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## THE INFLUENCE OF RELIGION ON POLITICAL BEHAVIOR: A SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE



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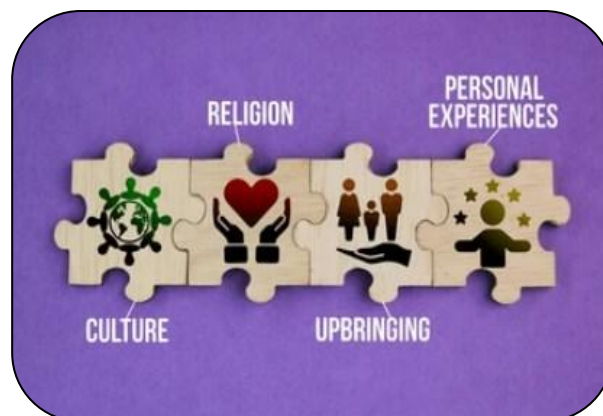
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### ABSTRACT :

India is a country with a colossal populace and a multireligious culture. The majority of Indians practice Hinduism, with a small number of Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, and Buddhists. Each of the four of the major worldwide religions Jainism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Sikhism were made in India. The job of religion in India's social, financial, and political life has forever been significant. The significance of religion to India's development can be seen in the country's history. Religions may have played a variety of roles throughout India's history. India's constitution says that the country is secular, but we haven't been able to make this a reality in everyday life. Religion has consistently played a pivotal part in Indian legislative issues. As an outcome of conflicts between different strict gatherings, there have been various common uproars around the country. "Religion is a personal matter which should have no place in politics," Gandhi stated in 1942, but he went on to say that "politics in India is incomplete without religion." India figured out how to draft a constitution that surefire everybody's fairness and prohibited a wide range of separation while being divided along strict lines. Strict separation and imbalance are significant issues in India. In the name of religion, numerous innocent people have suffered harm. Religion is perhaps of the main strategy utilized by Indian legislators to acquire the blessing of the populace. Most of Indians actually need political proficiency and frequently don't know about the strategies utilized by these savvy legislators. Since they know about how enthusiastically committed Indians are to their confidence and their preparation to forfeit everything for it, these eager for power individuals are taking advantage of religion. The majority of Indian political parties were founded by religious organizations as a result of the country's significant influence of religion on politics. There is in many cases predisposition of specific gatherings when they hold onto power. Accordingly, the minority local area is affected. Our international strategy are altogether affected by the strict governmental issues of our country.

### INTRODUCTION :

India was liberated from English pilgrim rule on August 15, 1947, prompting its freedom. Alongside procuring its autonomy, India was isolated into two countries: the common republic of India and the Muslim nation of Pakistan. This division made great many individuals be migrated, and large number of unexpected passings happened. In India, tensions between Hindus and Muslims have persisted for a very long time. Some time before the English came in India, this contention existed, and it was eventually answerable for India's imperialism and ensuing parcel. India has not been able to assist Muslims and Hindus in coming together since then.



The Hindu-Muslim clash is the most notable in India, despite the fact that there are additionally clashes between Sikhs, Christians, and different networks. Most Indians connect incredible significance to their strict convictions. India's people are extremely religious and devoted to their religion. In India, members of numerous communities coexist. Therefore, various individuals have particular perspectives. Minority groups in India are currently confronted with a number of issues and are the target of persecution as a result of the country's Hindu majority.

An individual's faith in a preeminent element, or to lay it more out plainly, their confidence in god, is known as their religion. Albeit the idea of religion is an extremely unadulterated and wonderful one, and every religion has its own magnificence, our country's eager for power pioneers exploit religion for their own advantage. Subsequent to procuring its freedom, India pronounced itself to be a mainstream country, implying that all major worldwide religions ought to be perceived similarly there. Notwithstanding, since its freedom, India has had various race unrests. Politics and religion are distinct concepts that can coexist but must remain distinct. One of the fundamental issues India is currently looking because of the merging of legislative issues and religion is the maltreatment of the minority local area. A majority rule government is a larger part leads framework, yet we frequently ignore the requests of burdened gatherings. India's tranquility and security have endured fundamentally because of the area's mediation in Indian governmental issues. Various strict debates have emerged in India, including the Ayodhya contention and the annulment of Article 370, among others. Certain haughty individuals who spread misleading data in the pretense of religion are presently responsible for our nation's governmental issues. They are looking to get the public's help by guaranteeing that everything is being finished in God's name. The majority of Indians are politically uninformed and sincerely trust the lies of these individuals. They would believe anything these people say because they are so illiterate and in need of money. In our nation, people in positions of authority abuse people's religious convictions and faith.

