

**FAMILIAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION: CURRENT CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVE**

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**Abstract**

Human beings have the power of dignity due to being embellished with laudable compassion and adore for each other. They feel and share the pain, sorrows and throbbing wounds as well as bring colors to lives of their fellows. Contrary to this, this world is also full of people that are thirsty for the blood of others. They lack the soft corner in their hearts, deficient in ethical morals and humanity extinct in such type of people. Under such circumstances, conflict erupts into the societies that cause the destruction and peaceful environment become wrecked out. In current era, conflict resolution is the basic need to resolve the issues and creation of global harmony is the ultimate solution. Therefore, in lieu of present study is planned to develop the model of inter racial harmony lessons for Pakistan. Results depicted that 60% conflicts were observed due to marriages either against the will of parents or children, 30% conflicts raised due to unjust oppression on property or land related dispute while 10% conflicts elevated due to the daily routine matters. Furthermore, results obtained from the data of advocate 1 enlightened that 839 cases were registered due to forced marriages, 479 cases were registered against property oppression and 249 cases were came into his office against daily dealing conflicts. This research is helpful for national and international educational institutions and other organizations as well as researchers who want to conduct further research in this area. There would be proper lessons for policy implications regarding Pakistan and other regional and international countries.

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## INTRODUCTION

Mankind is at higher rank of supremacy due to being kind hearted, bestowed with love and feelings of affection for other living entities. They feel the pain of other people and try to lessen it (De Montellano and Bernard, 1983; Ho, 2019). Similarly, they enjoy the happiness of others and participate to increase it many folds. However, sometimes, reverse to this happens and man becomes the foe of the other (Berman, 2016; Das, 2019; Hibbard, 2019). Consequently, they try to snatch the happiness of others, they want to become the owner of other's belonging and for the fulfillment of their personal benefits they cross all the limits of humanity. At that moment of time they forget the difference between the human and monster (Brown, 2019; Roby, 2019). Due to this dilemma, destruction happens into the society and people try to save their lives, resources, respect and even their loved ones from the bad temptation of other human beings.

Conflicts erupt when human well-being is constrained by social injustice, economic despair and political oppression. These causes promote human aspirations to conflict, giving birth to unequal and illicit competition based on strong opposition of the will of common people among diverse ethnic groups (Thompson, 2016; Dominelli, 2017; Kanade, 2020). These social elements create conditions where the realization of human needs become absent and a sense of deprivation prevails (Merav Moshe, 2001). Relative deprivation ultimately leads to violation of basic human rights. Once human rights violation starts, mutual co-existence eradicates.

Eradication of conflicts and sustainability of peace in society is the most precious and proximal gift given to people (De Montellano and Bernard, 1983; Claessen et al., 2004; Piraji, 2013; Dattaray, 2014; Thiara, 2016; Hui, 2017; Jain, 2017; Rao, and Swaminathan, 2017; Christopher, 2018; Ho, 2019; Majhi, 2019; Varadarajulu, 2019). However, some people do not feel this reality, they remain suffering from various hardships and difficulties due to being compelled to spend the life as being victims of cruel system. This is the era of development and progress; we can see the escalated building and pillars of knowledge all around the world. However, still some people are facing the cruelties and life threatens situations (Agathocleous, and Neary, 2019; Cybil, 2019; Jayaram, 2019; Goyal, 2019; Kesalu, and Srinivasulu, 2019; Kumar, 2019; Mosse, 2019; Rawat, 2019; Satyanarayana, 2019; Yengde, 2019; Arya, 2020; Buat, 2020; Gopinath, 2020). They are away from their loved ones; they are away from the blessings of free life and thus, deeply indulged in the enlargement of conflicts and destruction of societies.

Under such circumstances, uproot of the major reasons behind the rise of divergences is the proximal approach. Different approaches and models were developed by the researchers for resolving conflict and building peace (Bbaala and Mate, 2016; Meir and Fletcher, 2019). The most popular among these themes, is the preservation of a single communal identity (Ibid). One basic and common approach to conflict resolution is the transformation of struggle

promoting conflict into a positive force, supporting mutual co-existence. This transformation includes two basic channels of social change. Firstly justice must guide the resolution process on every aspect and secondly justice must treat all ethnic, religious and racial identities with one stick to ensure internal harmony and integration (Hamperl and Cimprich, 2016; Dukes, 2018; Rubenstein, 2018; Väyrynen, 2019).

