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NECESSARY DEVIANCE: A SOCIOLOGICAL PROPOSITION

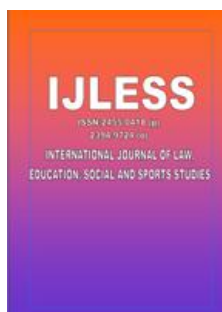
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ABSTRACT

Deviance is an indispensable part of any society, an aspect which in general view is considered to be negative or pathological phenomenon. The functionalists considered the integration of parts of the society that functions for the maintenance of the whole. However it was in the words of **Durkheim that deviance is functional because it brings changes in the society**. This ideology of Durkheim is very much prevalent for every society since the functional aspect of deviance is to bring changes in order to maintain the dynamic nature of the society. This article deals with the idea that to think of a society free from every social evils, to be perfect from every corner of its dimension or to think of a society to be “ideal type” in Weber’s term or “Utopian” in Saint Simon’s term is not just a pipe dream but can be a reality with the most minor terms of possibility. Deviance’s work is to keep reducing this possibility because that’s how it strives for the survival of the society and not just society but the entire human race. The question is how deviance by fulfilling its negative function can put a positive impact on the society and how this negative function gets turned into a positive aspect later on.



Introduction

Deviance a phenomenon can be called natural instinct in terms of human nature or social configuration of human beings since humans are social animals. Here we are not talking about deviance as just an attitude that contradicts the established system but a process that causing resistance in the path of development when a society tries to achieve perfection in every sphere of life. For sociologists, social anthropologists or social scientists it might be something to bring change in the society or to bring revolution (complete transformation of social system) which reflects the positive attitude of deviance. However it is necessary to understand that deviance is not just functioning for the maintenance of society but actually or indirectly functioning for the survival of human society. Every society, nation-state, state has 4 dimensions to develop themselves to the apex of optimism these are social, political, economical and technological. Out of these four first 3 are traditional dimensions while the last one is modern or new one. Today the globe is set of differentiated countries marked by their level of development. Some are developed others are developing or underdeveloped.

Proposition:

For a country or society to achieve the apex of development in social or political or economical is not a **Utopian ideology but an unseen fact that can be achieved with the most minor possibility of success**. The field of technology is rather has a high percentage of success to achieve its optimum level of development. Even developed countries like America or Europe can’t be said to be optimum developed since even in such countries there are problems of political affairs, social evils

and economic misbalance. America which is considered to be the most developed among all is still subjected to the social evil of racism, the political functioning is still questioned by its citizens, although it has much better economy than other countries yet there is always “bull and bear” in their economy. In other words, even a so called developed country does not comprise a perfect political system, a perfect economic condition and most importantly not a perfect society where the street is crime free, rights and duties of citizens are preserved with highest priority, treated everyone with true principle of equality. All these imperfections are nothing else but a form of deviance that operate in a society to keep it imperfect because imperfection or deviance has always forced the authority to take actions to remove them, what the action does is not remove them but brings a form of reformation in the society. *As we all know that a society is always dynamic in nature and not static, this reformation is actually the dynamic factor which came from the counter action between deviance and conformity solutions that keeps the society always dynamic. This is done so that there always remains a “dynamic durability” in the society because if there is no deviance or imperfection in the society then the society is perfect or “heaven society” where further reformation or change cannot be include thus without any change the society does not remain dynamic rather it becomes static and a static society cannot survive. Hence the result will be extinction of not just civilization but of the entire human society.*

It is very important to understand two aspects from the above notion: **Firstly, to achieve optimum perfection in social, political and economic field is almost equal to impossible but impossible at all. Secondly, since deviance has a positive indirect function to play that doesn't mean that a society must support all the social evils, problems, political malfunctions or economic deficit.** The conflict between deviance and conformity or perfection and imperfection has to continue because this conflict leads to the formation of solutions trying to become an ideal type but not equal to ideal type. Every society or country has different level of development but we can't designate that no development taking in any society even in tribal society which is the most primitive form of life that even exist in today's world is being dynamic. Even tribal societies have incorporated some changes as it is gaining more contact with the outside world. What should be the concern is that apart from the 3 traditional form of dimensions of development, the fourth one that is the technological dimension is “the one” in which slowly societies are gaining the optimum level of development and if any society or country achieve the apex of optimism in technology then also the world will face the 'static' because that will be the proof of maximum or 100% use of cerebral hygiene of human beings in this sphere. The traditional sphere of the society i.e. social, political and economical provides maximum level of resistance to the measures taken up by any society to bring development and later to get developed. This conflict between deviance and conformity helps a society to have development but not to become developed. On the other hand, in technological sphere there is the minimum level of resistance and thus the possibility to get the optimum level of development in this field is much high.

