

Impact of Research on Pakistan Studies

Madrasas, the biggest NGOs and providers of free education in Pakistan reject Government of Pakistan's reforms that aim at introducing secular subjects in their syllabus and improving their education outcomes. This research tries to understand why madrasas as religious NGOs are so reluctant to take government money for their reforms. This is very important as improving madrasa education system can considerably improve the education standards in Pakistan. At another level, one of the main reasons madrasas have become so important for Pakistan Studies recently is because some of them are considered as recruitment grounds for militants. Although this research does not address the question whether these madrasas are recruitment ground for terrorist organizations or not, it does try to better understand the organizational concerns these madrasas have in their government interactions, and the lessons drawn from this research can be used by the government in its attempts to reduce madrasas' potential threat as breeding ground of terrorism.

Therefore, the broader themes it tries to understand for Pakistan Studies include government-civil society interaction, interaction between religious groups and the government, as well as organization concerns of NGOs in Pakistan.