

# Essay on Students and Politics

## Introduction:

Student Life, the best time of life, is for sowing the seeds of the future. So, student life and politics are antagonistic things. But it is a matter of regret that our contemporary educational institutions are fully involved in politics and both the ruling and opposing parties play the vital role to persist it forever. It is well known to our citizens that this is creating a great mess in our normal life for involving them to grab the hall in their power to involve themselves in extortion, killing, and hostage.

## The present scenario in Bangladesh

Students and politics are moving on the same track in Bangladesh. From the present perspective of Bangladesh, it can be said undoubtedly that student politics has become a part and parcel in almost all educational institutions. Over the years, students in colleges and universities have begun to participate in politics. The politics of the campus has now become the offshoot of national politics. The political parties are keen to strengthen their base. Therefore, they have started to patronize different groups of students. There was a time when student politics was confined to educational Institute issues. But the scene has completely changed today. Student politics is now associated with national issues mainly. Of course, it is a matter of great regret for a developing country like Bangladesh.

## Political Patroness

The national leaders provide the students with a lot of money and even arms for canvassing in the support of the party. They directly

get involved in different kinds of national elections and local elections. Students get cards, posters, and banners printed for the purpose. They also obtain a lot of addresses and visit the voters in their residences for votes. On the election day, loudspeakers are used to calling the voters, vehicles are used to bring the voters to the election center. Influential students are taken to the hotels and the restaurants for entertainment. For all these, a huge sum of money is given to the student wings by the concerned party. The most important point to be considered is that whether the students should be involved in politics directly and actively, the reply is often in the negative. Even the President and the Prime minister have always been requesting the students not to participate in politics directly. The reason is that student life is the best time for building up their career.

The objective of an army is to fight the enemy and defend the country's territorial integrity. The purpose of the police is to maintain the law and order situation in the country. The function of the political leaders is to govern the nation effectively and fairly. In this way, the students aim to acquire knowledge, gain vast knowledge in different subjects and do well in the examinations. The students can take part in the social service if necessary particularly in the time of natural disaster. But when the students are out of campus and get involved in national politics, they can do many unwanted actions in society.

### Perversive student

If students participate in politics actively as they are doing nowadays, they will be misguided from the main purpose for which they are in the educational institutions. They will also keep themselves vulnerable to the worst kind of exploitation by the politicians for their partisan ends. After all, the enormous money which the

political parties offer to the students is not for charity. They extract a high price for it at all costs. Owing to the allegiance to a particular party, students have to follow the directions of the party leaders whether they are right or wrong. Once elected to the post of President or Secretary to the University or a College Students' Union, these students take their commands from the political bosses. They attend party meetings and have to do a lot of work. There is little time left for their studies.

Besides, if their patron party happens to be the party in the opposition, they are directed to create trouble on the campus. And since these students leaders are in the grip of the political bosses, they arrange demonstrations on petty issues. Sometimes, they resort to the ghraos of the university officials. They indulge in acts of violence and destruction. Student wings of the party in power aim at keeping peace on the campus. They do so even suppressing the legitimate demands of their fellow students. Besides, there is a clash between the rival groups of the students. Sometimes, students are to lose their lives due to this battle on the campus. The educational institutions are closed down very often for it. It brings untold suffering to the general students.

### Bad effect of politics

The politically active students on the campus are an important reason for in-discipline in educational institutions. Student leaders move on the campus arrogantly. They frequently absent themselves from the classes. They often behave badly with their teachers and superiors. Thus, they set a bad example for other students. The politically involved students know well that they will be protected by the party leaders and so they take part in the acts of in-discipline fearlessly. In this way, the whole academic atmosphere is polluted. The authorities are generally reluctant to have a confrontation with

the student leaders in the fear of prolonged strikes, demonstrations, etc.

Politics is a subtle game meant for shrewd individuals. So, the involvement of students in politics at a tender age is undesirable. They are not matured enough to understand the political implication. Many become the victims of the interested politicians. Once caught up in the net of politics, they can never come out of it. As a result, they spoil their academic career forever. They have to repent in the future.

Individual cautiousness:

That is why students have to be mindful of their studies which are their principal duty. They should not waste time doing unfair politics. Student life is the best time to build up a career. This is the golden time for learning. This knowledge will last up to death. The habit and character formed during this time continue throughout their lives. Considering this, active and unfair politics should be avoided at all costs for the welfare of the individual, for the welfare of the family, and above all for the welfare of the nation.

It is well known to all that politics in Bangladesh has been corrupt greatly. That is why to be involved in politics by the students is to be rotten. It should be feared as a ghost in the student's life. The duty of the students is not politics. They must acquire knowledge and build up themselves suitably for the service of the nation. Once there was fair student politics in Bangladesh but it is no more here.

Pioneer of transparent politics

We know the name of Fazlul Hague, Hossen Sohrauddin, Vasani etc. They were dedicated to fair politics. That kind of political environment

is no more today. So, it is better not to be involved in student politics.

Pragmatic steps are taken

Some pragmatic steps will have to be taken to stop politics for the students. As education is a human right in our constitution, the government should ban student politics on campus. Law and order should strictly be applied in this regard. The guardians or the parents should not allow their children to be involved in politics. Social and political awareness will be needed for it. The bad effect of student politics has to be presented to the students using radio, television, newspaper, and mass media.

Conclusion

Students are the rudders of the nation. If they spoil their life by involving in foul politics, the nation has to suffer miserably. So, the students should keep away from politics by any means.