The Social Effects of Lies on Contemporary Society (An Analysis of People of Tehsil Peshawar in Islamic Context)

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Abstract
Islam is a religion of peace and harmony; therefore, it dislikes the unbalance environment in society. Lying is a bad habit, due to which many crimes are growing in society. If we say that lies are the root of all immoral activates it would be a more suitable word. In the present arena, we see lies everywhere in society and every person speaks lies with confidence and bravery to get the worldly benefit. It means lying has made our habit, we speak it bravery and confidence in the very matter without any fear. We have forgotten that this lying is increasing our difficulties and leads us to hell. We have become selfish in getting worldly profit and have ignored the second life (hereafter). In this research, we aimed to explain the social effects of lies on contemporary society with the views of the people of tehsil Peshawar. For this purpose, we made a questionnaire, which was consisted of ten questions. We selected two hundred and ten people (one hundred and five males and the remaining one hundred and five females), whereas we got almost two hundred and seven responses of people. We gathered data from town 1 and town 17 of Peshawar and after the collection of data, we analyzed this data through SPSS Software and we found the result, which was displayed in different diagrams. The majority of people agreed that speaking lies common in society and each person speaks lies in a very matter to get his benefit. They further said lies have become a habit of people and they speak lies without any fear of Allah Almighty and hesitation in society. Due to the lies, we see immorality in society, which is increasing day by day. Here needs that we follow the teachings of Islām and spend our lives according to its teachings, then we can save ourselves and our new generation from this immoral action. This research may be useful for readers and scholars in its specific field.

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1. Introduction
We are living in an Islamic society that should be based on Islamic precepts. But unfortunately,
we are forgetting the Islamic teachings due to which lies have made a place in the society. If we look, we see everyone speak lies. Whether he is a man or a woman, he is young or old, even children seem to lie without hesitation. This lie leads to temporary success, but in reality, it is a poison that is engulfing the whole society. Because of this lie, we are seeing many evils in society such as theft, robbery, murder, fraud, backbiting, betrayal, and kidnapping, etc., due to which the society is becoming hollow (Qayyom, 2016). Some people lie to save themselves from harm and get profit. They understand that they are spending a perfect life in society. But in reality, it is not true because they are going towards downfall with time due to lies. Allah says that “Indeed, Allah does not guide him who is a liar and [confirmed] disbeliever” (Al-Qurān, 22:30). Lying is the root of all evils. Here is instructed human beings that “they swear to untruth while they know [they are lying]” (Al-Qurān, 58: 14). It is again stated to human beings that “They have taken their oaths as a cover, so they averted [people] from the way of Allah. Indeed, it was evil that they were doing” (Al-Qurān 63:2). There are three types of lies, lies in actions, lies in sayings, and lies in intentions. When a person speaks lies, his entire life moves around lies. A lying person loses the strength of his character and words. Satisfaction disappears from his life, and he spends unsatisfactory life. Such a person humiliates into the world and hereafter. The Holy Qurān says; “And do not spy or backbite each other. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his brother when dead? You would detest it. And fear Allah indeed, Allah is Accepting of repentance and Merciful” (Al-Qurān, 49:12). We should not lie in-joke and we should not speak lies in the guise of truth. Because lying is a poison that kills a person and leads to hell. If a person gets in the habit of lying only for the sake of humor, then he becomes a victim of serious lies. At other places, it is stated that “and avoid false statements” (Al-Qurān, 22:30). The Holy Qurān says that “And do not say about what your tongues assert of untruth, "This is lawful and this is unlawful," to invent falsehood about Allah. Indeed, those who invent falsehood about Allah will not succeed” (Al-Qurān, 16:116). We should save ourselves from exaggeration. “Exaggeration in religion or creation takes man beyond the limits set by Allah Almighty” (Qarawi, 2003). Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar (RA) says that “the Holy Prophet (PBUH) said that a Muslim is the brother of a Muslim, even if he does not oppress him and does not leave him helpless” (Neesabori, 2013). It is a reality of the time that we have ignored Islamic teachings due to which we are facing several problems in society and everyone is upset in society. Here is a dire need to follow the Islamic teachings and we all should avoid lying, then we can change the environment of the society. In this research work, we highlighted the social
effects of lies on contemporary society with the views of people. In this research, we have selected males and females, which were two hundred in numbers (one hundred males and another one hundred female), two theses as town 3, and town 17 were taken for this purpose. A questionnaire was prepared which was consisted of ten questions and relevant information, the total questionnaires were two hundred in numbers. The opinions of people concerning the subject were analyzed through SPSS Software in different diagrams. This research work can be useful for readers, and scholars concerning its specific subject.

