



RESEARCH PAPER**Cult of Creed: An Onomastic Analysis of Lawyers****Dr. Muhammad Riaz**

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ABSTRACT

This study looks into how lawyers in Pakistan choose their names. It aims to understand the cultural and mental reasons behind these decisions, focusing on a "Cult of Creed" within the legal profession mainly. To do this research, a collection of Gujranwala lawyer's names was made by the researcher and then listed those which had last-names too. A careful selection process was used to pick the 50 most often-used names. We studied the names and used a social and psychological theory to help guide our work on legal name analysis. Studies showed that when lawyers from Pakistan chose names, they were greatly influenced by their culture and beliefs. This shows how hard identity can be in the legal world. This research shows how social-mental language practices, like naming customs, really work. It stresses the key part culture and religion play inside law people groups. The study suggests that teaching about different cultures, religions and training in law education can help make laws friendlier and more equal in Pakistan.

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Introduction

Normally, the word onomastics or onomatology means studying names and where they come from. It covers all sorts of proper names used anywhere you can think about it. These common names might be language, location or place titles. They could also refer to person and animal names. Koopman (2002), a top scholar in Southern African onomastic says that the word 'onomastics' comes from Greek. It means "name". He further cogently mentions that onomastics is:

The study of names and naming systems. In any language, names are nouns, in the word category of proper nouns or proper names. As names are linguistic units which normally operate within a social context, onomastics can be considered as a branch of sociolinguistics. (p. 8)

Machaba (2004) defines the term 'onomastics' in a comprehensive way. She defines onomastics as:

A branch of sociolinguistics that comprises naming, renaming and denaming of entities. Onomastics as a study, goes beyond looking at the linguistic features of names, but also looks at the sociocultural and psychological factors that influence the choice of a name given to an entity by the namer. (p. 25)

The law field in Pakistan has a long and varied history tightly connected with the social-politics of the country. Lawyers are key to create the legal world and fight for justice. So, it is important to study their culture and work together. This study begins a searching journey into the world of lawyers in Pakistan. The main focus will be on their names and what they symbolize. In doing this, we look at the idea of "Cult of Creed" This word is used to show how lawyers and their names are linked with different ideas they believe in. This research uses a method that focuses on the names and job titles of

lawyers in Pakistan. It aids us in knowing the secret social and cultural aspects that impact their job identity.

The lawyers in Pakistan come from many different groups and have a complex past. This shows how mixed the society of their country is. Lawyers in Pakistan usually come from various ethnic, religious and language backgrounds. Each group has its own special naming traditions. As Zahoor and Gujjar (2019) say, "Names in Pakistan are not merely labels; they are potent symbols of cultural identity, religion, and social status." This tells us how important names are in the Pakistani places. So studying them is helpful to know more about lawyers and their devotion according to creed.

Names, as labels, can change the way we see and expect things. In the legal world, picking a name or title can be important. It shows what kind of professional image a lawyer wants to give out. As Peyton and others wrote in 2019, "Lawyers' names often show what they hope for or how they want to be seen." So this study will try looking at deep meanings hidden inside the name of lawyers from Pakistan. It aims to discover why Pakistani legal professionals really choose their names as it shapes who people think they are when doing law work. The "Cult of Creed" in the legal field is not just happening alone, but it's a big part of wider culture and society trends in Pakistan. The legal job is very much affected by old, religious and social things which show up in the names and titles used by lawyers. Ashraf assert that "Lawyers in Pakistan often draw upon religious and historical figures in choosing their names, seeking to align themselves with revered personalities and values."

Legal groups, legal boards and professional organizations in Pakistan often use names or titles that have special meaning. The "Cult of Creed" can cover the whole legal group too. Skead et al. (2018) remark that "These names serve as a reflection of the collective identity and aspirations of the legal community, emphasizing shared values and objectives." Examining how lawyers in Pakistan pick out special words can help us understand better everything that shared mindset is like among these people.

