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Topic: Democracy is the best revenge. Date: _____

Ⓐ Introduction

Ⓑ Historical development of democracy:

Ⓒ How democracy is the best form of revenge:

① Democracy increases participation of citizens in ruling of the state.

② Democracy keeps authoritarian tendencies of non-elected forces of a state under check.

③ Democracy ensures essential human rights.

④ Civil rights and liberties are duly served to the citizens of the state.

⑤ National policy incorporates the will of citizens.

⑥ Acts Democracy acts as a catalyst in national integration.

⑦ Freedom of press is assured.

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(D) Why democracy fails to be the best regime:

- ① Lack of awareness of citizens.
- ② Feudal and baradri system whips inelectoral electable politics
- ③ Influence of non-democratic forces over decision making makes democratic process undemocratic.
- ④ Policy continuation becomes a problem under democracy in third world countries.

(E) Recommendations to address these problems:

- ① Effective control of military through DCAF formula which can strengthen political cadre of a state.
- ② Digital awareness campaigns to strengthen democratic norms among masses.



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③ Referendum for changing long term policies of a nation.

~~④ Intra-party elections to kill electoral politics.~~

(F) Conclusion:

Democracy has existed since the ancient times and it is considered best revenge for the citizens of the state over dictatorial regimes. The notion of democracy is 'for the people, by the people, and of the people' that is why citizen participation goes to the root of democracy. Moreover, democracy can also help to keep civil-military bureaucracy under the check of legislature or executive organ of the state which directly empowers citizens of state to run the state. Human rights play a significant role in development of citizens. Thus, Democracy can help in keeping human right intact which play a fundamental role in development of citizens. Apart from that democracy can strengthen national integration, civil liberties, and freedom of press. Thus, summing up all these factors, we can it can be said that democracy is the best revenge. However, democracy is a double edged sword, it can also fail to be the best revenge.

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Reasons for it to fail can be various. Some of the important factors are lack of awareness of citizens ~~which~~ about democracy democratic norms which can hamper the process of democratization. Moreover, feudal system and intervention of nondemocratic forces in the realm of decision making can shake democracy to its root in third world countries. However, these problems are fixable. Certain measures like digital awareness campaigns, ~~in~~ intra-party election, and referendum can be used to undo these daunting effects of democracy and make democracy the best revenge.

The earliest version of democracy can be found in the form of Athenian democracy which was a form of direct democracy. However, in middle ages democracy ~~was~~ largely waned, but it saw its revival during Renaissance. Over the period of time the concept of democracy was evolved with help of American and French revolutions in the 18th century. This was the first time democracy was seen as a revenge. Additionally, in 19th and 20th century the drive to increase suffrage ~~and~~ broadened the realm of democracy as a weapon to gain equality. Apart from that anti-racial movements in 1950s and 1960s cannot be forgotten which through the help of democracy tried to counter racism.



Democracy is the best form of governance due to several reasons. Firstly, for a state ^{has} to function in a manner that ^{it} serves interest of its citizens in the best way possible. It is not possible without citizen participation. Hence, citizen participation is only possible when the citizens believe that there say matters in the ruling of the state. Thus, the citizen participations hikes when democracy comes in to play. As it is evident from the fact that the voter turnout in USA was 70% in elections of 2018 and the voter turnout in Pakistan was 35% in elections of 2002 which were held under a martial law regime. It can be said that democracy incorporates the will of citizens in a more effective for running the matters of state.

Secondly, non-democratic forces are always eager to grab the power of the government and undermine the writ of masses. Thus, democracy with its effective electoral system can elect such competent legislators, or executives in form of presidential system, who can control such non-democratic forces. For instance, in USA president has powers to dismiss any general of the army. This was evident when Harry Truman dismissed Douglas MacArthur during Korean wars. Hence, it can be said that democracy strengthens the functioning of state and keeps authoritarian elements of an state



under check.

Thirdly, ~~the~~ human rights play a key role in the security of its citizens. A state that ~~lacks~~ lacks basic elements of human rights can never display the will of its citizen is a jail. With the help of democracy all the ~~right~~ fundamental rights are ~~constitutionally~~ constitutionally protected. As is ~~the~~ in the case of Pakistan or India. However, ~~they~~ these rights can also be protected with the help of conventions, as it the case with UK. However, these right are suspended or are only verbally granted in the case of dictatorial regimes. As in the case of North Korea or Republic of Congo. Thus, it can be said the democracy is a best revenge in form of granting human rights.

Fourthly, a state that fails to ensure ~~it~~ civil rights is a totalitarian state. As per the the theory of evolution of states, state has ~~evolved~~ evolved from various stages to. This evolution occurred due to various ~~the~~ what it is today. Primarily this evolution occurred due to protection of rights of the individuals. However, ~~dem~~ Additionally democracy is the perfect form in which all these rights are protected. Hence, it can be best form of revenge on the elements which negate these civil rights.



