

Post-War Reconciliation in Sri Lanka

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Abstract

Sri Lanka as developing country in the Asian region, has experienced on 3 decades ethnic conflict within the country. These 30 years ethnic crisis between Sri Lankan government and LTTE caused to build ethnically collapsed nation and it also caused to tarnish the good image of the country. Despite many theories and analysis to rebuild the society with renew relations, still there are many lacking part behind the reconciliation process in Sri Lanka. Therefore, the purpose of conducting this research study is to cover the different roots that lead to Sri Lankan society to such a long term war, also finds out the governments' effort to rebuild the collapsed nation and at the same time examines success of governments' effort on reconciliation process. There are several causes which have supported to build sever offences between two ethnicities, especially government political reforms after the independence and during the S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike period severely affected to make adversary ideas within Tamil minority. This study is based on primary data which is collected by using questionnaire method, as well as qualitative secondary data and mainly depend on reconciliation process since 2009 to 2017. The theoretical analysis of the study largely based on bottom-up and top-down process. Through this theory try to understand competency of the reconciliation process to reinforce the collapsed nation. Research findings manifest that even though many reconciliation processes have been implemented by the two regimes, still government of Sri Lanka could not establish everlasting peace within the society. Because of that there are many consequences of the war still prevailing in the society and try to harm the freedom of the country. Therefore, the peace which the country gained in 2009 can recognize as a vulnerability peace. Hence, to establish everlasting peace within Sri Lankan context there should be strong mechanisms to listen to people and build cooperation within Sri Lanka.

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