In the post-cold war period many scholars have argued that most of the conflicts in the world, particularly in the Northern Ireland, former Yugoslavia, the Middle East and Africa have erupted due to the division of societies on racial or ethnic lines. Human race plays an important role in tearing up communal solidarity or bringing the conflicting groups together. This study encompasses all aspects and approaches to conflict resolution from racial perspective as well as the role of belief in racial harmony and peace.

## REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A considerable research has been done in the subject, such as Thania and Christoph (2006), Cuhadar (2004), Muhammad (2001), Marav (2001), Daniel (2000) and certain others but still there is a vacuum in the body of literature regarding inter-racial harmony, the associated concepts and themes to be developed and highlighted. Very less literature is available for explaining the most important phenomenon of society that how people are exploiting each other by adopting various prohibited acts. This research is undertaken to explore certain hidden concepts of inter-racial harmony to be used as baseline for conflict resolution.

Throughout the history of world, many writers with their philosophy of lives and their artistic languages have defined the nature of human beings with the help of different genres of field. Devastating phenomenon of society such as wars, terrorism, unjust and unbearable behavior of society as well as the poor and sad condition of the affected persons is the most alarming trend. In every class, people face many socioeconomic and political problems and have great influence on them. Malkawi, (2019) is of the view that Civil Wars and other such type of phenomenon have devastating impact on the lives of the common people.

Similarly, McAteer, (2020), performed a detailed study to evaluate the impact of life shattering incidents on the social behavior of the common people and he found that it is not related to one person or one family. The impact of injustice, cruelty and oppression change the whole community and their life pass through the most horrible states of life. They become jobless, poverty and hunger snatch their dignity, name and even sense of responsibility. They feel darkness and disappointment at every corner of the life. They lose their loved ones and this pain, change them from common people into despondent and even sometime the criminal. Therefore, it is the utmost need of hour to do something for the sustainability as well as harmony of the societies throughout the world.

**PROBLEM STATEMENT**

Pakistan is more prone to huge racist violence for the last more than two decades. The nation has been divided on racism and social solidarity has been eroded. Since long, belief has been used as people's identification as well as a distinction between the good and bad people, living in the same territory, belonging to one nation and under the auspices of one constitution. "Kill the Christians because they are the trespassers and the blasphemers of the Holy Quran and the Prophet" the Muslim mob proceeded with their placards and on February 6, 1997 in Shanti Nagar, around 785 houses were destroyed, four Christian Churches were burned to ashes and about 2500 Christians were forced to leave the area (PCP, 2014). My interest in this research has been developed due to the reason that I belong to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with background knowledge of this area, quite often observe people suffering from unrest due to racial disputes. This state of unrest has been affecting me psychologically; therefore, I am keen to conduct rigorous research in this area for policy implications and fulfillment of academic requirements. This research is helpful for national and international educational institutions and other organizations as well as researchers who want to conduct further research in this area. There are proper lessons for policy implications regarding Pakistan and other regional and international countries

**OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

- To develop a critical analysis of various conflict cases of Pakistan.
- To highlight the impact of conflict resolution and peace building.
- To incorporate religious teachings for peace as motivation for integrating the societies, divided on ethnic lines.

**RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

1. What are different approaches and models developed by the scholarly community, regarding peace building and conflict resolution?
2. What is the long term solution to the unending conflict among different groups divided on ethnic lines in Pakistan?
3. How can we bring harmony among the conflicting groups?

**RESEARCH METHOD**

This research used mix method i.e. utilized both qualitative as well as quantitative approach. Primary data was collected through that semi-structured interviews, and questionnaire. The focused group for this study was religious scholars from different ethnicities in Pakistan and advocates of local criminal courts who have specialty in dispute settlement and peace

building. In addition, at least three case studies of racial disputes have been focused in this study. Three life histories have been also concentrated in order to carry out an in-depth analysis of conflict eruption and peace building. A total of ten interviews have been conducted from advocates with past experiences of dispute settlement and mediation. Among the religious scholars, we have interview three each from Christianity, Hinduism and Islam. In Islam three each had been from Shia and Sunni. The questions included in the interview, have been pertinent to conflict resolution. All the respondents were the nationals of Pakistan. The case studies had been picked up from any part of the country which were the most relevant and the latest.

### **SAMPLING TECHNIQUE**

The sampling technique has been used as simple random sampling. Data has been collected with the help of interviews and questionnaire as well as data obtained by the authentic sources. The randomization was proceeded through simple excel formula “=rand”.