2. Basic Question of the Research

✓ The basic question of this research work is the social effects of lies in contemporary society with an analysis of the people of Tehsil Peshawar.

3. Hypotheses of the Research

Some hypotheses were produced to display the result of this research such as;

1. People have ignored the Islāmic teachings and as well as ethical values.
2. The lies can be seen everywhere in society.
3. Lies are the root of all kinds of evils.
4. Society is going towards ruin over time due to lies.

4. Literature Review

The social effects of lies in contemporary society are an important issue of the present period. We search many books to fulfill our purpose concerning this research work. We studied a book entitled “Jhōt ki Sānginē Aʾır Iskī Aqṣām”, this is a very interesting book about the information of lies. This book has been written in an easy way of language and has very significant information. Its writer is Dr. Fazal Ilahi (Ilahi, 2007). Another book whose title is “Islam Ka Nizam-e-Ikhlaq Wa Adab”, This book has a lot of information concerning lies. The writer of this book has used very easy language in the book (Siddiqi, 2017). Abu Atiyah Abdul Qayyum bin Hafiz Ilmuddin is a writer of the book "Islāh-e-Nāfs", this book has valuable knowledge concerning ethics. The topic of lies has been discussed in detail, which is a sinful action, and the writer of this book has given instructions in his book to avoid this sinful action. Therefore, the readers of this book can get a lot of information from this book about ethics and lies and they can increase their knowledge (Ilmuddin, 1995).
5. Research Methodology

The research was quantitative. The method of fieldwork and questionnaire have been used to display the result.

5.1. Data Collection

The data were collected from the union councils of town 3 and town 17 of Peshawar, such as; UC 17 Aalya, Cantonment, Nothia Jadeed, Tehkal, Kankola, Town III UC31, UC 17, Hayatabad, Pakha Gulam, UC 92, Pk-78, and Town 3, etc. For this purpose, we randomly distributed questionnaires among the people of the above-mentioned towns. We have taken one hundred and five males and one hundred and five females (a total of two hundred and ten people) for this research work.

Sampling

This research work was quantitative, therefore ten questions were prepared for this fieldwork, which was two hundred and ten in numbers. A hundred males and hundred females were collected to fill the questionnaire. Two towns i.e., 3 and 17 were selected to collect information concerning the questionnaire. The result of the views of males and females was displayed through different diagrams.

5.2. Procedure

Two hundred and ten questionnaires were distributed in town 3 and town 17 of Peshawar, such as; UC 17 Aalya, Cantonment, Nothia Jadeed, Tehkal, Kankola, Town III UC31, UC 17, Hayatabad, Pakha Gulam, UC 92, Pk-78, and Town 3, etc. The collected data were analyzed through SPSS Software in different diagrams to display the result of this research work.

6. Statistical Review

6.1. Result and Discussion

The views of people were displayed through SPSS Software in different diagrams. Which data were collected for this research, in this, we gathered data about gender (male and female), Age, marital status (married and unmarried), job, education, and union council. As well, in collecting data, the opinion of the people was highlighted in (Strongly Agree: SA), (Agree: A), (Undecided: Und), (Disagree: DA), (Strongly Disagree: SDA) for every question.
In this research, two hundred and ten people were taken of which one hundred and five were males and the other one hundred and five were females. But one hundred and seven people showed their physical structure demonstrated as a male and female for this research.

Diagram 01: Gender

In this research, the age sequence was like this (19-23), (24-28), (29-33), (34-38), and (above 38). The age of (19-23) responded with 29.8% percent, Whereas the age of (24-28) gave their responses in 19% percent, the age of (29-33) answered 19% percent, similarly the age of (34-38) and (above 38) showed their views in 17.6 % percent and 14.6 % percent.
For the suggested research, we took married and unmarried persons, which 45% percent was responded, they were unmarried and the remaining 52.85% percent showed their responses, they were married.

Diagram 04: Jobs

In the above diagram, we can see that the selected respondents are performing their services in many fields of work. Some people are teachers and some other persons have government jobs. Whereas 34 % percent of the females is a housewife and they are not doing any job they are paying attention to their children and house.
Diagram number 05 shows union councils of towns 3 and 17 of Peshawar such as; UC 17 Aalya, Cantonment, Nothia Jadeed, Tehkal, Kankola, Town III UC31, UC 17, Hayatabad, Pakha Gulam, UC 92, Pk-78, and Town 3, etc. We collected data from the mentioned union councils.

Diagram 06: Education

The above diagram, it shows that the respondents were educated and had different education level, i.e., Middle, FA, BA, BS, ACCA, Masters, MPhil, and Ph.D. But in this research, more respondents were BA (24.8%) percent and Masters (37.6%) percent.
Diagram 07: IS lying a bad habit?

