



ETHICS - GS IV MAINS

Q. "Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs. Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others." - John F. Kennedy (10 marks, 150 words)

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Approach

- Define the ethical value (implicit or explicit in the quotation)
- Explain the quotation in detail
- Give examples and case studies relevant to the quote

Introduction:

Definition: Tolerance is the ability to appreciate, tolerate, and value others who have different beliefs than oneself, regardless of their race, religion, ethnicity, or other characteristics.

Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs.

- Tolerance embraces the brotherhood and it reiterates the harmony in the differences.
- Tolerance paves way for peaceful coexistence.
- Tolerance is not the weak commitment to one's own faith. But it is a strong commitment to one's own faith that no other faith can dilute one's own.
- Being a tolerant person helps one to grow and be respectful. A Tolerant person will be open to criticism and will undergo continuous evolution. Hence, tolerance is not weak. It will give a spirit to grow.
- *E.g. Gandhi is known for his tolerance towards various ideologies. He did not hate any ideology. He did not even hate Britishers but only fought against imperialism. Gandhi underwent a continuous evolution process by accepting criticism and finally he became Mahatma.*

Tolerance condemns the oppression or persecution of others belief:



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- Tolerance avoids xenophobia because it accommodates diversity. *E.g. India received Tamil refugees from Sri Lanka.*
- Tolerance helps to maintain Harmony in heterogeneous society. It doesn't coerce other identities or faiths or ethnicity. *E.g. Ancient king Ashoka was known for his Dhamma policy in which harmonious living of multiple religions was possible*
- Tolerance respects others' point of view. It accepts the dissent and it doesn't spread hatred towards other faiths. *E.g. Accepting the rival voices of INC like Shyama Prasad Mukherjee and B. R. Ambedkar as members of Constitution assembly showed a tolerance of INC.*
- Tolerance avoids the intimidation of people those are not conform with the majority. Hence, Tolerance fight against majoritarianism. *E.g. Accepting the LGBTQIA+ people and accepting same sex marriages as constitutional.*

