
EARTH: A SUPRA NATION

Simranpreet Kaur, BA.LLB, Guru Kashi University, Talwandi Sab, Bathinda

ABSTRACT

The planet is naturally divided into continents and we have divided our continents into countries. Most of us are convinced that our own respective country is the best. Every country has its own government which governs through the law. All this seems very natural because this is how it has been since the very beginning but my concern here is that our laws divide humankind into 'us and them'. It cannot be denied that countries cooperate on various occasions but in the end this cooperation is hindered by aggressive patriotism and is rendered meaningless. Subsequently 'us' remains different from and more than important than 'them'. It can rightly be said that our value depends on the country we live in and its with other countries. I do not ask for one universal country with no boundaries within it or no rights for the territories it encompasses. But would it not be beneficial for us to live inside a supra nation with authority over the territories it is composed of and where the citizens have the right to move inside the whole territory without restraint and also where there is equal development for all the member states? This is not a new idea as the European union presents us with a very similar model to work with.

In this paper I have endeavored to explain what I have termed as the universal one supra nation theory. I have explained its pros and cons and weighed them against each other. I have talked about the European union¹ and how it presents us with a model to work on. at the end I have drawn a conclusion based on the facts that I have presented. The integral question that I have answered is what if the world was not divided?

¹ European Union

Introduction

A Supra Nation is a union of various countries where the member states cooperate on some matters by giving up their sovereignty and authority on these matters. Here the decision of the supra national organization is binding on all the members². European union is also a supra national organization. A supra nation usually means that it will have its own flag, constitution, currency etc.

In some cases the citizens will have the freedom to move freely from one country to another. The WHO³ and UN⁴ are also supra national organizations to some degree⁵. I believe that the world will succeed in eliminating various problems such as climate change, war, hunger, etc. by forming one all sovereign supra national organization. of course, it will have its pros and cons but at the end this may be our last hope to save the human race from extinction from nuclear warfare. Today 9 countries possess nuclear weapons, India being one of them⁶. The nuclear race between the states and Russia is at its peak due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The relations between India and Pakistan are not exactly good. China is gaining more and more economic power. USA has pulled out of Afghanistan and the situation is currently under the control of Taliban militants. Recently the world witnessed the Israel Palestine conflict. India has been ranked highest on the world hunger index. We are significantly behind with our commitments regarding climate change. Keeping this all-in mind formation of a supra national organization seems a rather logical and possibly the only solution to all our problems at the world level.

Pros

- Our fight against climate change: There is no denying that climate change is a problem no country can solve on its own. it requires full cooperation on part of all nations. Unfortunately, not many nations take climate change seriously. This is destined to have serious implications for the coming generations. China has been fighting climate change very efficiently according to its commitments under the Paris agreement but USA has been very inconsistent⁷. Such inconsistencies can be easily avoided in a supra

² Available at <https://www.investopedia.com> . visited on 20th of October 2022

³ World Health Organization

⁴ United Nations Organization

⁵ Available at <https://www.investopedia.com> . visited on 20th of October 2022

⁶ Available at <https://www.ucsusa.org>worldwide> . visited on 21st of October 2022.

⁷ The world still is not meeting its climate goals. By Brad, Plumer and Nadja Popovich. 2018

nation where the organization will have full responsibility as well as authority regarding the laws and commitments pertaining to climate change. The laws will be formed with full consensus of the member states and will be strictly enforced by the supra nation government.

- We can also help territories affected by natural disasters more efficiently by sending help from places all around the world and directing our resources to the disaster-stricken country. This will help save millions of lives and also reduce the amount of monetary harm suffered by distributing the damages suffered, equally among the member states. This will decrease the burden on the country that witnesses the natural disaster.
- Harmony among member states: one of the most obvious benefits will be the rise of complete harmony among member states and absolute elimination of nuclear as well as non-nuclear warfare. Recently Russia invaded Ukraine with severe adversities caused to Ukrainian soldiers as well as civilians. women were raped and men were killed. such a situation could have been avoided in an efficient supra nation. With complete harmony and cooperation among member states and direct control of the supra national government on the existing nuclear arsenal there will be zero possibility of escalation of nuclear war or even non-nuclear war if the government governs strictly.⁸
- Amalgamation of different ethnicities and cultures will lead to a decline in the cases of racism which many people experience today. A universal culture will rise and love and brotherhood will prevail among different races. Many social evils such as child marriage, illiteracy etc. will be eradicated through global support. People will move freely from one country to another and interact with each other. This will help us understand and observe cultures other than ours. subsequently the global population will grow to be more informed, tolerating, and supportive. Different religions will intermingle and a universal religion may also rise.

Genocide will no more be a possibility with each ethnicity and race supporting the other. During the Sikh genocide of 1984 thousands of lives were lost and justice is yet to be administered. such a scenario would not have been possible under the strict and un prejudiced control of a supra national government.

⁸ The 8 main reasons for war by Paul Goodman

- Equal distribution of resources will lead to equal development in all the member nations. This will benefit the underdeveloped and developing countries the most. People will be able to work anywhere in the world thus eradicating unemployment. students will receive the best quality of education by gaining knowledge from all around the globe. Aggressive patriotism will not hinder the growth of the society. Clashes and riots based on race, religion, caste etc. will be dealt with very seriously and democracy will prevail throughout the supra nation territory.

Cons

This utopian idea seems rather alluring but it is a very difficult road to tread.

- There are 195 countries on our planet with a population of more than 7.5 billion. it is difficult to say exactly how many will consent to giving away their sovereignty and allowing a government possibly consisting of foreign nationals represent them. this proposition is bound to escalate war and discord among nations.
- Choosing a universal language will be a difficult task to accomplish. It will most probably be English but getting billions of people to speak the same language will be very difficult.
- It is not a guarantee that the supranational organization will be a democracy. The whole world could go into the wrong hands.

European Union

The European union is a supranational organization with a total of 27 member states located mainly in Europe. It was formed in November 1993 through the treaty of Maastricht. It acts as a nation state as well as a political union. it has great political, economic, diplomatic, and military influence over the world.⁹

Key achievements of the European Union include:

1. Peace, Prosperity, And Stability For The Citizens:

⁹ NCERT Class 12 Political science page no 52 and 53

In 2012, EU received the Nobel Peace Prize For its achievements at promoting peace and political stability.

2. The citizens have a right to move freely around the territory of the European union as well as study and work too.

It's the world's single biggest market which is its main economic engine. it is world's one of the largest economies. The euro is used by over 340 million EU citizens of the organization.

3. The Supra Nation promotes zero tolerance of discrimination and provides its citizens with a wide range of rights including employment, digital and consumer rights.

4. EU takes food safety extremely seriously. It doesn't use antibiotic growth promoters etc.

5. It aims to become a climate neutral territory by the year 2050 and has cut its greenhouse emissions by 20 percent.¹⁰

Conclusion

The EU provides us with an excellent model to help us build a successful supra national organization. Most of our problems as a planet with chaos can be solved by erasing our international boundaries and becoming one nation state. As first countries will be reluctant to consent to such a proposal but it can all be taken care of through diplomacy and negotiation. The preliminary steps must be taken by developed and developing countries such as USA and India respectively. The idea seems rather farfetched at first but keeping in mind that humankind may soon become an interplanetary race, we have to accept the possibility of earth becoming a supra nation.

¹⁰ Available at <https://european-union.europa.eu> . visited on 21st of October 2022