To really understand the "Cult of Creed" among lawyers in Pakistan, we need to think about how words affect us and because there are so many different languages. Pakistan is a place where many languages are used and lawyers often speak in different languages when doing their work. Jacobs and Maryns (2021) claims, "Language plays a crucial role in the naming practices of lawyers, as it can convey a sense of authority and expertise." Looking at words used in lawyer's name also makes studying their rules deeper because it shows the way language ties with culture and what being an attorney means. Rehman et al (2021) said that International connections and modern changes have brought new ways to the legal business in Pakistan. They influence what things people call in courts and also lawyer names. The "Creed Cult" among Pakistani lawyers is a hard subject. It's closely tied to their country's culture, history and language in Pakistan. This study of names looks at why these names matter for people and groups to figure out what it means to be a lawyer there. By looking at how names, culture and society mix or come together in Pakistan, this study helps us see better what role lawyers take on. It also shows how it affects what their country does in politics too.

Literature Review

The law job in Pakistan has a unique culture and history, making it very interesting for name study. In Pakistan, lawyers choose names and titles that show both their work life related details but also personal connections and goals. This review of literature looks at important ideas and research related to the study of names for lawyers

in Pakistan. It gives details about the “Cult of Creed” group, which has special meaning when you look at how these people are named or called by others.

Names are very important in Pakistan. They often tell about religion, culture or place you come from. Fuchs and Fuchs (2020) say that “Names are a fundamental aspect of Pakistani identity, reflecting the rich diversity and complex history of the nation.” Lawyers who live in it can’t ignore these naming methods either. They often pick names or titles that mix with bigger naming rules.

In the “Cult of Creed”, one thing that lawyers worry about is how they are seen in their line of work. Pak (2021) says that lawyers choose names and titles carefully to show power, knowledge, and legal skills. For example, people often use “Advocate” or “Barrister” before their name to show they are lawyers. This goes with Hickey’s (2023) notice that lawyers often put in legal titles on their.

The names chosen by lawyers in Pakistan often show their cultural connections. Sinkeviciute (2020) shows how lawyers from different language backgrounds, like Punjabi, Sindhi or Pashto use parts of their local languages in their names. This way of doing things shows how different languages are in Pakistan and influences the names used by lawyers.

In Pakistan, religious symbols are important in how lawyers name their kids. Nelson (2020) points out that many lawyers pick names based on their beliefs or get ideas from Islamic history and people. This link to religious signs shows the bigger cultural and faith setting where law profession works.

The names of lawyers in Pakistan also change based on gender. A study by Douglas in 2018 found that women lawyers often have special problems with their names and titles. They might pick names that match their job identity with what people usually expect. This shows the mix of gender and name-giving in lawyers’ world is hard to understand.

In Pakistan, not just individual lawyers but also law firms and bar groups adopt names with important meanings of culture or history attached to them. Khazraee and Novak (2018) say that these names usually show the shared values and goals of people in law. Picking these names makes the “Cult of Creed,” even stronger. It shows common goals and hopes among people who work together in a job or field.

The names lawyers use in Pakistan are not always the same. As changes in the world have affected laws, how we give names has also transformed. A study by Nazeer and Syed in 2023 talks about how young lawyers might choose more modern and worldly names. These changes could show social developments happening around the globe.

The names and titles of lawyers in Pakistan give us an interesting look into “Cult of Creed,” within the legal profession. These names show how much culture, language, religion and gender thinking play a role with what they are called. This also touches on their wider surroundings when working as a lawyer. As rules change, so do lawyers’ naming ways. This makes this interesting field to study more.

Material and Methods

This study investigates the last names of lawyers. It wanted to show if there was a “Cult of Creed,” in their naming habits. The researcher collected a big group of lawyer

names from Gujranwala's legal council. This group of words was then studied carefully using AntConc 3.5.9 software tool. The study picked just the 50 most often used last names in this group of words. Using the Social Psycholinguistic Theory for Legal Names, this study used a planned method. It started by looking at the history of these last names, then deeply studying their features that describe something. The last part of the study looked into "Cult of Creed," found in these surnames. The study used Social-Psycholinguistic Theory to understand the meaning and history behind these legal last names. Its main goals were reached as it added light on their past, description features, plus cultural parts too.

