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The fate of democracy lies in the hands of citizens

Outline

1. Introduction

2. How does the fate of democracy lie in the hands of citizens?

a. Selection of the best candidate to represent them

b. Support to fairness and transparency through elections

c. Promotion of the rule of law through collective voice

d. Division of authority under consensus-based mechanisms

e. Inclusive system through enhanced representation

3. Some issues that affect democracy by rendering citizenry incapable

a. Prevailing illiteracy affects flourishing of democracy.

b. Divided loyalties hinder prosperity of democracy.

c. Poor and inefficient awareness among masses creates troubles for representative system.

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4. Some remedial measures to address issues that make people incapacitative in democracy

a. Raising literacy among masses guarantees strong democracy.

b. Ensuring fairness in the system contributes to powerful democratic values.

Citizens have an important role in developing democracy. They support democratic values by opting for the best possible candidate. Development of fairness in the system through timely elections guarantees prosperous democracy. Moreover, citizens through their collective voice strengthen the rule of law and ensure its supremacy. Division of authority among different power centers with each operating under its constitutionally defined limits also makes democracy to remain effective. However, such a promising state of democracy suffers due to some issues with citizens. Poor literacy level has hindered evolution of democratic system. The role of divided loyalties of masses along different lines has equally been problematic. Further, democracy can not survive productively in societies where people lack awareness and participation. These issues associated with masses can not be left unaddressed if certain doable measures are taken in this regard.

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Thus, the fate of democracy certainly lies in the hands of citizens, but the path for a promising fate is not immune from challenges.

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Pakistan at the beginning of the worst economic crisis

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1. Introduction

2. How Pakistan is at the beginning of the worst economic crisis?

a. Increased risk of sovereign default

b. Widening balance of payments crisis

c. Sky-rocketing inflation

d. Dwindling foreign investment

3. Reasons behind worsening economic crisis of Pakistan

a. Prevailing elite capture

b. Deteriorating political instability

c. Lack of desirable local production of goods

4. Some doable ways to cope with worsening economic crisis of Pakistan

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- a. Developing charter of economy
 - b. Maintaining political stability
 - c. Utilizing locally available resources for production of goods
5. Conclusion

Among number of issues confronted by Pakistan, worsening economic crisis is the most daunting. This can be witnessed from Miftah Ismail's opinion piece "Looming threat of default", Dawn, January, 2023 which states that Pakistan's current economic crisis is the worst in its history and involves multi-sectorial downturn. No single factor can be blamed for such a perilous situation, a range of factors have contributed to this. The foremost being elite capture which has gravely affected advancement and prosperity. Further, poor and less avenues of local production of goods and services have also limited economic wellbeing. The role of worsening political instability is equally disturbing as it has hindered investment and shakened creditor's trust. However, this poor state of country's economy cannot be left unaddressed if certain suitable measures are followed in this direction. Thus,

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Pakistan is surely heading towards worst economic crisis, but desirable measures offer effective safeguard against it.