Natural sciences in Pakistan are prevailing over social sciences because academic institutions have more funding for technical education, government itself prefers to keep the people away from awareness and students themselves find more opportunities with natural sciences background. Further people with social sciences do not have sufficient freedom to get their work published and therefore social sciences become least effective.

Social and Natural Sciences in Pakistan

Why Social Sciences are lesser significant than natural sciences in pakistan?

Zaeem Yousaf l19-1196

Gulraiz

Muhammad Zia ur Rehman

Pakistan Study Assignment By Sir Ijaz (BCS – 2E)

Social sciences are equally important as natural sciences which helped man to stay distinguished among other animals. Generally, Social Science focus on the relationships among individuals in society. It is the mixture of many subjects like History, Geography, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Social Psychology and many more. For instance, art and drawing helped man to preserve the sculptures and historic cultures. History preserved the events whereby human learned without the cost of further experiments. Sociology, Psychology, anthropology and philosophy gave a new vision to human to better deal with socially oriented Problems. But unfortunately, in Pakistan the trend of social sciences is decreasing tremendously due to lack of government support and poor education policies, censorship and more comparative incentives from natural sciences.

Social sciences are entangled by the lack of government support and poor policy regarding the higher education and job allocation. Pakistan's government does not have sufficient budget to dedicate for the education and especially social sciences are almost ignored. The budget of Pakistan for education in 2019 was reduced by 20.5%[[1]](#footnote-1) which lead the social governmental institutions to discouragement and universities now tend to stay independent and generate their own revenue by shifting toward natural sciences. University of Engineering and Technology managed its own budget by compromising its merit and admitted thousands more students. Similarly, Higher Education Commission (HEC) does not have friendly policies for social sciences and there is hardly any requirement of writing thesis as a qualification criteria.

[[2]](#footnote-2) “In Pakistan, the process of evaluation of social sciences remained underdeveloped. The practitioners have not conducted the systematic research in their respective disciplines. Partially, it is due to lack of professional association. In first three decades of Pakistan, the evaluation of social sciences did not even start until 1980s when University Grants Commission laid down the establishment of Centre of Social sciences and Humanities. ” Inyatullah, leading member of Council of social sciences.

**(Zaeem Yousaf: l19-1196)**

**1. Government budget for social sciences vs. natural sciences.**

Government budget for social sciences is very less than natural sciences because natural phenomenon occur on the earth needed to research and find there possible solution if required. For example climate change in this world is very important issue and it has to be study deeply to overcome the issue. It has been estimated that 0.12% of all funding for climate related research is spent on the social science of climate change. It has been argued that this is a serious issue on the earth. In the current situation it is try to know how human can change the climate to make it better for human life. The natural science of climate change is already well established and there will be decades and centuries to handle adaptation.

**2. Job career in Social sciences vs. natural sciences.**

Social sciences and natural sciences have their own importance. As we know everything is going to be technical. Earth becomes modern so, natural sciences going to be well developed than social sciences. There are 11421 universities offer natural sciences in the world, On the other hand 720 universities offer social sciences across the world so here is a huge difference between social science and natural sciences. Natural sciences have large number fields as compared to social sciences. So automatically there is more job opportunity of natural sciences as compare to social sciences.

**3. Why politicians discourage the social sciences?**

Politicians discourage social sciences because social sciences provide awareness and people ask for their right. Students’ participation in political activities develops their political awareness and their skills to live in society. In developed countries like Canada and USA, students consider it their duty to take active part in democratic system of the country. In Pakistan, students have little opportunity to take part in political process and this is why they lack the political awareness that influences their attitudes and approaches towards democratic process. Students are the leaders of tomorrow and a strong potential force that must have political awareness and have knowledge when to oppose and when to support the political system of a country. They may create further awareness among the people and common illiterate members of the community. The used masses may not be used by the political kings after having complete awareness about the real democracy and political systems. Therefore, the role of the young students becomes more significant in the overall political development of the country. Political Awareness is believed to be significant and helpful for true democracy because with the help of political awareness politicians and leadership of the country can be made accountable. But politicians of Pakistan don’t want that common people comes to politics because they just want their family member only becomes politician not a common man. That is why politicians discourage social sciences.

**(Roll no 19l-1217).**

There is no national level publication on social sciences issues which assures the liberty to writers of their freedom of expression. Even HEC has not formulated such policies and mandatory research critaria in academic envrironment.

The budget of Pakistan for education in 2019 was just 4% which lead the social governmental institutions to discourgement and universities now tend to stay independent and genenrate their own revenue by shifting toward natural sciences.

People with financially crucial background tend to settle earlier. they target the oppertunity irrespective of the importance of a subjects. Since, natural sciences are in greater demand than social sciences especially in Pakistan, there is more job security in natural sciences.

social scientists do not have an adequette level of freedom of speech and mostly their writing is subject to censorship. social scientists, being under the influence of non-friendly policies, suffer the the loss of natural thougts.

political studies are biased and controversial. there are no specific rules and laws which govern the specific scenario. different strategies yeild in different situation.

1. website <https://fp.brecorder.com/2019/06/20190612485340/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Thesis published on the issues with social sciences by council of social sciences <http://www.cosspak.org/books/Social-Sciences-in-Pakistan-A-Profile-Final18.3.2.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)