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Q1: What is the role of institutions in society – do they perform positive functions, or simply work in the interests of the powerful and against the powerless?

**ANSWER:**

Social institution can play an important role in making any country stronger. Social institutions have been created by man from social relationships in society to meet such basic needs as stability, law and order and clearly defined roles of authority and decision making. Every organization is dependent upon certain recognized and established set of rules, traditions and usages. These usages and rules may be given the name of institutions. These are the forms of procedure which are recognized and accepted by society and govern the relations between individuals and groups. Each society has its own social institutions. These are not buildings or places, but structures of relationship, obligation, role and function. These are social concepts and practices, but also involve cognitive structures. Members of a society have a similar mental concept of right and wrong, order and relationships, and patterns of good (positive values).

Yes, Institution perform positive function. A institution specifically established for fixed social needs. Institutional power is the power wielded by entities like governments, churches, and corporations to control people and direct their behavior through the use of

rewards and punishments. Entities with institutional power and their agents have the official authority or the ability to decide what is best for others and to allocate resources.

Institutional power exists in situations where authority has been socially approved and accepted as legitimate. In other words, institutions get their power from the fact that society as a whole agrees that they have a right to their authority over others. Institutions simply work to make society a better place and fulfill their need not in the interest of powerful and against the powerless.

Q2: Beggary or Beggarization is as an Organized Crime in Pakistan, what are its causes and suggest how to stop beggary .

### **Beggary:**

Begging is an informal economic activity that involves “the solicitation of a voluntary unilateral gift – most often money – in a public place.”<sup>5</sup> In addition, beggars may “sell small items, such as dusters or flowers, in return for money that may have little to do with the value of the item for sale.”<sup>6</sup> Beggary can be classified into three distinct categories. According to its motivation, beggary can be based on need, convenience, or organized crime.

- **Need** – The most common form of beggary stems from the human need to survive.<sup>7</sup> If an individual runs out of all options to sustain his existence, he will eventually resort to begging.
- **Convenience or Preference** – Some people find begging to be their most efficient way of making a living, given their skill set, aspirations, and preferences as between income and leisure.
- **Organized Crime** – People forced into begging via criminal networks.

## **Causes Of Beggary:**

This research analyzes beggary as an organized crime, or beggarization, in Pakistan, focusing on economic, religious, and political trends enabling the growth of this lucrative industry. Economic factors include the economic viability of beggary as organized crime, inequalities, inflation, and a lack of viable economic alternatives. Religious factors such as zakat and madrassas serve to socially and financially legitimize beggary. Criminal networks thrive under adverse political conditions including government weakness and corruption. Demographic pressures include urbanization, refugee and internally displaced populations, population growth, and a high youth population.

## **How To Stop Beggary:**

The government should take some initiatives, such as organising different workshops, training programs and skills so that they can really make a living in the future.

- Job opportunities must be provided to eligible individuals who actually have skills and training.
- There must be a strict application of the law, the police must have the power to punish those responsible for taking them to the streets.
- The rights of children must be guaranteed especially and an institutional mechanism for child protection issues established.
- The public should discourage this illegal begging instead of encouraging it. There should be awareness programs against this mafia, so that only people who deserve it can get help.
- Some points could be achieved through an awareness campaign of electronic and social media that has a great influence on our lives.
- The government should generate funds to deal with the vagrancy, adulation and

exploitation caused by begging