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The End doesn't Justify the Means.

"If you want to walk fast, walk Alone. If you want to walk farther, walk together." These words by famous Intellectualist Robert Frost aptly gives an insight into importance of the Journey. We all take different paths all our lives for common goals. Some reach, some don't. Some reach early, some a little late. But at the top of that summit is the glimpse and satisfaction of the Journey that matters. There are many on that summit, many have come and gone. The summit is transitory, the path followed is for life. Many come and go, unnoticed in this journey but remember all those who followed a Justifiable path.

Then what is a right path or a Justifiable one. On what yardstick does society measure Righteousness. Are the games moral or something else. The President of the United States of America (USA) is facing charges for using wrong means to influence the election. He is being accused of taking help of foreign players. But at the end of the day he is the President. How does it matter. Is it Justified? While for now the allegations are not proven but doesn't matter what way the proceedings go, one thing is clear that path to success is judged on the moral games by society.

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History has been witnessing wars all through its evolution. War between men and animals, so war between men, everytime we have a justification based on the end. During the cold war era, different third world countries were made battle ground by USA and USSR, foregoing their capitalist and socialist ideology respectively. Conflicts went from South East Asian nation of Vietnam to across the Gulf in Afghanistan. US hegemony did come up with disintegration of USSR but all these of turmoil around the globe creating an atmosphere of utter tension and chaos. Was it justified as 'means' to prove itself and its ideology by putting so many scars on world's face. History doesn't have answer, it just has facts and seeing them it definitely feels 'End' is judged on means though the judgement may never come out.

The partition of India in 1947 on adamant demand of Muslim League by M.A. Jinnah is another classic example of 'Ends' vs 'means'. The rigour attitude of one person not holding down to any plan like the reason for massacre and riots that took away thousands of lives. The partition was bloodshed, result of a personal vendetta over public good. The unethical mass mobilization on ethnic and religious lines was

testimony to the fact that — One night I saw a man  
at his goal but the path will always be a bolt on the  
person. Even today people across the border miss  
their homelands and members of their family who  
they could never see.

Sports are one of the most celebrated events across the  
globe. Sports has been bringing people, cultures  
and religions together in the world. People love  
and adore their stars. But sometimes such high  
esteem of players and athletes are beset to  
found by incidents of doping. Athletes win  
their races but lose their hearts. The famous  
cyclist of France had to give back his medal  
after winning 'Tour de France' due to doping  
charges. There have been several other incidents  
'Moris Sharapova' the world champion lawn tennis  
player had to face a ban owing to positive doping  
test. 'Ends are beautiful for the player but  
when the truth is out 'Means' are the yardstick  
of judgement by the society not the end.

The political system in India has been shamed time  
and again because of ways of govt. formation  
that our leaders go down to come to power.  
We have seen numerous incidents of Horse

trading and political influence leading to a share of Temple of Democracy. The recent incident in Maharashtra, where CM was sworn overnight puts a grave question if its only the end (Formation of govt here) and not the means (Constitutional procedure) that matter. Do we have become a society that only sees the top and not the ladder we are choosing.

3 The case of Karnataka was even more shocking when the Member of Leg. Assembly went for a man leaving of Political party just to meet their political ends. The citizen put a lot of faith going by the election process just to see the foul game power play to occupy the seat of power. Even the high constitutional officers such as Governor and President have come under criticism owing to unethical means to find ends and not thinking about the path.

The Revocation of article 370 in exsturbite state of Jammu and Kashmir also demands a light on the question of ends vs means. The insight into the decision was perfectly fine to make India more integrated and to have one set of laws governing territories across the country. But the lockdown of months with people finding it difficult to talk to their

families. House arrest of a sitting MLA under a drac-  
-onian act (PSA) is suddenly equated on the merit.  
The ends maybe very good and fruitful for people  
in the place and their generations to come but  
such strict actions curbing the basic human rights  
justify the end. The 'means' do seem to be taking  
the edge over the 'end' as time passes and  
International Pressure increases.

Recent killing of four accused of the rape case in  
Hyderabad has received a welcome note on  
social media with people applauding the police  
for bringing perpetrators to justice. But lifting  
ourselves up from the public fervor and analyzing  
the case on constitutional merits one certainly feels  
that though the end may be in popular mandate  
but the means need to be justified on constitutional  
grounds to have 'Rule of law' and not that of 'Popular  
public opinion'. If this continues to be the way  
than legal system will find itself incapable and  
more rightly non-responsible for delivering justice.  
Judiciary has been given the task of bringing Right  
vs wrong debate to conclusion based upon merit  
of facts and proof and it should be the prerogative  
of Judiciary. The end not always justify the means  
that are took. The Nirbhaya accused were rightly sent  
behind bars by the Judiciary and that was the

Better way of meeting ends. A way a democratic and civilized society deals with crime. Mobocracy is a thing of past and though it might meet the popular end it is not the 'right' way always.

The practice of 'Salwa Judum' being followed in the Naxalite area of Chhattisgarh where in Yang Gays Jan village were hired by the security personnel to fight on their behalf. Being a better

judge of the terrain and having a command on local language and affairs, it proved out to be a great way to deal with the Semby problem.

It was considered to be a very innovative idea and also reaped good results until Supreme Court of India struck down the practice in 'Nandini Sengor Vs State of Chhattisgarh' where it regarded

it as violation of basic human right of the citizens.

The 'end' though was good for the society at large but it has to be tested on 'merit' of the means that it passes through and certainly the decision of SC held up means over End.

The hot debate around of NRC and Citizenship Amendment bill (CAB) also has elements of good end for the country. Having a national register of citizens would certainly allow for better implementation of policies. It would have a safeguard

for indigenous people of the country. The entry to persecuted minorities and giving them rights would also assume Indian philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' to be at forefront. But the means of people having to be in perpetual state of fear for losing their homeland and mental trauma that one might go through not being in the list while his other family persons are do raise a question on if it's only the end or it's also the means. A better means having less suffering for the people might have been a sweet pie for all.

Today in 21<sup>st</sup> century we humans have abundance of technology. We hence plethora of means to enjoy. From machines all around to talks of conquering the space, we have seen a remarkable leap. But IPCC report does make us look back at the means. 'Rising Oceans, Sinking Cities' is what we have got through the way coming to the beautiful (maybe) today. The global rise of temperature by 1.5°C from pre-Industrial Revolution is certainly alarming. We have plundered natural resources to brim and now it's time to look back, pause and ponder. We don't want to reach an end where we look back at our means and hope if we could go and change.

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Nature gives us the way for achievement by following the right means. A forest does not grow overnight. It takes years of gradual growth to look into a beautiful forest. Mahatma Gandhi achieved his end of freedom by means of Ahimsa and satyagrah. He showed to the world a perfect example of 'Right end' via 'Right Path'. We today need to articulate Gandhian principle of 'Truth' to follow Justified path to reach Rightful 'End'.

\* Need to do the following -

- Introduction which signifies the importance of ethics.
- Definition of Means & ends.
- why should Mean matters and issues with that.
- why end is also important & problem with this perspective
- what should be done (Balancing b/w means & ends)