

Development of Nations in Asia vs. Social Policies: A Sociological Appraisal

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Social change appearing in societies and within nations need to be supported by appropriate social policies. Social policies function as the wheels of a vehicle--the wheels which must be suitable to the bulk and volume of the vehicle. Sociology as the science of society is widely related to social policies, introducing social policies, importance of social policies, application of social policies and the like. The current global world not being static and ever on move, needs guidelines. Such paradigms cause development of nations. Currently, there is some sort of competition among nations to develop. How to develop. how to invest, where to invest, investment on human resources, and so on, all depend on social policies. Social policy largely depends on educational policies. Asia with 49% of rural population (WPDS, 2020), must be intelligent enough to monitor its rural people by health, education and many more. All such needs depend on social policies as well. In Asia, those countries that predicted their futures, made policies and plans in various angles and dimensions with more emphasis on their educational sectors. In this way, they could better use their resources--making surplus values. In this way, development could be followed multi-dimensionally. Asian countries such as Japan, China and South Korea with progressive social policies and paradigms have been able to grow and develop well, and in a satisfactory way. In this way, they have been able to make a lot of wealth. Discipline of sociology is systematically highly related with social policy and vice versa. As human society is ever changing with special reference to the development of industries and technologies, all types of social problems constantly emerge. Such a scenario needs sociology to be applied to investigate the emerging issues. Sociology, theoretically feeds social policy-makers. Through social policies, abnormalities could be minimized.

Social policy includes guidelines, principles and activities that affect the living conditions conducive to human welfare. A person's quality of life is widely under the impact of social policies in general (Welcome to the Department, 2015). The Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy at Harvard University describes social policy as "public policy and practice in the areas of health care, human services, inequality, criminal justice, education and labor" (About the Malcolm Wiener Center, 2015). Social policy casually dealing with wicked problems, tries to affect the well-being of members of a society through shaping the distribution of and access to goods and services in that society. At the outset of Islam Zakat was collected in order to provide welfare in the form of pension and income support to those in need, and to those who were of non-Muslim community. In the West, Auguste Comte in France as the father of sociology. was a proponent of scientific social planning and social policy. Social policy is signified differently within various nations in the current world. For example, slum dwelling in India has attracted various social policies. Many countries in West Asia need social policies for the rights of their women with regard to their education, employment, health facilities and many more. Social policy tries to improve human welfare in order to meet human needs for housing, economic security, health for all, equality etc. Poverty reduction, social security, unemployment insurance, social justice, living conditions for different groups of people, animal rights, crime and family policies, pensions for seniors, child protection, crime and criminal justice, urban and rural development, labor issues, family planning and other such issues depend on social policies. Because of globalization and spreading of norms and values, social policies need to be further

introduced, implemented and diffused. One of the latest applications of social policy is supervision on environment and its protection, when there is an overflow of population with special reference to Asia.

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