, and religion and age old superstitions. The superstition form a part of populace political consciousness. The age old irrational political consciousness is a barricade to political development in Indian political system. The political actors left no stone turn to exploit these irrational political consciousnesses to establish political supremacy. They use this as their hand tool to gain political position. The caste, class, religion, age old and outdated beliefs provide fuel to political actors to ignite and make illusion on populace political consciousness. There is no state in India which is free from its menaces. The irrational political consciousnesses of Indian political system exist due to dynastic rules and exploitation of Indian on British periods. The seed of war on religion that planted by British till exist in Indian political system. This has destroyed basic ethos of rational political consciousness. The decades of development after British raj are seriously affected by it. The sunken moralities due to dividend Indian society hinder the development of rational political consciousness, which is the true base of populace political consciousness.

The medieval Indian history witnessed fanatic rules which wash away the rational political consciousness. The old century's dynastic rule breeds the ground for immoral

habits, customs and beliefs which are cornerstone for irrational political consciousness. The political actors after British raj take the advantage of irrational political consciousness and exploit the people to gain political power and position. This made another British raj by own people on its own land. The high time for Indian political system to create a rational political consciousness and over ride it's irrationality.

2. Political rationality under Indian constitution

The rational political consciousness reflected in the constitution in the preamble and part-iv i.e. directive Principle of state policy. In the preamble of constitution the rational political consciousness enshrined as socialist, secular, democratic, republic, justice (social, political and economic), liberty (thought, expression, belief, faith and worship), equality (status and opportunities) and fraternity (assuring dignity of individual and unit and integrity of nation). The directive principle of state policy also include the very nature of rational political consciousness i.e. promotion of welfare of people(Art-38),equality between men and women (Art-39),uniform civil code (Art-44),free and compulsory education for child (Art-45)promotion of educational and economic interest of weaker sections (Art-46), separation of judiciary from executive (Art-50).The Indian constitution also respect rational political consciousness of international politics by adopting and enacting the important provisions. These provisions are (i) promotion of international peace and security (ii) maintaining a just and honorable relation with nations (iii) respecting international laws and treaty obligations (iv) settlement of international dispute by arbitration (v) non interference and respect for each other's territories.(DD Basu.2003)

The framer of constitution also adopt the co-operative federalism, fundamental rights, proportionate representations, respect for opposition, single citizenship, safe guards of minorities and weaker sections and respect for varied scripts and cultures are a step ahead to recognized rational political consciousness. India's populace political consciousness shows neutrality in both the world war was another step to keep her refrain from power blocks in international politics. The India's role in Non Alignment Movement and its contribution to UN for peace settlement were also a positive move in rational political consciousness. All these rationalities are gifted by framer of constitution not only to nation but also to international community as a whole. The Indian rational political consciousness can be put into action in international politics to safeguard the world from another menacing nuclear war.

3. Anticorruption movements in India a fillip to populace rational political consciousness

The Lokpal i.e. people protector was coined and debated by Laxmi Mall Singhvi in 1963.This was reaffirmed by Administrative Reform Commission headed by Moraji Deasai in 1966 to form Lokpal and Lokayat for redress of citizen grievance. The Lokpal bill in 1968,1971,1977,1985,1989,1996,1998,2001,2008,2010 and 2011 was not passed in parliament due to lake of rationality on political actors. This was

finally passed in parliament on Dec 2013. It was come into force on Jan 2014 after receiving ascent of president.(<http://www.en Wikipedia.org>)

The passing of Jan Lokpal in India is a long walk to freedom. The base of Lokpal was against corruption of political actors/leaders and government. Its long walk on discourse is due to less populace political support. The political leader instigate into the corrupt practices by using their political positions. The political actors use pomp, power and position in politics for personal gains. There was no massive protest against corruption to curb it .The political system was over ridden by irrational political actors with irrational political consciousness. The political actors are not ready to sacrifice their personal gains and hereditary political positions in front of anticorruption bill.

The anticorruption movement was heralded by a staunch social worker Anna Hazare who was a strong believer of Gandhi's thought and action. This movement took a new shape in Indian history on Apr, Aug and Dec 2011.The first unto death by Anna Hazare at Ramlila ground to pass Lokpal bill gained populace political consciousness throughout country. The right to fight against corruption was a rational populace political consciousness gained its momentums throughout country. The government headed by Ex Prime Minister Manmohan Singh put their hand together in front of a rational political consciousness. The parliament accepts the rationality of political consciousness and passed the bill. The inherent bases of rational political consciousness and its support by populace win over irrational political consciousness of political leaders and government. The long walk of anticorruption movement from 1963 to 2014 ended in victory of rational political consciousness.

The Jan Lokpal bill was most widely discussed and debated in India and other countries. It got firm support from media and every section of the people. It breaks the grounds of rational political surge in Indian political system. It is unparallel in Indian history. This showed the rational bases of populace political consciousness and is unquestionable in a political system. It gives a thrust to rational political thinking in national and international politics. The firm bases of rational political consciousness can utilized in international politics to avoid war in nuclear age and establish peace.