### Religious Fundamentalism

Furthest degree potential, we ought to regard religion to keep it out of however many exercises as we can. Unfortunately, this demeanor just lives recorded as a hard copy. Every facet of human existence is now dominated by religion; it presently decides one's political and social loyalties as well as their help for a cricket club. Nationalism and strict devotion are frequently utilized reciprocally. Nations' peace and prosperity are being eroded by religious extremism. It has demonstrated a remarkable capacity to transform a human into a beast, depriving him of reason and inspiring him to inflict unimaginable suffering on his own people. No matter what you call it—the Crusades, Jihad, or Dharma Yuddhathe message of religion has been altered to mean: To enter heaven, murder non-religious men. All things considered, what might actually spur an Afghan trooper to take part in a "blessed battle" in a spot like Kashmir? Combining a fictitious devotion to his religion with some material gain is risky. The entire planet is presently affected by this hazard. Virtually every country in the world is affected, including Indonesia, the Philippines, India, Pakistan, Israel, Ireland, and Ireland. Indeed, even solid countries like the US, Russia, and China have neglected to suppress the powers of radicalism. What could explain the widespread attraction of fanaticism? Does this suggest that animosity and brutality are natural qualities of individuals? Or is it the stress of modern life, when individualism and rising financial demands necessitate a need for community? Or then again is it simply used to fulfill one's desire for power? Religion has existed for nearly as long as mankind's set of experiences. It is a member of the human race as a whole.

Theoretically, religion arose in response to two major requirements. It first satisfied man's need to live in quite a while of other people who share his convictions and values since he is a social creature. The second justification for man's confidence in a preeminent being that is both a maker and a preserver is his feeling of dread toward the unexplored world. Despite the fact that they might allude to similar maker by various names and have different points of view on him, all religions communicate in a similar language of harmony, fellowship, peacefulness, and love for humanity. Yet, these respectable targets have for quite some time been neglected. since religion has been affected by legislative issues. To additional the desires of the Taliban administration, it is being used to impact people in general. He affirmed that excessive

admiration was inconsistent with Islamic qualities. Since the sculptures represented a rich mankind's set of experiences, there was an overall disturbance. However, in the face of the fury of the canon, all arguments came to an end. since the Taliban's way of behaving was spurred by governmental issues. The west had turned to religion in response to the restrictions it had placed on its government. Religion is the current drug of choice for people. It works on an emotional level, and the emotional high that comes from it is always appealing. Man could act in ways that defy logic as a result. What's more, a restricted modest bunch of truly aggressive individuals utilize the public's close to home entrancing to additional their own goals. Ayatollah Khomeini, the spiritual leader of Iran, gave green cards to his young soldiers after Iran invaded Iraq. By showing this card, combat casualties can gain entry to heaven! The targets of our own Bajrang Dal and those of Maulana Masood Azhar are something very similar. By promising them a place in paradise, they persuade the masses to commit atrocious and barbaric acts in the name of God and cause people to be concerned about the threat to their religion. The over 400-year-old mosque in Ayodhya was brought bringing down in 1992 by obsessive crowds acting for the sake of religion. The young, uneducated, and economically disadvantaged subset of society is specifically ruled over by fundamentalist leaders. This socioeconomic group is the most gullible because they have experienced neglect and not been given a fair chance to demonstrate their contribution to society. Fundamentalism is an outlet for the irrational anger and hostility of this segment. The strategy has been very effective. There are numerous holy wars going on all over the world. Indeed, even the 'high level and ground breaking' First World countries have not been saved.

