

The Afghanistan Imperatives in The Post COVID-19 World

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Abstract

COVID-19 an invisible enemy that initially targets the human life didn't take long to spread throughout the globalized world in a short span of time despite all the strict preventative measures. The wide range effects of COVID-19 shadowed over many aspects of governments, people, environment and even other living organisms. Social distancing, closed borders, smashed economy and switching to virtual world altogether changed the human pattern of life also the economic and political orders. The predictions and envisions of IMF, WTO and other economic organizations warn of a difficult economic situation in the current and the following years. From the birth of COVID-19, countries sought to find ways for minimizing its effects, predict their future after coronavirus and some attempted to reach and disclose the origin of this virus and the results told that coronavirus was a result of human engineering. In this piece of work, when the imperatives of Afghanistan in the post COVID-19 world were considered, a close link between COVID-19 and the conspiracy of the New World Order was found. The imperatives of COVID-19 in Afghanistan are of short and long runs. In short run the unstable economy will be more sounding challenge for Afghanistan, the rate of annual emigration will increase, there will be more investment on the health sector or it will be privatized, a stressful environment will rule on the education sector for a short time also changes will be introduced in the pattern of trade where in long run the imperatives are mostly understood from the purposes and objectives behind the NOW.

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Introduction

The 2019 novel corona virus of Wuhan city recently addressed as COVID-19 is a very new virus from the same family of viruses as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) that also out-broke from China city of Guangdong in 2002. The history of pandemics outreaching from China, targeting respiratory system and leading to massive deaths is traced back to the sixth century, the deadliest of which is known to be 1918's flu (with 20-50 million deaths globally). This critical fact made it important to a number of researchers to predict Chinese citizens' life style and travel in the post COVID-19 era. In contrast of the previous pandemics raising from China in the past centuries, COVID-19 is manifestly different; since the spread of it in the very preliminary investigations and study of the virus, epidemiologists claimed that it was human designed and engineered. Chinese government's serious response to any investigation towards the roots and speedy spread of corona virus is itself a blur hint towards a concealed fact. Our Earth with fatigueless efforts turned to a global village and this reality smoothened the route for the spread of the virus through the sphere in a short span of time even in presence of multi types of preventive measures. The birth and spread of the microorganism brought changes in the operational patterns of the globe and human daily life. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, it confronted governments and many other national and international level organizations and business units with unpredicted challenges and consequences. COVID-19 appearing as a serious threat to human life proceeded to leave the world in turmoil. In economic ground, various facets of macro and micro economies are negatively impacted by the pandemic; the trade barriers already strengthened among nations globally, also, the world trade is likely to witness a fall of 13- 32 percent in the current year (2020) and many nations might experience negative growth of their per capita incomes as confer to envisions by WHO and IMF respectively; in micro level, the abrupt fall of household incomes declined the demand for majority of goods with debarment of specific medical related and some service based products i.e. internet. In business ground the tension created by the virus ended lighter for service based businesses in developed nations, as switching to technology eased the conquer of the situation for them i.e. many schools and universities worldwide launched their virtual classes. In the other hand, in developing world the service sector couldn't enjoy such a win because of their uneasy access to state of the art technology that in turn will further rise poverty and inequality in those countries this is when product based businesses are severely affected by the pandemic regardless of any economic categorizations. We can briefly state that the deadly virus

smashed the global economy like never before in the globalization era. German chancellor Angela Merkel referred to COVID-19 as the biggest post war era challenge. The crisis created by COVID-19 raised an atmosphere of suspicion amongst nations, WHO and even WTO. As a trade partner, China failed to evince trustworthy; this impulse those nations that had the potential of replacing China's production and trade abilities to evaluate their addresses and grab the possible opportunities in a changing global economic order. According to Rory Medcalf, Australian National University's head of National Security College, people don't even trust on the truthfulness of the information dispersal. According to him the birth of the virus is preparing the human race to adopt to the newly emerging global systems and processes.

United Nation which is principally on the charge of the global governance since its establishment in 1945, was on its way to implement SDGs to bring about a global peace and prosperity when the invisible army attacked the world. The 17 SDGs which are to be met up to 2030 are built upon the hubs of education and health provision, poverty and inequality reduction also economic growth while considering environmental safety which are all the most preliminary and basic challenges worldwide today and are now obstructed by the pandemic. Such a disturb of the SDGs through COVID-19 can be further construed as a disturb to the globalization goals and leading the world towards De-globalization.