Fifthly, national policy of a state goes through various process before it is incorporated. Thus, democracy ensures with its mechanism to effectively and efficiently allow citizens to choose what is right for them.

As, a political candidate can lose its mandate, if the policy is not widely accepted by the citizens of a state. For instance, Donald Trump was voted out of power by citizens of USA; due to his racist policies. Hence democracy allows citizens to show their opinion over a policy with help of voting which can act as a revenge on unjust national policies.

Sixthly, National integration is the key factor for survival of a state. However, it is weakened due to several factors, but the most important factor to weaken it is nationalist tendencies present in a state. For instance, in Pakistan presence of parties like Jeay Sindh or SUP which were able to mobilise enough people to cause massacre in Hyderabad in 1943. These type of nationalist elements are kept under check with help of democracy, as it gives everyone its due right.

Lastly, Freedom of press which gives voice to ~~the~~ citizens are is efficiently maintained in a democratic system. It acts as an important element to strengthen democracy and empower its citizens to get their due share in the state.



It is evident from certain statistics that citizens of a democratic state have more freedom of press than a non democratic state. For instance, as per RSF ranking of Freedom of press²⁰¹³ of USA is 45 out of 180 and ranking of North Korea is 180 out of 180. Citizens can express their views against the people in power under democracy which acts as a perfect revenge under democracy.

Everything in this universe has flaws, so does the democracy. Thus, it can fail to act as a perfect revenge. Lack of ^{political} awareness of citizens of a state can hamper democracy from acting as a perfect revenge. As people who are not politically aware can tend to support populism which can bring a country to brink of a collapse. As it was seen in the case of Nazi Germany, where Hitler gained support and used ethnic wafed a world war. Moreover, it can bring a state lack of political awareness can daunt the law and order of the state, where populist misuses the power granted to him by voter. As, it was seen in the capital crisis of USA 2020. Thus, democracy can fail to act as a perfect revenge where the masses are not politically aware.

Secondly, feudal system or bradri system is present in South Asia. This can be a problem for democracy to survive in an effective way for citizens to take a revenge.



As the seeds of these systems lead towards ^{electable} ~~electable~~ politics which murders the rational politics. For instance, in Pakistan ~~electable~~ ^{electable} politics is quite prominent. If the list of families that are present in politics since the inception of Pakistan was to be compared, it can be seen that 40% of same families have been ruling since 1947. Thus, electable politics is a great problem that is born due to feudal or Bradiri systems. Hence, it weakens democracy as a mechanism ~~to~~ to be effective in taking revenge.

Thirdly, in third world countries there is a huge influence of non-democratic forces in policy making of a state. These forces are highly professional, institutionalised, and competent which allows them to propagate and use force to come in power and topple democracy. As, it was seen in Pakistan in 1958, 1977, and 1999, where three martial laws were imposed. Hence, it can be said that influence of such force can hamper democracy as a tool to effectively take a revenge.

Lastly, ^{national} Policy Continuation is a very political subject which can hamper the development of the ^{of third world countries} a state. In the cases, where populism is practiced mostly, policy continuation becomes a problem. This can hamper development of a state. For instance,



in case of Pakistan, an important agreement, CPEL, came to a halt. This occurred due to lack of will of elected government to follow the policies set by the previous government.

However, every problem has solutions, so does these problems. Firstly, direct control of armed forces model can be used to control the non-democratic intervention in decision making. This can be done by giving non-democratic forces a say in the decision making which is recognised legally by laws of the nation. This can effectively counter the non-democratic intervention. Thus, making democracy more suitable model for third world countries.

Secondly, Digital awareness Campaigns can be used to counter undemocratic mentality of the masses. Mostly, in third world countries, citizens are not aware of their power to bring a change with their vote. Thus, this can solve the problem of lack of awareness which cause trouble for democracy to serve as a perfect revenge.



Thirdly, referendum can be used by a state to solve the problem regarding the continuation of certain policies. Referendum will help the states to make long term policies less political. As, people will directly vote for what is right for them. Thus, it will help democracy serve as a perfect revenge for imperfect policies.

Conclusively, it can be said the democracy is an ancient principle which has evolved through various stages to become a revenge-~~er~~ for all the other. Democracy incorporates participation of the citizens to its fullest to solve various problems of a state. It keeps authoritarian elements of state under check, it integrates nation in a better form, and it ensures the human rights in the best manner possible. All these factors result in democracy to be the perfect revenge for its citizens of a democratic state. However, there are certain reasons due to which democracy can fail to act as a revenge. These forces are primarily lack of awareness, a feudal system, or intervention of non-democratic forces. Moreover, these problems are fixable and can be solved with help of digital awareness campaigns, DCAF model, and a referendum over public policies. Thus, all this will allow democracy to be the perfect revenge.