### Correlation of Religious Philosophy And Politics

Global politics are currently governed by theocratic ideologies. It is common knowledge that religious ideology has a greater impact on political decisions than any other ideology in a nation. There aren't numerous ways of thinking as a general rule, and the greater part of them depend on religion. The political landscape of today is heavily influenced by religion. All nations, especially those in the primary world, are fundamentally affected by religion concerning governmental issues. Both Christianity and Islam have a significant impact on Western nations. Religion is a vital consider most of the world's nations. Since religion frequently immensely affects individuals' lives, whether it be their dietary patterns or their design decisions, disregarding its influence is for all intents and purposes unthinkable. In religious thought, the idea that god is the ultimate ruler and the source of everything is a common one. Since every religion asserts that their god is the one certified god and that any remaining divine beings are phony, this prompts struggle between different religions. Indeed, even in the present day, when most of individuals are taught, there are still qualifications between individuals in light of religion. Due to the fact that everyone has some connection to religious ideals, the significance of religion in politics cannot be overstated. Legislators frequently utilize this strategy to prevail upon electors by guaranteeing that they are energetically for strict opportunity and that they will safeguard individuals' strict perspectives.

The fact that religious minorities are made more vulnerable to the wrath of dubious politicians who disobey their requests is the primary issue with religious fundamentalism. Religious adherents hold the belief that anyone who challenges their beliefs is an adversary. Previously, when the state and the congregation were viewed as two unmistakable organizations in the European nations, the congregation had impact over political occasions. Anybody who didn't follow the congregation was rebuffed. Nonetheless, people kept on following its lessons even after the public authority made the division of chapel and state. In India, religion is generally respected and by far most of individuals are intense devotees. Our country's authorities are exploiting this and persuading the clueless individuals, which will in general trust everything, to help them. Subsequent to winning the political race, they frequently neglect the requests of these destitute individuals. As a result, the well off continue to become more extravagant while the poor frequently become less fortunate. Each strict conviction ought to be regarded, yet every religion likewise has an obligation to help its followers to regard the perspectives on others. Religion should advance the idea that affection is the main language that matters and work to eliminate the impacts of brutality. A superior world will be the end result. Politics ought to effectively harness religion's influence and put an end to discrimination against minorities. People ought to be regarded instead of being regarded for their position, race, statement of faith, or religion. All strict books enjoy advanced love and harmony among all individuals

as opposed to teaching savagery since all individuals are made equivalent in God's view. Humankind is the best religion of all.

### Globalization And Religion

The interaction and integration of individuals, organizations, and nations is globalization. We think we share more in common than we realize. It is interfacing a ton of the world's regions. Considering that each person on earth has a relationship to a specific religion, confidence and globalization remain inseparable. Oppositely, against Islamic state run administrations are many times more like each other. Islamic nations are much of the time nearer to other Islamic states. Religion frequently influences how one nation interfaces with different nations since it significantly affects worldwide legislative issues. For example, the US and Iran don't get along regardless of the way that Israel and America are extraordinary partners and offer Christian impacts. A few different nations have likewise serious areas of strength for evolved in light of their normal strict convictions. Religion predates humanity. Since the beginning of time, men have practiced numerous forms of deity worship. Human improvement has forever been affected by religion. It is difficult to ignore the influence of religion, whether positive or negative, in today's increasingly globalized culture. Because religion accomplishes the exact opposite of what globalization is all about—bringing people together—people frequently view religion as the antithesis of globalization. Synchronizing two assorted religions in the advanced society is truly troublesome. In any case, innovation has in numerous ways likewise added to globalization. by means of, say, books or charitable undertakings. Religion is the best example of globalization because it can be spread more effectively than ever before using a variety of technical tools like publications, the media, Facebook, Twitter, and other applications. In the advanced world, psychological oppression and religion are firmly related. To far, various Islamic fear based oppressor bunches have been liable for the heft of psychological militant goes after universally. There are various enemy of globalization associations in the contemporary world, and a large number of them base their perspectives on religion. Globalization is supported and undermined by religion in various ways. These two thoughts are in any case associated in spite of their disparities. In the cutting edge world, dismissing any of these statements is unimaginable. They are almost everywhere.