But on the bright side, COVID-19 provided a clear and easy to study picture of the present inequality among countries and different economic levels. COVID-19 by revealing the supply chain deficiencies helped some countries like members of European Union and Japan to reduce their dependency on China. More than all, the reduction of global physical economic activities let the environment to heal itself up to a considerable extent and allowed our planet Earth to overcome its biggest challenge of today. Ozone layer is repairing itself, also the human lockdowns unconfined other living organisms even some birds reappeared in America and the population of turtles is increasing in turkey.

Rory Medcalf states that with the spread of COVID-19, many structural global matters are distinctively ostensible. A common word that is found in the conclusion of the studies that analyze the economic, social and political realities to predict and visualize the post COVID-19 world is 'New Order' in the mentioned contexts which reminds us of the very familiar 'New World Order'.

When considering the consequences of COVID-19 and the fact that it is a manmade virus, we can pose that the surprising challenges of COVID-19

are not challenges in fact, they are perhaps the objectives that are met in order to implement a New World Order (NWO) or perhaps it is a medium to provoke the present world order under which many nations are incapable of defending their interests.

Ever since the seriousness of the situation was recognized, the prediction of the post COVID-19 era turned into a very important job. Economic institutes, education and health sectors and all the other parts of societies and governments are presaging the imperatives of their nation in the soon to come new and different world order to prepare and design strategies that best fit them in the that order. For discussing the Afghanistan imperatives in the post COVID-19 world, it is worth to shed light on the term, New World Order.

The New World Order

New World Order as defined in terms of (Sedghi 1999) describes a global system where people and states live in peace with each other and distinguish the national borders of one another while keeping their ideologies detached_ under a conjoint global security and conserve that joint security's interests.

The purpose of a New World Order is to unite all the nations of the world under a universal rule with a global order with specific characteristics for reaching specific visions and goals. Such characteristics differentiates the world orders defined and executed by different parties and leaders. History tells how NWOs have been implemented over the world, with what means they have been institutionalized and maintained and then how they were provoked and new systems took birth. Here a statement of Ali Farazmand (2006) makes relevance to include, "change has been a norm of history politically and socioeconomically". According to him if change is recognized as a history norm, so must the continuity in social system structures be; change and continuity have been accordingly seen to stimulate one another and lead to qualitative transformation in the human society.

History is included in the topic of New World Order because it is neither a new topic nor a new phenomenon but it was first executed in the very old history by the first king of Persia King Cyrus the Great who later established one of the most extensive empires of the world in 553 BC, the Persian Achaemenid Empire that survived till 330 BC. Cyrus's aim was to implement a global world order by creating a union of civilizations and bringing the people from all the globe under a universal Persian rule. His global world order stabilized for 223 years because of the distinguishing characteristics it had; peace, economic comfort, stability and a high liberality in the cultural

and religious grounds were making up the features of Cyrus's global world order. Similarly, the new world order applied by Alexander the Great was signified by Hellenism. After Alexander, Romans and consequent empires had similar ideas which all together play roles in describing our condition and situation today.

More recently, in the ends of WWI this term was used when Woodrow Wilson provided his vision about an international peace that was implemented through establishment of League of Nations (LON) in 1941 to prevent any future international level conflicts and aggressions. After the failure of LON, New World Order again became a hot topic in the end of WWII when plans for United Nation were discussed; it should be noted that United Nation's being is based on the reality of a new world order with the core mission of a global extent peace and security. The Gulf War that took place between Iraq and Kuwait in 1991 because of the oil pricing of Iraq and then invasion of Kuwait by Iraqi troops, verified the strength and significance of the defined world order; as because of that conflict United State on head of coalition forces from 35 countries involved in the battle field and members of United Nation's Security Council imposed economic sanctions on Iraq and so forth all the countries acted from address of a single nation (as per demand of the NWO) in supporting Kuwait. Gorbachev and George H. W. Bush both had formulas for a New World Order. Gorbachev announced his vision about a new world addressing United Nations in 1988 that suggested global peace, liberalization, global restructuring, a new way of global thinking and superpowers cooperation rather than competition and finally an end to the cold war; but the inter system crisis in USSR obstructed him from executing his global order design and in the other side Bush's world order with a restrictive outlook was increasingly shadowing the world. In one of his remarkable speeches in 11th September, 1990 Bush pointed to human's long time urge for peace and there he informed about the birth of a new and peaceful world much different than the one we have known. In the same speech he named the New World Order and referred to it as America's fifth objective and explained it a world of peace and justice where all the people can live in harmony without the fear of terrorism; he also declared that there is no substitute for American leadership. Bush definitely explained a new global system under American universal rule the core of which would be the protection of American interests as Hamilton (1989) mentioned that the central aspect of the New World Order is defending United States' interests globally.

