

Two Nation Theory and Ideology of Pakistan



Meaning of Nation



- A group of people living in a particular country, forming a single political and economic unit.
- A large number of people who share the same history, ancestors, culture *etc* (whether or not they all live in the same country)

Two Nation Theory



- Definition
- The two-nation theory is the ideology that the primary identity of Muslims in the Indian subcontinent is their religion, rather than their language or ethnicity, and therefore Indian Hindus and Muslims are two distinct nationalities, regardless of ethnic or other commonalities

Two Nation Theory



- Meaning:
- Hindus and Muslims are two separate nation
- Islam and Hinduism are not two religions but are two social orders
- Religion is a base of identity

Evolution of the concept of Two nation Theory



- Formation of Muslim community in subcontinent
- Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi and other Muslim thinkers
- Sir Syed Ahmad Khan
- Separate electorate
- Political struggle for the rights of Indian Muslims

Sir Syed

Two Nation Theory



- Sir Syed used the word nation separately for Hindus and Muslim when he heard about Urdu Hindi controversy.
- ‘Now I am convinced that both these communities will not join whole heartedly in anything. At present there is no open hostility between the two communities but on account of the so called educated people, it will increase immensely in future, He, who lives will see.’

Allama Iqbal

Two Nation Theory



- “ I have myself been of the view that religious differences should disappear from this country ---- the vision of a common nationhood for India is a beautiful ideal and has a poetic appeal but looking to the present conditions and the unconscious trends of the two communities appears incapable of fulfillment” (Allahabad 1930)
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Quaid-e-Azam

Two Nation Theory



- ‘Pakistan was came into being when first Hindu converted into Muslim’
- ‘The Mussalmans are not a minority. They are a nation by any definition. By all canons of International law we are a nation’.
- ‘Hindus and Muslims through living in the same town and villages, had never been blended into one nation. They were always two separate entities.’

Quaids' Address at Lahore (AIML session, 1940)



‘The Hindus and Muslims belong to two different religious philosophies, social customs, literatures. They neither intermarry or interdine, and indeed they belong to two different civilizations which are based on conflicting ideas and conceptions’

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- ‘no constitutional plan would be workable or acceptable to the Muslims unless geographically contiguous units are demarcated into regions which should be so constituted with such territorial readjustment as may be necessary. That the areas in which the Muslims are numerically in majority as in the North western and Eastern zones of India should be grouped to constitute independent states in which the constituent units shall be autonomous and sovereign’

Meaning of Ideology



- ‘Science of ideas’
- The body of doctrine, with reference to some political and cultural plan.
- Ideology is the science which deals with beliefs, notions and theories
- Ideology of nation reflects the state of a people’s mind, their emotions, hopes, aspirations, ideals or objectives.

Ideology of Pakistan



- According to the Objective Resolution: sovereignty over the entire universe belongs to Allah the Almighty alone and the authority which He has delegated to the State of Pakistan through its people for being exercised within the limits prescribed by Him is a sacred trust.



- The fundamental concept of ideology of Pakistan is that Muslims are a separate nation having their own culture, literature ,religion and way of life.
- Islamic ideology means to order our individual and collective behavior in accordance with the Islam.

Ideology of Pakistan



- Two Nation theory
- Islam
- Islam as a way of life