Evidences in support of this proposition:

If we consider the history of dinosaurs then we will find each stage of dinosaurs have shown a consecutive development potential to think and to act. Palaeontologists have shown proofs that each dinosaurs of consecutive stages had better cerebral capacity, in other words they were more intelligent. The possibility here is in the last phase of dinosaurs that is the cretaceous period they reached to their optimum level of cerebral capacity and could not able to develop themselves further and thus they got extinct by nature. Then came humans in their primitive form of “Hominoidea” (apes). With this possibility comes another possibility that if it is true then what if human beings achieve their optimum potential in the field of social, political or economic but more promisingly in the field of technology then is the holocaust of human beings going to be same as it was of the previous species. This proposition provides 2 definite certainties first, the cause of extinction of human society could be anything from natural to man-made and from internal of earth to outside of

earth and the reason could be anything. Secondly, after the extinction of human society the earth either will be inherited by a new species or will remain barren for the rest.

Another aspect need to understand that “development” or “developed” doesn’t mean that human beings get the highest access to life to sustain human beings or human society for eternal. As it is always stated that “everything that has a beginning has an end”, development or advancement is just a phase that takes us to the “end” without any resistance, when resistance interferes in this process, the process gets delayed and long. This is the exact work comes from the active operation of deviance. Thus a society remains in the phase of development and not to the developed. The example can be cited from the propositions of NASA’s scientists that evidences have been found proving that even in Mars there was an existence of civilization which was far superior to the present civilization on earth. The question is if that so then where they went? Why they couldn’t able to stop their extinction?

Today it is evident and observable that people are following the ideology of “destruction of earth” or “extinction of human beings”. This ideologies are popularised none other than the western countries especially America, the country which is considered to be “ideal type” for rest of the world. People making films, series, writing books, making documentaries and such ideologies are slowly becoming a form of culture among the people of western societies. Today such ideologies and theories are not just confined to one section of the world but it gaining its popularity globally. The question need to ask why a most developed form of society or country will consider the extinction of human race or destruction earth rather with their development in technology and science they can lead to a new extension of human beings? Is it because of the exploitation of resources done by human beings? Is it because of international disputes leading to the possibility of another world war? Or it can be the unasked question **“Is it because somehow human beings achieving their optimum excellence in the field of technology and science making it a perfect sphere of dimension in human society where no further progress is possible and thus it going to change from dynamic to static and when one aspect of society gets static it gets extinct and hence the human society which is very much complimented with technology will first get static and then will extinct”**.

Conclusion

Sociology has always incorporated possibilities along with facts and if there is slightest possibility for the “necessary deviance” for survival to exist then it is an aspect of society that need to be analysed not just from conflict perspective or functional perspective but also from evolutionary perspective too. Today the factual scenario is no country or society is developed but every society is in the phase of development. The rate of development or the level of development is different and varies from country to country. Some countries have **slow rate** of development like countries of African region, some have **slow-medium rate** of development like Asian countries of South China Sea, others have **medium rate** like India and Pakistan, **medium-high rate** countries like China, South Korea, Russia etc. and **high rate** development of countries like U.K or America. Each country or in other words each society has different level of development however no society is developed since deviance operates in the society and that is what makes every society dynamic in nature. The development technology was always with the aim to make life of the people feasible and easy which to a very far extent has been done but another impact of technological modernization is that it not only just making things easy to operate in people’s life but it actually replacing human beings in terms of labour force, knowledge and intelligence. Technology is the creation of human beings which is slowly becoming alteration of human beings.

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