The famous statement of James Warburg member of council of foreign relations of United States in 1950 where he stated "We shall have world government, whether or not we like it. The question is only whether world government will be achieved by consent or by conquest." shows that world governance has been a longer time vision of USA and they will not neglect any mean for reaching it. According to Wilson (1994) under the NWO the United Nations and its copartners will serve America by playing active role in international affairs where it (United Nations) will be a channel of legitimating the global Dos and Don'ts, also international community actions will dominate national jurisdictions and a world government will emerge for managing the globe.

The NWOs designed by each country gives the governance of the globe to that specific country also the highest value of such NWOs will be defending the interests of that same country just like the demand of Hitler from global system of government under Germany's governance. Xi Jen Ping introduced the plan titled as "Community with a Shared Future for Mankind" in 2013 and shared it with the United Nations in 2015. The plan which was proposing win-win cooperation and shared benefit among nations, was empty of specific action guideline and any solid outlines for a New World Order. In an article Vijay Gokhale the former ambassador of India to China described that China doesn't welcome a new world order as it is the biggest recipient of the present world order which is abridged through Globalization. Gokhale explained that the cold war with America is not the top focal point of China, in fact China is giving the primary focus to taking over the UN which is governing the world and World Health Organization. China thinks that US has lost leadership of Asia pacific at least and is attempting to make maximum benefit of it. From this we can conclude that China is at least not promoting deglobalization that COVID-19 has initiated.

As we discussed the characteristics of the world order of king Cyrus, the present world order by USA is characterized by its political ability to lead the economic and military grounds globally, capitalist economic system with global penetration and its global economic nature, its ability to maneuver United Nations, powerful military that have the ability to destroy the world, having no exemplar in the history, authority over the global environment and high cultural penetration (Farazmand, 2006). The literatures of the global relationships and the world orders is dominated by two opposing schools of thoughts: the anti-declinst represented by (Rostow 1988) and the declinst represented by Paul Kennedy (1989). The anti-declinst theory views no other country having the capability of competing with USA and for this reason it believes that America can continue to occupy the leading

position in the global order. Repelling this thought is the declinist school of thought where Kennedy argues that the pursuit of an imperative economic development within home country and an imbalance international military commitment along changing nature of global power players will eventually put an end to United States as a Superpower.

New World Orders are vast plans that cover all the countries with all their systems, operations and even their cultures and languages. According to Farazmand (2006) the NWO will have vital sequels for developing countries specially in terms of their public administration. In an important study Klare (1988, 1990) discussed the scope of NWO on developing countries which is helpful in defining the condition of Afghanistan under NWO and its imperatives in the post COVID-19 era. The NWO will encircle the military, security, political, economic, social and cultural systems of developing nations through its complex web of difficult-to-scape dominant structure, though there will be some exceptions. According to him there will be resemblance of developing countries to USA. For developed nations Klare predicts some rivalries among super powers for market supremacy.

But when comparing the situation of the world today with the New World Order based on which United Nations is established and is explained by leaders of leading countries of the world, we see a great gap. Stating that United Nations or USA and any other country announcing NWO are lacking any kind of power or resources for implementing their described world order does not sound correct, rather it can be misspelled or misrepresented. In fact, the New World Order conspiracy theory is relatively making more relevance with both the situation of the world today and the birth of COVID-19.