### **RESEARCH DESIGN**

The planned study is the shadow of rational standpoint of the interpretative school of thought; it is espouse qualitative research technique to regulate the research inquiries. Customarily qualitative researches antedate to put the emphasis on exposure, discernment and indulgent from the viewpoint of their focus and suggests about the utmost effort for creating a clear change in the lives of common people. Merriam, (2009) has explained the qualitative research as; “Qualitative researchers are concerned in analyzing the assembled thoughts of people, along with their thought about the world and their experience while living in that world. Keeping in view the above mentioned definition of qualitative research, we can conclude that qualitative research is best suited to the present study planned to perform.

### **DATA COLLECTION**

Data has been collected by using all the possible sources that were helpful for analyzing the basic theme of our study. For this purpose, two basic categories of data collection were used namely, primary sources and secondary sources.

### **PRIMARY SOURCES**

Primary data was comprised of all the data that would be comprised of the original data related to the conflict cases of Pakistan. Furthermore, questionnaire was used to investigate our theme of work.

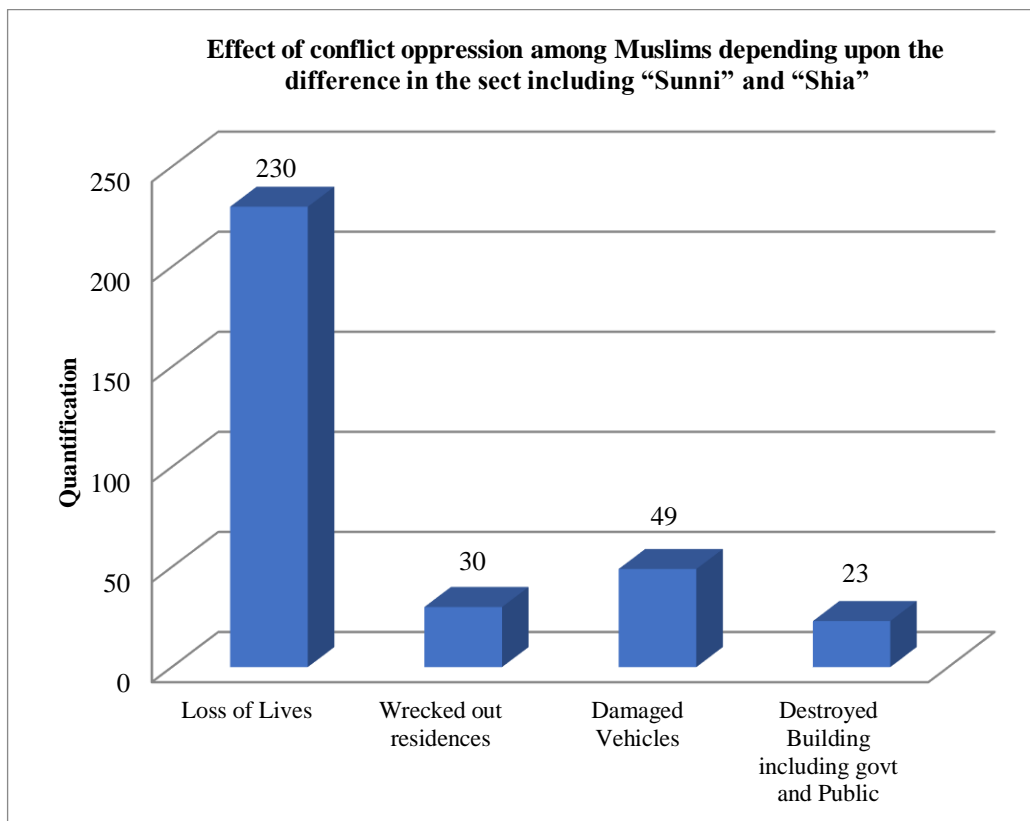
## SECONDARY SOURCES

Secondary data was collected from various libraries and publications (articles, newspapers and conference proceedings) showing the clear relationship with our context. Little research is done on explaining the conflict resolution. Therefore, all the note-books, articles, magazines and conference proceeding showing the basis for our study were used to properly depicting our results of study.

