



## OF BIAS

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### ABSTRACT

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### INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform rather it reveals, so it bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. The present article is the outcome of creative writing meant for lay readers. As such free style is the methodology adopted so that the pleasure of reading can be enjoyed by the common people. As you know well that Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal writer, wrote many essays, and notably "Of Love", "Of Friendship", "Of Ambition", "Of Studies", etc. The myriad-minded genius rightly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be the themes of essays one can write. But little has been done, in this regard since his death, in order to finish his unfinished monumental works. In fact Bacon's way of presentation and his unique style kindled imagination and inspired me to write essays, in the light of creative writing, thus to get relief through catharsis.

### ARTICLE

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Further bias is an edge cut diagonally across the threads of a piece of cloth. On the bias, means in the diagonal direction of the cloth. It is an oblique or diagonal line of direction, especially across a woven fabric. Generally, a skirt is cut on the bias. In lawn bowling it is the bulge or greater weight on one side of the ball that causes it to roll in a curve. This curve or the tendency to curve or the force causing this is due to bias. In statistics it is a systematic distortion or error contributing to the difference between statistical values in a population and a sample drawn from it. Thus it is the difference between, the estimated value and the true value of a statistic obtained by random sampling. In electronics it is a steady or fixed voltage applied to an electrode circuit to control the mode of operation, usually measured with the cathode voltage as reference. Bias tire is a motor vehicle tire having a foundation of piles of rubberized cords in a crisscross pattern of lines diagonal to the center line of the tread. Bias binding is a strip of material cut on the bias and used for binding hems or for decoration.

Tendency or inclination of outlook signifies bias. It is a subjective point of view. It implies out of line, slanting, cut, set, folded, etc. diagonally. The rich is biased towards wealth. They always dream for wealth. They leave with wealth. They die with wealth. The wives of the rich are healthy, wealthy and wise. So they are not afraid of being widow. The earning of the rich is not always in an honest means. The poor or novice thinks straight, goes straight and earns in a straight manner. Also straight manner crowns someone with richness. The corrupted rich likes not to earn through that proper channel. They want to be rich overnight. A muscle man may earn in a biased means. Predisposition, preconception, predilection, proclivity, etc. are synonymous to bias. In politics there is a

strong bias towards socialism. Also there is a pronounced bias against democracy. Imperialistic bias already in man creates problem. Wrong information biases mind. A biased view of the situation can hardly find the solution.

Bias means bias. Then no bias is also a bias. Like no politics is also a politics. A responsible editor of the newspaper biases people against tyrant ruler. A biased account is merely a farce. It is plundering account of money. A public servant is always biased in the government's favour.

The university has a bias towards or in favour of the sciences. As such a student of science stream suffers from superiority complex. A student of humanities is considered as less meritorious. This type of biased thinking harms the society and suffers from serious drawbacks. A student opts for any discipline as per choice. Here forceful imposition dooms the career of the student. Here not the voice of university rather choice of student should be valued. Both Newton and Shakespeare are famous for their contribution. These two myriad-minded creative geniuses have shown their expertise in their respective field. None is inferior or superior. Both are equal and at par. But they say Shakespeare could be Newton, but Newton could never be Shakespeare. The biased logic argues that emotion gives to humanities but science demands motion. All have motion but very few are blessed with emotion. Emotion cannot be acquired. Man gets it by birth. It is true both these fields are based on imagination.

In an interview nepotism fulfils its desire through biased mechanism. Such a committee is of a conservative bias. Got up game, bribery, eye wash are various means of this dirty game. Sometimes selection may be instant biased. The interviewer may be biased seeing a beautiful face. Like complexion pleasing personality accelerates it. It may be nasty and naked due to provincialism or communal feeling or akin to lovers' face thereby nostalgia. Teacher is biased that good student knows all and everything. It may not be true always. The biased idea is that a good student does not write different thing, rather he writes differently. This biased opinion is quite correct since the representation of a good student is catchy and draws immediate attention for its rare individual style and noted for its uniqueness.

