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Why distort a past that can no longer stand up for itself.

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In Ramayana, there was Ravana's brother Vibhishan who supported Lord Rama in defeating Ravana. We treat him as a courageous, brave warrior who supported the truth and did not bother about the kinship. But in Sri Lanka he is treated as a traitor or backstabber. It may sound a little weird to us, but this is a fact and we have to accept it. There are numerous such stories, events of the past which can't be changed on

account of our likes or dislikes.

In this essay which states that Facts are facts and will not disappear on account of your likes, we will try to look into different aspects related to the topic and try to put forward some factoid to support or argue against the topic. So let's dive deep into the topic.

Being an Indian we are proud of our culture and civilization and every native should be proud of its culture. It is rightly said that 'Culture is what we are and civilization is what we have'. If we try to define culture, then according to EB Tylor

Culture is a complex whole of traits, beliefs, values that a human acquires being a member of the society. So, our culture depends upon our value system, belief system. In India we revered female power from Dewi Durga to Kali. But still persist the phenomenon of femal feticide, Sati Pratha, widows head shaving, less education to girl child, witch hunting, rapes and several other misdeeds against women. We always talk about Naari Saman and women led development but the marked disparity persist. The current events of Manipur, West Bengal, Bihar are showing the

reality. It is painting the real picture of our society in front of us. This is a fact whether we like it ~~or~~ or dislike it.

Similarly, India has a glorious past and we had great rulers from Chandragupta Maurya, King Ashoka to Rajaraja Chola. In medieval times we had Maharana Pratap and we are proud of their bravery, their charisma and nation serving. But whether be it Samrat Prithvi Raj Chauhan or Maharana Pratap both of them were backstabbed by some Indian Kings like Jaychand and Raja Maan Singh of Amber. This is also a fact and one can give ~~a~~ certain argument

in favour of Jaychand or Raja Maan Singh about their situation, but they were against a common national goal is an undeniable fact.

Fact is something ~~which~~ when recorded without any biasness try to paint a true picture. Britishers always claimed that due to them we became civilized and it was their burden or more commonly called 'White Man's Burden'. They always proclaimed that they give us the modern education system, but this is a fact that when they left India, our literacy rate was below 10%. They can give argument

in their interest and can deny their misdeeds but fact is present in front of us. They too looted our economy and made us poor is also a fact. The 'Drain of Wealth' Theory by Dadabhai Naoroji is a proof of this.

The European erstwhile Colonizers have looted the world and they were engaged in the most heinous acts like slave trade is also a fact and recently the Dutch Royals also apologized for his family involvement in such trade in the Indian Ocean region.

Moving ahead India is currently the world's 5th largest economy and world's

3rd largest GDP on the basis of purchasing power parity but stark inequality is evident in India. According to a report by Oxfam International, 70% of our national wealth is owned by 10% of the population. Our GDP per capita is somewhere around \$2000. But there are certain families who can't even have 2 meals a day. Our country is self sufficient in food production and we have ample buffer stock but still on Global Hunger Index we rank 107 on account of undernutrition and this is a fact. As per NFHS-05, around 33% of children are stunted. These are all true facts and whether we like it or

not or try to dodge it but it still persists

I ^{remember} former USA president Donald Trump's one speech where he talked about Global Warming and said that there is no global warming and climate change and ~~also~~ withdrew from Paris Agreement and now America is suffering from severe heat waves and events like Bomb Cyclone. Recently, United Nations Secretary has also said that 'Era of warming' has gone, now this is an 'era of boiling'. The climate change induced by human activities is making our life very vulnerable and this is a fact.

In such scenario one cannot act as an Ostrich which hid ~~its~~ its face/neck ~~not~~ and thinks that nobody is able to see it. Our world is grappling with severe problems and sooner we are able to accept it the better we will be able to tackle it.

Now let's talk about multilateralism and multilateral institutions like UN, World Bank, IMF etc. These institutions are somewhat biased towards the western world and they see the world's problem through their lens. UNSC has 5 members (permanent) who were the victors of World War-II in 1945. After worldwar-II, there is a huge change in

world order but no change is such institution with no representation from global South. This is also a fact and the developed world may give any reason regarding this or may dislike the criticism but this is true. Similarly in WTO, world Bank etc. USA plays a vital role and influences the decision like ~~not~~ WTO not been able to form the appellate body.

One point also needs a mention here that facts which are in front of us must be recorded by someone. If the facts are recorded with some biasness then the facts can't paint the true picture. If we

talk about history, then history is a series of events which is written by a historian as per his/her perception. So, here comes a human factor. Similarly in various surveys and reports sometimes the sample size is very small and statistical techniques are not used adequately. Such activities may temper the data or facts. So, we have to also look for externalities influencing the fact before relying on it.

At last, we can conclude by saying that it is our duty, responsibility to strive for excellence and if there are certain shortcomings try to fix them. We should not try to blame our predecessors.

Successor or situation and always try to work hard to improve our situation.

Secondly we should never be in a denial state that nothing wrong can happen and what we are doing is correct.

So, a positive collaboration, convergence is required to move ahead and accept the reality and work hard to change it and so it is rightly said that Facts are facts and will not disappear on account of your likes.