The New World Order Conspiracy Theory

Conspiracy theories are either misinformation dispersal for misguiding the public attention or the leak of concealed information. Just like NWOs they have old history and have always been a powerful political medium. With the emergence of internet, the spread of conspiracy theories has even accelerated. Several conspiracy theories like the Fake Battle Real War, Dalai Lama's impressive income, the Watergate scandal and many others have been proved true.

The NWO conspiracy theory talks about a secretive power who is making a way for an eventual rule of the world through an autocratic global government. The clique is said to be operating through many front line organizations that cooperate for arranging particular political and economic events for dominating the world and many influential present and past characters are claimed to be part of this clique Still, William T. (1990).

The John Birch Society (JBS) established in 1958 by Robert W. Welch Jr is an anti-communism society and disclosed many conspiracy theories in 1960s that all claimed the control of USA and USSR by a clique of insatiate bankers, corporate internationalists and corrupt politicians whose intention was to create a One World Government by using United Nations as a medium. Under this believe, JBS then started a campaign for withdrawal of USA from United Nations. Mary M. Davison in her booklet 'The Profound Revolution' associated the establishment of United States' Federal Reserve in 1913 to the New World Order conspiracy, according to her the U.S. Federal Reserve was established by the same international bankers who later established the Council for Foreign Relations in 1921 as a secret government. Many readers of the book, explicated the international bankers mentioned in the book to posit the 'international Jewish banking conspiracy' programmed by the Rothschild family. The common view towards the NWO after breakdown of communism in 1990s were supporting the establishment of an atheistic world government ultimately governed by an unreachable circle of international bankers, corrupt politicians and the United Nations itself. American writer Gary Allen played a vital role in spread of awareness on this issue and influencing Americans' perception through a number of his books including 'None Dare Call It Conspiracy' (1971) and 'Say No to the New World Order' (1987). As a result of these now several parties in America are refusing internationalization and liberalization in any ground.

The topic of NWO conspiracy can be associated with the sudden birth and fast spread of COVID-19, a virus that changed the political, economic and social orders of all the nations across the globe in one step. By turning to sources and literatures for developing an understanding about the origin of COVID-19 in order to discuss the imperatives of Afghanistan in the post COVID-19 era, a close association of COVID-19 and the New World Order conspiracy make consonance with logic, therefore, the imperatives of Afghanistan in the post COVID-19 era are discussed on the basis of NWO conspiracy.

The Imperatives of Afghanistan in Post COVID-19 Era

The same sources that postulated and described the being of NWO, have explained how they will be implemented. According to the theorists, the new order will be applied gradually through some instruments such as coup d'état, mass surveillance, occultism, population control and finally the mind control. COVID-19 can be a good tool for not only population control but also for bringing fundamental structural changes in global level. The purpose of population control is the easy watch of peoples' movement. For this, several programs are implemented including family planning programs,

epidemics by engineering viruses, polluted vaccines and intentional reduction of global population through genocides by means of unessential wars.

The imperatives of Afghanistan are much different than the other developing countries, because along with economic realities of developing nations, Afghanistan suffers from proxy wars and poor security also with peace negotiations, it is in a very sensitive position today. In the post COVID-19 world, the further weakened weak economy will be the initial challenge for both the government and people of Afghanistan. In education sector, switching to technology and internet was not possible for many schools and universities in this country therefore, this sector will lack stability after COVID-19. Afghanistan's health sector failed to satisfy the nation during COVID-19 and in the post COVID-19 there might be good investments in the health sectors by the government and the private sector or it might be privatized. The very severe situation that afghans went through during COVID-19 may add up on the rate of people who emigrate from Afghanistan on the annual basis. COVID-19 will lead Afghanistan to reconsider its trade partners and change the focus of its imports and exports. This virus can be seen under the shadow of NWO conspiracy and in that context it will lead to long term and fundamental impacts in different aspects of Afghanistan.

COVID-19 has been a new form of global challenge that affected several aspects of countries and has the ability to bring deep changes in the global social, economic and political orders. In the beginning, the virus and its origin have been a riddle and now countries are predicting and preparing for their situation in the post Covid-19 and defining their imperatives for then. Afghanistan's imperatives in the post COVID-19 era can be divided into short and long terms. The long term imperatives can be foreseen and understood through the objectives and purposes behind the New World Order.

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