### Hindutva And India

In India, a sort of Hindu patriotism known as Hindutva has a significant political effect. Since India is largely Hindu, it is believed that Hindu principles should be used to run the country. In 1923, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar begat the expression "Hindutva". Hinduism is defined as the practice of Hinduism. The expression "Hindutva," which has been being used in India since the center of the 1870s, was fundamental for the country's battle for autonomy. The following are some of Hindutva's most important ideas:

- Various political associations in India follow the Hindutva perspective. BJP, for instance: They see Jammu and Kashmir as an important part of India.
- They strongly oppose the propagation of the Christian and Islamic faiths.
- They maintain that Hinduism should be broadly recognized and to be spread across the world.
- Provide a list of India's armed forces.
- Western secularism is supposed to take the place of pseudo-secularism.

The idea of Hindutva has caused a few episodes of intergroup brutality all through the country. Individuals from other strict groups are extremely enraged by it since they are additionally Indians and are not treated similarly in light of the fact that they are not Hindus. The government is ignoring a sizeable portion of the population that is also Indian by upholding the Hindutva worldview. Each and every individual who doesn't stick to a specific religion is viewed as a Hindu in India. Despite the fact that numerous people regard nature, their religion isn't perceived by the Indian government. They are completely expected to relate to Hinduism. This frequently harms the sensibilities of the minority individuals. Albeit the Hindutva idea of god is held by most of Indians, we should likewise think about the minority. Because they think India is a Hindu country, they hurt their religious sensibilities. To promote democracy and nationalism, Gandhi used religion. He imagined a "Ram Rajya" in an independent India. His campaigns against untouchability and

efforts to grant Shudras access to temples heavily influenced his combat strategy. He wanted the help of each and every Indian since he expected to oust the English government. The moral principle known as "Ahimsa" was his most well-known and deadly weapon. Hinduism is point of fact one of the world's most prominent convictions, however this doesn't imply that different beliefs are any less great. Each religion has merit on its own. What really matters is each individual's faith and beliefs.

### Objective

The objectives of this research paper are:

- To study the impact of religion in politics in the national scenario.
- To study its impact in the foreign policy of India.
- To study its impact in the social, economic and political stability.

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Secondary sociological and political research that focuses on religion and politics provides the majority of the study's quantitative data. Quantitative information have likewise been utilized once in a while, when required.

### CONCLUSION

Religion affects each component of human existence. political, social, or financial. It is practically impossible to minimize religion's impact on human life. It has a significant impact on the lives of Indians and Western nations alike. Our day to day existences are incredibly impacted by our strict convictions. Everything, from how we dress to how we eat, is fundamentally affected by religion. Theoretically, religion arose in response to two major requirements. It first satisfied man's need to live in quite a while of other people who share his convictions and values since he is a social creature. The second justification for man's confidence in a preeminent being that is both a maker and a preserver is his feeling of dread toward the unexplored world. Despite the fact that they might allude to similar maker by various names and have different points of view on him, all religions communicate in a similar language of harmony, fellowship, peacefulness, and love for humanity. Yet, these respectable targets have for quite some time been neglected. since religion has been affected by legislative issues. To additional the desires of the Taliban administration, it is being used to impact people in general. He affirmed that excessive admiration was inconsistent with Islamic qualities. Since the sculptures represented a rich mankind's set of experiences, there was an overall disturbance. However, in the face of the fury of the canon, all arguments came to an end. since the Taliban's way of behaving was spurred by governmental issues. The west had turned to religion in response to the restrictions it had placed on its government. Religion is the current drug of choice for people. It is difficult to ignore the influence of religion, whether positive or negative, in today's increasingly globalized culture. Because religion accomplishes the exact opposite of what globalization is all about—bringing people together—people frequently view religion as the antithesis of globalization. Synchronizing two assorted religions in the advanced society is truly troublesome. In any case, innovation has in numerous ways likewise added to globalization. by means of, say, books or charitable undertakings. Religion is the best example of globalization because it can be spread more effectively than ever before using a variety of technical tools like publications, the media, Facebook, Twitter, and other applications. In the advanced world, psychological oppression and religion are firmly related. To far, various Islamic fear-based oppressor bunches have been liable for the heft of psychological militant goes after universally. All strict books enjoy advanced love and harmony among all individuals as opposed to teaching savagery since all individuals are made equivalent in God's view. Humankind is the best religion of all.

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