4. The First World War witnessed rational political consciousness in a black box

The First World War was fought between Axis power (Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey) and Anti axis allies (Great Britain, France, Russia, Japan, Italy and USA) from 1914 to 1918. When the First World War was broke out the Central Europe, Turkey and Russia are dominated by powerful empires i.e. Austria – Hungary, Ottoman and Tsar. The result of war declined Great Britain as world power. The human cost to world was about 10 million deaths. The Germany loss 1.8 million, Russia 1.7 million, France 1.3 million, Austria-Hungary 1.29 million, Great Britain 743000 and Italy by 615000.(<http://www.prelude to revolution. in>)

The total financial cost of first world was estimated as equal to the combined 1914 wealth of Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand (M Ferro, 1973).The Marc Ferro has calculated the economic loss to France is 700000 houses, 20,000 factories, 50,000 roads, 3 million hectares of land, central production down by 40 percent, industrial

production by 50 percent (M Ferro, 1973). This statistics shows a huge man and material loss to world. This loss of man and material in First World War was due to lack of rational political consciousness in international politics. The First World War totally dominated by irrational political consciousness on the part of populace and its political actors itself. It ruined the world into a large extent.

The First World War was a historic international war after defeat of Napoleon in 1815 at Waterloo. The interwar periods 1815 to 1914 the international system was dominated by irrational political consciousness. These dominated in the political system of Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy Austria-Hungary and Turkey. The irrational political consciousness centered around balance of power, nationalism, imperialism, militarism. The other irrational political consciousness dominating the world are politics of allies and counter allies, increase rivalries on colonialism, secret diplomacy and mutual distrust, faith on war to secure desire goal of national interest, arm race and economic rivalries to exploit and add more colonies.

The First World War was badly affected by irrational political consciousness of militarism, racialism, nationalism and colonialism. The humiliation inflicted on Germany at Paris peace conference and dissatisfaction of Japan at Washington conference germ another world war on the line of irrational populace political consciousness i.e. militarism, colonialism, nationalism and world hegemony.

6. The Second World War ignored rational political consciousness and met with devastation

The Second World War fought between axis power (Germany, Japan and Italy) and is countered by anti axis allies (Great Britain, USA, Russia and France). On Sep 1939, Germany ignites the war by invading Poland. The treaty of Versailles had humiliated Germany. It implant germ of irrational political consciousness upon its populace and political actors like Hitler. The Nazism further strengthens the base on ground of love for nation and nationalism. The irrational political consciousness developed in Germany and furthered her for expansion policy and wage war to acquire more and more territories. The 440 articles of Versailles treaty are based on idealism of President Wilson and are pointed to curb the power of Germany. The Germany was deprived of a million square miles of its area and she was made to renounced all her over sea possession. The treaty of Versailles lost Germany nearly 15% of its arable, and 12% of its industries area (UR Ghai & KK Ghai, 2002). It also made her to accept Weimer Republic which was against her populace political consciousness.

The treaty of Versailles was against the populace political conscious of Germany. The populace political consciousness of Germany supports Hitler policy on war and expansionism. Though the populace political consciousness was irrational, but it flourishes in Germany due to its depravation at Paris peace conference. It made Germany under Hitler a irrational populace conscious nation to gain its national goal on the ideology of militarism, colonialism nationalism. The Italy unable to secure desire gain at Paris peace conference and made her more militant nationalist under fascist party of Mussolini. The populace political consciousness of Italy favors fascist

ideology of extreme nationalism, war and imperialism to fulfill national interest. The Mussolini as leader of fascist party tried to revive and establish past glory of old Roman Empire. The irrational populace consciousness developed in Germany is responsible for Second World War.

At Paris peace conference, the Japan gains some advantage but she was annoyed at Washington conference. The Japans lure to get more territories of China made her populace political consciousness in favors of militarism and imperialism. The Japanese imperial war council drags the populace political consciousness on the line of militarism and imperialism. The irrational political consciousness of Japan made her to intervene in Manchuria, in spite of League of Nations opposition. She occupied it along with some other parts of China. She attack Pearl Harbour in 1941 and invite USA to play active role in Second World War.

The war on irrational consciousness came to halt when the Soviet offensives on Jan 1945 liberate West Poland and forcing Hungary (an Axis ally) to surrender. The bombardment of German city Dresden on Feb 1945 mounted to killing approximately 35000 civilians. (<http://www.ushmm.org> Accessed on 15 Aug 15) The Soviet offensive encircled the German capital Berlin on Apr 1945 and its advancement towards Reich Chancellery made Hitler socked and defeated. He committed suicide on Apr 30, 1945. The Germany surrender unconditionally to western allies at Reims on May 7, 1945 and to Soviet defensives at Berlin on May 9, 1945. The war in Pacific came to an end when USA bombarded atomic bomb at Hiroshima and Nagasaki killing of 120,000 civilians on Aug 1945 and Japan surrender unconditionally on Sep 2, 1945. (<http://www.ushmm.org> Accessed on 15 Aug 15).