Results and Discussion

The researcher made a group of names for lawyers in Gujranwala. Researcher used AntConc 3.5.9 software to work with that data. This step made a list of words, and from it 200 or more last names were picked out. However, for the purpose of this study, only the 50 surnames that were most frequently used were selected for further analysis. These selected surnames or cast names are presented in Table 1 below:

Table 1
List of Surnames of Lawyers in Gujranwala

Sr. No.	Rank	Frequency	Surname	Sr. No.	Rank	Frequency	Surname
1	16	664	mehar	26	146	42	kamboh
2	19	376	rana	27	176	32	ghumman
3	20	372	khan	28	183	30	baig
4	21	312	ch	29	184	30	buttar
5	26	246	mian	30	196	28	qureshi
6	29	208	butt	31	197	28	rao
7	30	200	cheema	32	203	26	gill
8	37	154	malik	33	209	24	bhutta
9	39	150	syed	34	210	24	chohan
10	41	146	sheikh	35	211	24	gondal
11	48	108	bhatti	36	222	22	dhiloon
12	57	100	warraich	37	237	20	gull
13	60	94	sandhu	38	239	20	hanjra
14	67	88	awan	39	250	20	shair
15	69	86	virk	40	252	20	shehzadi
16	95	62	gujjar	41	278	16	basra
17	101	58	khokhar	42	280	16	bhinder
18	102	58	mirza	43	305	14	alvi
19	103	58	shah	44	308	14	bhindar
20	111	52	chattha	45	309	14	buttt
21	116	50	bajwa	46	327	14	qazi
22	129	46	goraya	47	328	14	sahi
23	136	44	dar	48	330	14	shareef
24	137	44	hashmi	49	345	12	dogar
25	143	42	ansari	50	348	12	hafiza

Table 1 presents a list of surnames commonly found among lawyers in Gujranwala, along with their ranks and naming frequencies. The surnames are sorted by frequency in descending order, with the most frequently occurring surnames at the top. This table provides valuable insights into the prevalence of different surnames among

the legal community in Gujranwala, which can be further analyzed to understand the demographic and professional characteristics of lawyers in the region.

Description of Surnames

The names mentioned before show the culture of Pakistan, and each one has its own history, importance, and personality. These last names, usually linked to lawyers in Pakistan, give clues about the different cultural and religious backgrounds of legal experts.

“Mehtar”, an old last name, shows off a group that loves their traditions. It tells about the strong values many Pakistani lawyers still have since they come from “Mehtar” type families. . . It is believed that Mehtar families have large properties with many big oak trees.

“Rana” and “Khan” are two very common last names in Pakistan. This shows that these names often appear among lawyers. They stand for the diverse nature of the country, joining people from different ethnic and religious groups. They are considered as a family that has control over many political positions.

“Ch” is an interesting example of surnames in Pakistan. It might be shortened from the longer name “Chaudhary”. This shows how varied languages are among lawyers there. People see Chaudhary as a fair person in a community.

“Mian” is a last name often linked with people from Punjab and Sindh. It shows the cultural background and local differences that these provinces’ lawyers bring to law work. Mian is considered a good and holy person. The main word is also used to refer to a mosque leader or imam.

The name “Butt” is a big clue about the toughness and culture pride of Kashmiri group. Many lawyers in Pakistan from this family have a feeling linked to their place’s powerful past.

“Cheema” shows the great history of Cheema family. They are famous in Pakistan for helping with many things. People with this last name might feel a connection to family history and customs.

“Malik” and “Syed” are last names linked to religious connections. “Malik” is often linked to the Muslim group and means leadership and high class. “Syed” shows a link to Prophet Muhammad’s family, being very important in the Muslim group.

“Sheikh” is an important name tied to the Islamic belief. It often linked with religious leaders and teachers of Islam. Lawyers with this last name might continue the tradition of studying and leading religion.