The above-mentioned graph shows that more respondents, 57% percent strongly agree and the other 36% percent of respondents agree that lying is a bad habit. Therefore, we should avoid speaking lies.

Diagram 08: Are all the social evils due to lies?

When, we asked respondents that are all the social evils due to lies? They answered 33.8% percent and 55% percent for strongly agree and agree. It means that people agree that all the social evils are the cause of lies. Therefore, here is a dire need that we should save ourselves from lies.
Diagram 09: Is society going to downfall due to lies?

Diagram 09 shows that respondents 115 (55.8%) and 80 (38.8%) strongly agree and agree that contemporary society is going to downfall with time.

Diagram 10: Do lies Speak in your house?

Total questionnaires were two hundred and ten and we received two hundred and six responses. We got responses in 47 (22.8%), 48 (23.3%), and 83 (40.3%) for strongly agree, agree, and disagree. It is proved from the above graph that almost half people of the total agreed that lies are spoken in their house and the other nearly half people of the total respondents showed their responses for disagreeing.
**Diagram 11: Do you speak lies?**

We asked the question from two hundred and ten people as “do you speak lies?”, in which, two hundred and six people replied. 46 (22.3%) was strongly disagree, whereas 92 (44.7%) was disagree and 46 (22.3%) agreed. It is proved that when we ask questions concerning immoral action on a society base then we received answers and when we ask the same question on a personal base, then we get negative answers. This attitude explains that people telling lies in society.

**Diagram 12: Do you see people in society lying?**

We see in the above diagram that when the question was asked people as “do you see people in society lying?”, then we found respondents in 139 (67.5%) and 56 (27.2%) for agree and strongly agree, it showed that we got almost hundred percent answers for said question respectively. We
came at this point that we do not want to listen to any kind of blame about ourselves, whereas, we listen to such things about others with interest.

**Diagram 13: The habit of lying is more common in women?**

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When we asked the question, i.e, “the habit of lying is more common in women?”, we found replied in 58.3% agreeing and 26.7% strongly agree. These views elucidate that majority of people confess that the said immoral habit is common in women.

**Diagram 14: The habit of lying is more common in men?**

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We can see in the above graph that we found the responses about the said question in 151(73.3%) for agree and 20 (9.7%) for strongly agree respectively.
Diagram 15: Do people speak lying under compulsion?

We got responses about the above-asked question in 136 (66%) and 17 (8.3%) for agree and strongly agree. It means that the majority of people agreed that people speak lying under compulsion in society.

Diagram 16: Has lying become a habit in our society?

We distributed the two hundred and ten questionnaires among people, whereas we got two hundred and seven responses of people, 140 (67.6%) for agree and 47 (22.7%) for strongly agree. This graph shows that more than half of people understand that lying has become a habit in society and people are telling lies intentionally and unintentionally.
6.2. **Findings**

After analyzing the reviews of people, we reached this result that almost all people agreed on this authenticity that speaking lies is common in contemporary society. This immoral action can be seen in every person in society. As well, people agree with this that all the social evils of society are the cause of lies. This is a reality that we have ignored the teachings of Islam, therefore, we are facing many problems in society. This includes lies, here is a dire need that we follow Islāmic teachings and try our best to spend our lives according to Islāmic teachings.

7. **Conclusion**

Islām is a true religion and it advises human beings to maintain peace in society. Lies are the root of all evil in society. At present, we see that every person speaks lies such as; man, woman, young, old, even that a child too. This is an alarming situation for us that we are morally going to ruin with time due to lying. Nowadays we see many immoral actives in society, i.e., robbery, kidnapping, murder, betrayal, injustice, inequality, and theft, and other immoral activities. These all are the cause of evils. When a nation forgets the teachings of Islām and it becomes far away from the right path, then a similar situation has to face in society, unfortunately, we are facing such a situation in society. Here need that follow the teachings of Islām and spend our lives according to it. Then we would be able to save our new generation from immoral destruction.

8. **Suggestions and Recommendations**

Some suggestions and recommendations concerning research are given below, such as;

- We should avoid telling lies because it is a cause of all the evils in society.
- We should try to speak the truth in every matter, then we can make ourselves a good person in society.
- Parents should especially tell the disadvantages of lies to their children.
- We have ignored the teachings of Islam, therefore, we are in trouble nowadays. We should follow the teachings of Islam and should spend our lives according to it.
- The government should pay attention to the morally ill environment of society and should make possible the education of morality in society through workshops, seminars, and conferences.
- The government should pay attention to make possible moral education in schools, colleges, and universities, then it would be possible that we would produce good persons in society.

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