The total human cost to world war second was approximately 55 million deaths, which is unparallel in world history (<http://www.ushmm.org> Accessed on 15 Aug 15). The Second World War was fought upon irrational political consciousnesses i.e. world hegemony, supremacy of race, nationalism, militarism and colonialism. The irrational populace political consciousness of Berlin, Rome and Tokyo axis ruined the world and themselves in special.

The league of nation as protector of world peace was accepted unanimously on Apr 28, 1919 and came into action on Jan 10, 1920 failed to defend world peace in inter war periods. The collective security provision which stand as rational political consciousness never put in to practice by its members. The member states used League of Nations as instrument of national policy to defend national interests. The irrational political consciousness develops by its political actors fail to provide protection against aggression. The failure of League of Nations to took suitable actions against Japanese invasion of Manchuria followed by Italian aggression against Ethiopia prove bankruptcy of League's collective security system. The League's failure to check irrational political consciousness in the form of arm race, secret alliance, communism, fascism and Nazism which mount world populace political consciousness favors of another world war.

7. The herald of nuclear age and balance of terror in international politics

The nuclear age of 20th century was witnessed two super power i.e. USA and USSR. The world drags into bipolarity with NAM countries as neutral political actor. The cold war between two super powers threatened the rational political base of international political system. The international political system witnessed multilateral allies i.e. NATO, CENTO, ANZUS and others. The use of atomic weapon by USA in Second World War was heralded a new era in international politics. The use of nuclear power to revolutionized military technology make international politics complex. The over killing power of USA and USSR made the world to total destruction. The nuclear weapon changed the nature of war from simple to total war. It brought the non nuclear nations non defensive and non sovereign. The international politics changed into balance of terror. It also made nuclear state to more difficult to use power against another nuclear state. The world witnessed it when USA decision to withdraw from Vietnam and USSR at Cuba missile crisis.

The rational political consciousness in nuclear age are liberation of new countries, decolonization, strong desire for world peace, demand for human rights, environmental protection by nullifying nuclear tests, disarmament and arm control, emergence of several international institutions, emergence of age of technology, open diplomacy, spread of democratic values, adopting republican form of government, cooperative federalism, enhanced role of NAM in world politics and others.

8. The Rational Political Consciousness under arsenal of United Nations to establish world peace

The United Nations provision support rational political consciousness in world politics. The meeting of two political heads i.e. President Roosevelt and PM Churchill on Aug 14, 1941 in a battle ship at north Atlantic sea heralded a new rational political consciousness. The Atlantic charter was signed and eight point programs were included in the charter. The UN declarations were further signed on Jan 01, 1942 by 26 nation's delegates. It came into existence in Oct 24, 1945 after the charter was rectified by china, France, USA, USSR and UK.

The rational political consciousness envisaged by UN are declaration of human rights in 1948, conference on human environment, institutional and financial arrangement to facilitate the programs, observation of world environment day, Earth summit in 1992 to protect mother Earth and others. The UN charter – vi declared parties to dispute seek a solution by negotiation, enquiry, mediation, conciliation, arbitration, judicial settlements and other peaceful means of their choice (Art-33). The establishment of international court of justice, appointment of judges by UN Security Council and General Assembly and judgments of case ex alquo et bono i.e. on the basis of enquiry and justice rather than law reflect its political rationality in international politics.

The UN resolution to call upon the nations to refrain from nuclear test is not materialized. The liberation of Kuwait, reducing the crisis of Afghanistan, restoration of peace in Cambodia, Angola, Cyprus, Rwanda, Somalia, Bosnia and several others, ending war between Iraq and Iran in 1988, independence of Namibia in Apr 1990, formation of sovereign republic of Indonesia, adaptation of de-apartheids in South

Africa, active role of UN in Arab and Israel peace talk , UN role in Kashmir issue ,bringing cease fire in Korea and others are positive steps on rational political consciousness taken by UN in international politics. The failure of UN to check expansion of nuclear club, international terrorism, arm race, dominance of UN by super powers and multi polar world impede upon its authority and its failure to implement rational political conscious among member states.

9. Conclusion

The war is a brain child of irrational political consciousness of political actors and populace itself who support full heartedly as predicted in last two world wars. The present day world nuclear test, arm race and terrorism had destroyed the very bases of rational political consciousness in international politics. The devastated power of atomic bomb in Second World War invited world consciousness to think and act on rationality. It is high time for UN to ventilate rational political conscious among member states. The rationality is to be observed not only by political actors in world politics but also populaces of nation states. The nuclear age dominated by irrational political consciousness will met with a menacing nuclear war. The only way out in nuclear age is to build confidence on rational political consciousness at local, national and international level with populace and its political actors at its centre.

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