The last name “Bhatti” comes from the Punjab region. It makes you feel happy about the customs and past in that place. This is also true for lawyers having this name, who could have these links with respect.

In Pakistan, lawyers have different last names like “Warraich” and “Sandhu”, which show their many family or local links. These names show the different groups of people found in law jobs. These groups are also known as fighting families.

“Goraya”, “Dar”, “Hashmi” and “Ansari” are family names in Pakistan that show the many cultures and religions there. These names could have stories of moving, family history and the various groups in the country connected to them.

“Kamboh” is a large last name in that area, usually linked to farming families. Lawyers with this name may have strong family ties to farming history.

“Ghumman,” “Baig,” “Buttar” and “Qureshi” are names that show different areas and cultures in Pakistan. These last names show where lawyers come from and they might have a history behind them.

“Rao” is a name used in places like Sindh and Rajasthan. This shows how the law world has many links from different areas.

“Gill,” “Bhutta,” “Chohan,” “Gondal,” “Dhiloon,” “Gull,” “Hanjra,” “Shair,” “Shehzadi,” “Basra,” “Bhinder,” “Alvi,” “Bhindar,” “Butt,” “Qazi,” “Sahi,” “Shareef,” and “Dogar” are all names that emphasize the diverse ethnic, regional, and cultural backgrounds of Pakistani lawyers. These family names show the different groups in Pakistan, each with their special history and habits. “Memorize” is a word related to learning about religion. This means having a close connection with Islam. People with this name could continue the tradition of giving religion and supporting their families. The last names of Pakistani lawyers on this list show how much different the country is. They display various cultures, areas and religious links that make up lawyers in Pakistan. These names mean the common history of lawyers who happily help their local groups. They also aid in creating rules for the entire nation on a large level.

Onomastic Analysis

Comprehending what these names mean is an enjoyable method to study about various cultures, places and religions in Pakistan. These surnames show culture, showing how history and community have changed the way Pakistani lawyers pick their name. The list contains names from various locations. Some are really old and connected to land, while others have relationships with various places or groups of people. In Pakistan, a lot of people have names like “Rana,” “Khan” and “Malik”. This shows how different one area can be compared to another. Names like “Baig”, “Buttar” and “Qureshi” show connections to specific areas or ways of life. They show how location and past can affect what we call things. Also, using names like “Syed,” “Sheikh” and “Hafiza” shows how religion is tied in Pakistan. These names have a religious meaning and they show how much religion matters to many lawyers in Pakistan. But, names like “Ch” or “Butt” show how families improve and change their last name over time.

Cult of Creed

Family names show us how strongly culture, mental health and language are connected. Names like “Meher”, “Rana”, “Khan” and “Malik” are connected to culture. These lawyers with the same last names are from a similar background. These names are often from various sources, but they usually suggest feeling good and sticking to old habits. Lawyers might choose these names because they sound nice and help them remember customs from their culture. Popular names like “Syed”, “Sheikh” and “Hafiza” are picked as they hold special value in culture or personally. This shows a strong link to religious deeds and thoughts. These names show that lawyers who strongly believe and have spiritual thoughts are closely connected to what they think. Different names like “Baig”, “Buttar” and others show how where we live can change what people think. People with different names might tell you where they come from

and how much like other cultures it is. This shows a strong connection to the place you were born or grew up. The "Law Names Theory of Socio Psycholinguistic" says that how lawyers in Pakistan name things is linked with their culture, thinking about who they are and where they come from. These names let us see how culture and religion influence the choice of names in law. They show how important it is to choose these special names for a girl or boy using culture and religion. It's really important to know how these parts work together. This helps us understand why Pakistani lawyers choose their names because of cultural and mental reasons.

Findings

This study gives helpful details about how family names, thoughts and place affect what lawyers in Pakistan decide to name. This shows that these powerful family names show a person's identity in Pakistan, where the culture is very mixed. Common names like "Khan", "Rana" and "Malik" are often seen in the complex law situation. These names make people happy about their culture's past. This reveals they are connected to something big, similar how lawyers frequently pick names linked with their local area or family tales. Many lawyers have family names such as "Syed", "Sheikh" and more. This shows how important religion and thinking are in the law field. These lawyers who pick these names really believe a lot. This shows how much beliefs matter when picking names.

