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Sustainable World: Protection of Emotional Resources

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Abstract

Just a few centuries ago, when industrialization started in a big way in the west, it was believed that natural resources are available in plenty for the human beings. This understanding has now been corrected as it has been realized that a prudent utilization of natural resources is needed to save and protect the human civilization itself for which industrialization is being carried out. Human lives however, not only require physical comforts that is provided by the industrialization but they also have non-negotiable emotional requirements. They need to satisfy their emotional demands through the emotional resources that are available for them. The modern civil society has been drafting and implementing policies by assuming that law can force social institutions to provide emotional support to individuals. It is time to realize that just as the natural resources are limited, so are the emotional resources. Demanding the social institutions to provide emotional reliefs to individuals must not be overdone since that might kill those very social institutions that can provide emotional support. Family and marriage institutions are the two main sources that provide immediate emotional reliefs to individuals. The dwindling strength of family and marriage institutions in the west has continuously dried up these sources of emotional resources. This paper argues that to keep this world sustainable, there is a need to protect these Emotional Resources by extending the list of 17 Sustainable Development Goals as published in the UN resolution of 2017. Care must be then taken by the policy and law makers while formulating new policies to keep these institutions alive, healthy and flourishing.

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