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**Assignment Child Labor**

**Issues**

There are many serious social issues that have not been properly addressed and are not being addressed by the people, the media, and the government. Child labor is one of them. Child labor is a common practice in our society. Today we are having a lot of issues but some are basic issues in Pakistan, which are destroying our society and our future and also the economy in our country. We live in a world where uncountable children are employed among those children who are mostly employed in homes, at roadside restaurants and also in factories across the country. These young kids are also subjected to exploitation in various other ways, including sexual and mental abuse. Child labor is a worldwide issue; this issue is one of the most common problems in Asia and also in Pakistan. Child labor is not only a social problem but also an economic one. People in our country are hardworking but due to corruption and wrong policies, it has to face a lot of issues from the day it came into being to the present day. Among all the problems we are facing child labor most seriously.

**Causes**

There are many causes of child labor. Poverty, illiteracy, and at least concerned parents. According to Google 30% of the population of our country is living below the poverty line in which the people deprived of the fundamental needs of lifelike, Education, Food, and Medical facilities. Their children are forced to become work as laborers to earn money for living. The majority of child laborers are unpaid family. Mostly of all children in hazardous work, aged 5-17 are in agriculture. In our country. But in my opinion, the most important reason for child labor is the economic instability of the country. Unemployment will not be a problem in an economically stable country; people will get the benefits of secure employment, health, and education with a decent salary. There are some situations where accommodation and negotiation are difficult but not impossible. Serious initiatives by the family and the country from the ground up can help reduce child labor. A child in need can work, but he has the right to be provided with specific hours and a reasonable salary by the employer so that he does not need too much overtime and has time to rest and prevent fatigue. If these issues are not addressed, it starts to affect the economy of a country as a whole, and there will be no support from the people in the economy of the country. The education system is another big reason for increasing child labor in our country. People don’t know the importance of education. Our people are deprived of the basic right to education. Lack of schools forces most children to work. The shortage of school is mostly in tribal areas. That’s why most children remain illiterate. which is why child labor is increasing day by day. The children are working as a labor in school-going age for the survival of their families and to full fill the basic needs of life. People will be face to face and will not be able to identify the power and hidden resources of the country that is causing economic misery and affecting the whole society as well as the world.

**Impact on our Society**

                                   This problem has a huge negative impact on individual and family life. Wherever the work environment comes from, it starts to affect health. The environment plays an important role in maintaining optimal health, especially in the early developmental age. At this age the child is more susceptible to infection, unhealthy behavior, and a greater risk of physical and mental disability. Difficulty working and hard working conditions lead to many problems such as premature aging, malnutrition, depression, drug dependence.

**Solution & Suggestion**

Child labor affects society in every way. The legislation is not the solution, overcoming it is not the solution. The law must be practical enough to be enforced. It also has to have a check and balance to ensure its application. Strict action should be taken against those who abuse the child by providing very few benefits and an unhealthy workplace. The root cause must be identified first so that alternative arrangements can be made. Such as What if the child is the sole breadwinner in the family, and if he stops working, the rest of the family suffers. Since this is not an overnight process, it can be reduced through negotiations according to accommodation and situation.

           Awareness should be raised and parents should pay attention to their children's education. Child labor laws must be strictly enforced, and then our country can easily get rid of this problem. We must distribute education for free, light the candle of education, and distribute the light of knowledge among the people.