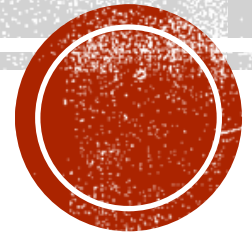


# **IDEOLOGY: DEFINITION & SIGNIFICANCE**

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# DEFINITION

- **Etymology:**
  - *Idea* (Greek) = thought, *Logos* = study → *study of ideas*.
- **General Definition:**
  - A systematic set of beliefs, values, and principles that influence the social, political, and economic behavior of people.
- **Simplified:**
  - Ideology = a worldview + a framework for action.
- **Scholarly Definitions:**
  - Karl Marx: “Ideology is a false consciousness imposed by the ruling class.”
  - Destutt de Tracy (who coined the term in the 18th century): “The science of ideas.”
- **General Definition:**
  - An ideology is a **set of beliefs, values, and ideas** that guide the political, social, and economic behavior of individuals and societies.
- **In Political Context:**
  - It refers to the guiding principles on which a state is founded and run.



# SIGNIFICANCE OF IDEOLOGY

- **Significance of Ideology (15 minutes)**
- **(a) Provides Vision and Direction**
  - Gives a roadmap for individuals and societies.
- **(b) Source of Unity & Identity**
  - Creates a sense of belonging (e.g., Islam for Muslims of the Subcontinent).
- **(c) Shapes Public Opinion**
  - Determines how people think about governance, justice, equality, etc.
- **(d) Strengthens National Integration**
  - A shared ideology prevents fragmentation and provides political stability.
- **(e) Guides Policies and Institutions**
  - Constitutions and laws are usually based on ideology.



# IDEOLOGY OF PAKISTAN

- **(a) Definition**

- The **Ideology of Pakistan** is the belief that Muslims of the Subcontinent are a distinct nation, with their own religion, culture, and way of life, and thus need a separate homeland to practice Islamic values freely.

- **(b) Roots of Pakistan's Ideology**

- **Two-Nation Theory** – Muslims and Hindus are two separate nations with distinct identities.
- **Islam as a Complete Code of Life** – Pakistan was envisioned as a state where laws, politics, economy, and society would be guided by Islamic principles.

- **(c) Role of Leaders**

- **Sir Syed Ahmad Khan:** Laid the intellectual foundation by stressing Muslim identity.
- **Allama Iqbal:** Advocated for a separate Muslim state in his Allahabad Address (1930).
- **Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah:** Translated the idea into a political struggle and finally, reality in 1947.

- **(d) Ideology in the Constitution**

- Objective Resolution (1949) – made Islamic ideology the foundation of Pakistan's constitution.
- Constitutions of 1956, 1962, 1973 — all embedded the Islamic character of Pakistan.



# IMPORTANCE OF PAKISTAN'S IDEOLOGY TODAY

- Ensures unity among diverse provinces and ethnic groups.
- Provides guiding principles for governance and lawmaking.
- Safeguards the Islamic identity of Pakistan.
- Strengthens national sovereignty and independence.



# CONCLUSION

- Ideology is the soul of a nation — without it, a state becomes directionless.
- Pakistan's ideology is rooted in Islam, which not only justified its creation but continues to guide its policies, identity, and unity.



# ACTIVITY

- **Activity:**
- Group A: “*Pakistan could not have survived without ideology.*”
- Group B: “*Economics and politics are more important than ideology.*”
- **Question for Reflection:**
  - *How can Pakistan’s ideology be applied to solve modern challenges such as corruption, inequality, or extremism?*