## STUDY FINDINGS

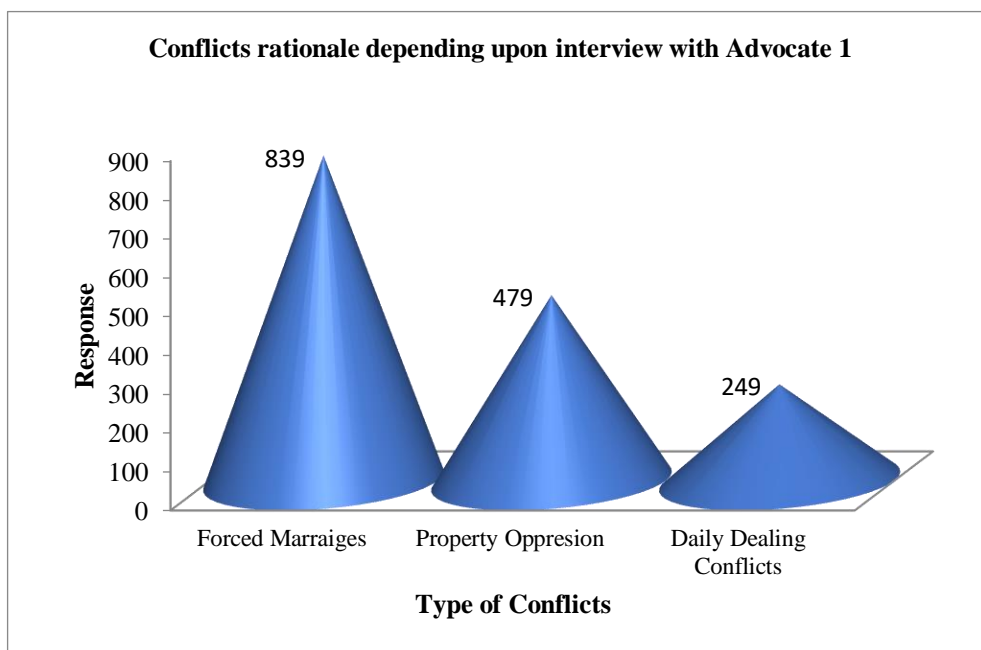
After the data collections we find out the following results that are clearly explain the reasons of inter racial conflicts into the Pakistan as well as their effects upon the sustainability of the societal harmony. In last few decades we observed the loss of lives, residences destruction, wrecked out vehicles that became prey during the conflict oppression among Muslims depending upon the difference in the sect including “Sunni” and “Shia”.

**Figure -1**

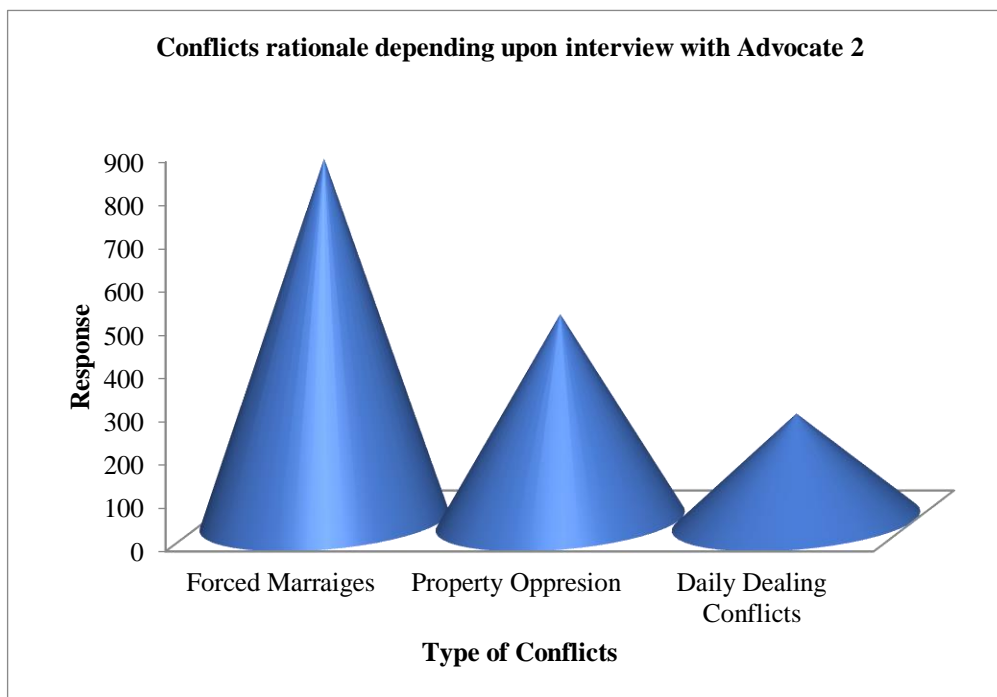


Furthermore, it was observed during the interviews with various advocates regarding conflict resolution that most of the conflicts arise due to the immoral attitude of the common people. 60% conflicts were observed due to marriages either against the will of parents or children, 30% conflicts raised due to unjust oppression on property or agri-lands while 10% conflicts elevated due to the daily routine matters. In addition to the above mentioned facts, people remain quarrelling based upon difference in sect, caste system and much other such type of immoral things. Following figure enlighten the results obtained regarding these type of phenomenon.

