

Regardless of the Risks

It is an early Sunday morning. A balding Pakistani man sits reading a crinkled newspaper in a verdant park while he basks in golden sunshine and greedily inhales aromas of freshly cut grass. Suddenly, the mobile phone balanced on a splintered bench shrilly cries for attention. He reluctantly drops the paper, which streaks his hands with gritty ink. His greeting to the caller, his coworker, is preoccupied as he attempts to extract himself from the entrancing article. He finally comprehends what his fellow employee is declaring; Benazir Bhutto has been assassinated. The man's stomach churns with dread. Dreams of a democratic Pakistan tumble from his head and shatter onto the dew-sprinkled lawn. Benazir Bhutto was, and still is, viewed as a saint by many of her supporters because she sacrificed her life for the benefit of one small nation. Benazir's admirable perseverance, remarkable altruism, and my newfound admiration for her have lead me to believe she is a prime example of moral courage.

Benazir's unflinching perseverance was demonstrated throughout her educational and political involvement. First of all, she was born into an affluent family on June 21, 1953 (Biography 44). Moreover, she attended Radcliffe College at sixteen; she had no servants and "had to wash her own clothes, walk to classes, answer her own phone." Benazir was at first miserable but later remarked that it caused her to mature (Biography 47). It took true persistence to continue through a dreary period without immediately returning to the familiarity of home. This incredible woman then exemplified perseverance while becoming the first female leader of a Muslim state. To illustrate, she was in solitary confinement from 1981 to 1984; she was released for medical attention in London due to health issues (Shaheed). While in London, she acquired support for her political party and returned to Pakistan. Despite attempts on her life, she ran for Prime Minister and was elected in 1988 (Biography 51). Living in solitary

confinement would certainly dissuade me from even leaving my house afterward. Benazir, nevertheless, pressed on to lead troubled Pakistan to better education, healthcare, and energy (Shaheed). Lastly, this incredible person gallantly persisted for a final possibility to once again head Pakistan's government. In this situation, she sent President Musharraf a letter before returning to Pakistan in 2007 after an eight-year exile; it named people who might murder her upon her return. Benazir unquestionably understood the risks of going back to Pakistan for the 2008 election, but she continued campaigning because of her devotion to altering the disorderly Pakistani government. However, Benazir was tragically assassinated while at a political convocation on December 28, 2007 (Gall). Clearly, Benazir's life and death prove her perseverance because she plowed through life-threatening situations to aid distraught Pakistanis.

Another example of Benazir Bhutto's moral courage is her altruistic disposition, which is shown throughout her life. Firstly, she was unselfish while attending Radcliffe. Such as, she participated in Vietnam War protests, though she hazarded deportation (Biography 47). Gambling her education to speak for those she did not know was undoubtedly selfless of her. Secondly, Benazir acted against the 1977 imprisonment of her father. More specifically, she organized protests to object to his incarceration; for this, she was also arrested. Instead of remaining silent about what she saw as unjust, Benazir defended her father and immersed herself in politics to carry on his conceptions of democracy after his hanging (Biography 48). Thirdly, the final illustration of Benazir's altruism is her marriage. As proof, she forfeited matrimony of her own choice for successful political engagements. She wrote in her autobiography, "...an arranged marriage was the price in personal choice I had to pay for the political path my life had taken" (Biography 53). I fully respect her for relinquishing the selection of her husband to augment her chances of bettering Pakistan's government (Shaheed). In short, Benazir Bhutto

was a benevolent woman because she put her edification, freedom, and spouse on the line to advocate and accomplish what she viewed as just.

Next, I have come to admire Benazir's ethical heroism and meritorious life for two reasons. First, she gambled her life for Pakistanis, toiled to lead them through difficulties, and was frequently jailed without losing perseverance. Being jailed that often would dissuade me, so she has my utmost homage. Secondly, I realize that I have yet to depict her commendable characteristics, but there are ways I could. Such as, I could endorse animal rights. Cows have recently been abused on local farms. I deem this to be unethical, so these are the actions I could execute to assist them: contact my state representatives, speak about this situation, and organize petitions to have animal rights matters placed on ballots. Although I could be criticized or ignored, I would persevere to amend what I find unjustifiable. I would not be facing the dangers Benazir did, but I could still carry out these movements to make slight progress. Lastly, everyone can exemplify this marvelous political figure's qualities. People are not obligated to tolerate what defies their morals. For example, anyone can speak against a bully or alert assistance if a friend is being abused. If everyone endeavors to demonstrate the traits of Benazir Bhutto, these attributes would be a normality, and that would be righteous. To summarize, learning about Benazir has led me to believe she is honorably brave because she supported her values, regardless of the risks entailed.

I have come to conclude that Benazir Bhutto's incredible persistence, impressive selflessness, and my admiration for her are the essential components of her moral courage. Had Benazir lived, she could have continued to improve Pakistan, and the balding man would not have to worry about the government's next uncertain move. Moral courage does not necessarily constitute running for Prime Minister or being assassinated. It could include reprimanding a

bully or saving a cow. If we all take steps to defend our ethics, we can sustain the legacy of the astounding Benazir Bhutto.

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