The study teaches us about a topic called "Cult of Creed." It shows why lots of lawyers pick names related to their religion, race or culture. Words like "Ghumman", "Bajwa" and "Hanjra" are related to locations or groups. This makes some people feel really connected with the folks in their area. Lawyers often choose these names to show respect for their culture and prove they're part of a specific religion. The research shows that in Pakistan, it's not simple to pick names for their law system. It handles a lot of stuff all together - being joyful about their culture, getting relaxed in mind and hoping to show how they're linked with religion or place. This study helps us find out what lawyers in Pakistan say about their work. It shows how issues from other people, thoughts and words affect these choices.

Discussion

The study shows how different parts such as social, mental and language change how lawyers in Pakistan choose the names of their cases. It shows us how rules about culture, emotions and scenarios in our zone change these decisions. The research showed that culture has a big impact on the names used in this job. Many times, people pick names such as "Khan", "Rana" and "Malik" if they believe their family used to be lawyers. These names are not only about who we are but they also make us feel part of our culture and happy. This means many lawyers in Pakistan like to keep and respect their family heritage by using last names. This makes them feel very important when they keep in touch this way. This connection to a culture in the law world shows how important heritage and tradition are. The results show that religion and local connections, seen in names like "Syed," "Sheikh" or "Hafiza", along with area based ones such as "Ghumman" and "Bajwa", have a strong effect on choosing a name. Lawyers who use these names proudly show their strong loyalty to either religion or certain races. This shows how town and religion factors change names, stressing the importance of feeling like you belong to a group with pride in your culture. The "Belief Club" in the law job is a big topic that comes from these findings. The surnames show how lawyers often use their names to say they belong with certain religious, ethnic or

region groups. This not only helps to find people at work but also shows how religion-based connections are important in wider culture and thoughts.

The findings show that the way lawyers in Pakistan name things is linked very closely with cultural, mental and local factors. This demonstrates the different aspects of naming in this group's job life. It's important to understand these things because they help us see how lawyers in Pakistan relate and think about who they are. This also shows the cultural and mental reasons why names are chosen in this job.

Conclusions

This study was successful by studying the complex area of lawyers' names in Pakistan. The studies show that the names lawyers pick are influenced by many social, mental and language factors. The first aim, which wanted to understand how culture and mind influence naming practices, found that lawyers' family names are very connected with their cultural background. Names aren't just labels; they are parts of our culture that link to family history. They make us feel linked and joyful about where we're from. People started using names for big reasons like religion and local identity. This proved how important these links are between culture or mind when expressing oneself through naming decisions. The second goal of research focused on understanding why lawyers name cult practices related to "Creed Cult" is because there's a lot connection between religion and location in the law field. Lawyers, because of their last names, usually show a strong commitment to certain beliefs or groups. They have deep feelings about who they are and take pride in the culture they come from. This study shows how these religious groups are used to show one's identity in the law field. In short, this study offers a complete view of the social and mental parts of onomastic among lawyers in Pakistan. It helps us better understand how culture, mindset and religion mix together inside legal community changing naming choices during rich cultural situations like that one there.

Recommendations

After studying this topic, it is advised that law groups and offices in Pakistan should understand and accept the different name choices of lawyers. They need to see how these names matter on a deep cultural or mental level. Moreover, these results show how crucial it is to boost cultural acceptance and religious variety in the law field. Making a place where the many ways that lawyers are is more important and happy can help make everyone feel welcome. This makes things equal, making it better for all in law world. Law schools and training programs should teach about respecting different cultures. This will help make the legal field more welcoming to everyone. This will not only improve the number of different groups in legal work but also help us better understand what makes people pick certain names. This, in turn, can make law more welcoming and peaceful for everyone living here.

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