Bias is not good. He who shows bias to someone is hated by other who has not favoured. In course of time the biased character is also hated by the person who was favoured. It is human character. It is common psychology. It is reality. Favour may be purchased either by cash or kind or both. Complexion, sex, status influence it. Beautiful face ignites the lust that provokes someone to be biased shamelessly. A shameless person seldom cares for status or dignity. It knows only to earn or serve its purpose by any means fair or foul.

In court bias has immense scope. Discretionary power enjoyed by the judges, they say, alias and akin to bias. Also court is ill-famed for being bias. The rumour goes that judgement can be purchased. This idea or fact is very detrimental in a democratic set up. Common people are quite helpless in this regard. A judge should be completely

without bias. A good judge is always afraid lest he be biased. Fair judgement laurels such a judge with highest dignity. He is honoured and respected in home and abroad. A biased jury is a threat to the court. Also a tearful plea is designed to bias the jury. Bias not only corrupts the court but destroys the judiciary system totally. Error of judgement is not bias. For that wrong observation there is the provision of appeal. An appeal is honoured offering opportunity of being heard to all concerned thereby passing reasoned order within stipulated period of time without any delay but with transparency.

Bias, prejudice means a strong inclination of the mind or a preconceived opinion about something or someone. A biased person suffers from rigidity. It is a curse. He is conservative in nature. He is afraid of change due to injustice, fear and uncertainty. He cannot adjust. So he remains isolated. A judicious brain knows that the world does not adjust; rather one has to adjust with the world instead. Seldom a biased can think of it. He thinks that he is perfect. He further thinks that everybody around him either is abnormal or bias or both simultaneously. A bias may be favourable or unfavourable. Bias in favour of or against an idea is a hindrance against truth. Only a flexible mind can be corrected and tracked again in the right track. Prejudice implies a preformed judgement even more unreasoning than bias, and usually implies an unfavourable opinion. Prejudice against a race gives birth to hatred thereby apartheid which is a crime against man and God. Some communities are ill-famed of being bias. They cannot free them from their self-imprisonment due to inherited inertia. They are so unfortunate. Misfortune dogs them wherever they go.

Bias has immense capacity. It is omnipresent in every sphere of life. Man experiences its presence infinite times from cradle to grave. Man bears it. Man has to bear it. Man is bound to bear it. Thus man willy-nilly experiences it quite helplessly.

Who is not biased? Everybody is biased to some extent. When it crosses the permissible limit the man is identified and ill-famed as a biased character. Only a liberal character can free himself from biased idea. Extreme biased escorts a person to be an addicted one. He has no option. He opts always to a single one. A drunkard always opts for wine. A corrupted soul is always biased for vulgar purpose. A poet is biased to the nature. A city dweller is biased to city life. He is afraid of loneliness. A nature lover is not alone when he is alone. He is less lonely with nature. Nature is his ever companion. Nature follows him like shadow. He seldom feels bore.

Computer programming is based on binary system. A computer programming is sub-divided into smaller programs which are called modules. In every module there is only two options namely one (1) and zero (0). A computer cannot be biased. Every moment it has to decide either of the two options. It judges through its artificial intelligence then opts. This option may be called judicious bias, not pre-occupied. Any biased option will cause the whole program wrong thereby frustrated. Similar is the

case of choice from many options. One knows not the result of choice. Man chooses from many as per sweet will. He, compares, sorts out and finally becomes biased and selects the single thing through independent selection procedure. In such a situation there lies no problem. Without bias a man cannot pickup anything. Thus where there is no bias there is no outcome.

A fickle-minded character may not choose from equally likely options. If he cannot be biased then he cannot pick up the only thing from two options. In such a case he may select the thing through lottery or third party's view. However, the third person, in this case of choice, is well advised not to involve in this bias game of the flexible character whose mood and motive vacillate always due to glorious uncertainty. Such a moody character prefers always the things which he did not choose rather left in the market. They say a bird in hand is better two in the bush. But here the moody character thinks opposite. He considers that the left out things in the shop are always better than the thing in hand. However, if he exchanges the thing with another, he will be unhappy again. It is an endless game. He is so biased.

### CONCLUSIONS

Bias is harmful to the society. Man knows it. Yet he is biased. He shows his biased attitude through his activity. The paradox is that man does not like and want not to be biased, yet the world is infested with biased characters.

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