**Figure -2**

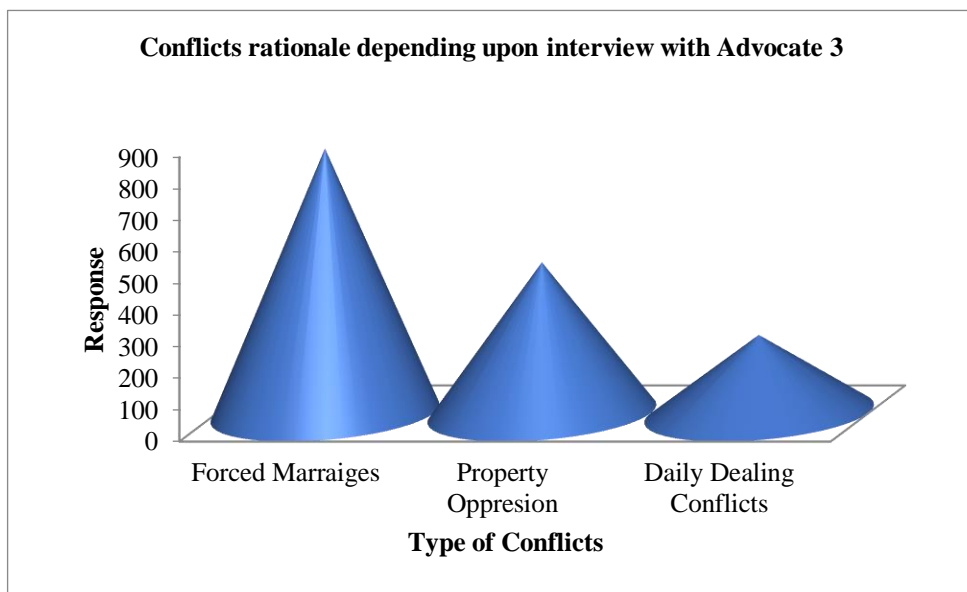


Results obtained from the data of advocate 1 enlightened that 839 cases were registered due to forced marriages, 479 cases were registered against property oppression and 249 cases were came into his office against daily dealing conflicts. Thus, it is clear that conflicts erupt when human well-being is constrained by social injustice, economic despair and political oppression. These causes promote human aspirations to conflict, giving birth to unequal and illicit competition based on strong opposition of the will of common people among diverse ethnic groups. These conflicts are increasing on large scale in the suburbs of the Pakistan and need to lower down at immediate basis.

**Figure-3**

The above figure shows the types of conflict. In this regard, results obtained from the data of advocate 2 enlightened that 839 cases were registered due to forced marriages. Further, 479 cases were registered against property oppression while 249 cases were came into his office against daily dealing conflicts. Thus, it is clear that conflicts erupt when human well-being is constrained by social injustice, economic despair and political oppression. These causes instigate human and indulge them in conflict, giving birth to unequal and illicit competition based on strong opposition of the will of common people among diverse ethnic groups. Occurrence of conflict in Pakistan in general, and in suburbs of Pakistan in particular are increasing at large scale. These conflicts have negative effects on the socio-economic fabric of society, and shake the social structure. In order to gain socioeconomic development, there is a dire need to lower down at immediate basis.



**Figure -4**

Results obtained from the data of advocate 3 enlightened that 829 cases were registered due to forced marriages, 434 cases were registered against property oppression and 209 cases were came into his office against daily dealing conflicts. Thus, it is clear that conflicts erupt when human well-being is constrained by social injustice, economic despair and political oppression. These causes promote human aspirations to conflict, giving birth to unequal and illicit competition based on strong opposition of the will of common people among diverse ethnic groups. These conflicts are increasing on large scale in the suburbs of the Pakistan and need to lower down at immediate basis.

Thus, under the light of above explained results it can be concluded that there is serious need of some policies or rules and regulations that may deal with the inter-racial conflicts and may bring harmony and peace into the societies. Furthermore, destruction of societies may be covered by rising the love, companion and good relations among each other.

## CONCLUSION

Conclusion is the most important and necessary attribute of every research work. It enlightens the significant rationale for devising the whole research work. Thus, our research can be concluded that wars, terrorism and oppression are the incidents that destroy the families, engulf the loved ones of family members and shatter the foundation of peace and harmony. Sometimes, to cheat and deceive the others give the destruction to the sustainability of peaceful and happy community. In our study it has been explained that the social behavior of common people and explained well that society's pass through unbearable pain during the prevailing situations of wars and then, ultimately many changes occur in the lives of the common people.

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