

Democracy in Pakistan: Changing paradigms and renewed hopes

Outline

1- Introduction

Thesis statement: In Pakistan, democracy has both changed paradigms and renewed hopes. Among chief arguments, include free and fair election, election awareness campaign, expectation of the sustainable government, free press and freedom of speech etc. However, some potential measures can further enhance democracy in Pakistan.

2- Changing paradigms of democracy in Pakistan

- a) Conducted and completion of free and fair election on time
- b) A comprehensive election campaign as an inclusive governance
- c) Unbiased role of media in promoting democratic norms
- d) Encouragement of due role of opposition
- e) Discretionary powers of judiciary in ensuring political instability: A doctrine of necessity
- f) Establishment of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on command of Allah
- g) Enhancement of civil-military relations



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3- Renewed hopes of democracy in Pakistan

- Fair expectation of the sustainable government
- Promotion of freedom of speech and free press
- A step towards curtailment of growing politicking
- Enhancement of public awareness through the country
- A leading way to the national economic growth
- Promotion of morality, unity, harmony etc.
- Increase in public trust regarding judiciary

4- Potential measures to enhance democratic form of government in Pakistan

- Promoting education and students union
- Ensuring freedom of press in protecting democratic norms
- Performing due role of opposition in the parliament
- Making public officials and institutions accountable

5. Conclusion

Conduction and completion of free election

Among the changing paradigms of democracy, conduction and completion of free and fair election is a chief argument. In fact, free and fair electoral process is a bone of democratic government. No doubt, Pakistan has always led to free and fair electoral process throughout the country. "As an evidence, election of 2002, election of 2008, and election of 2013 are major witness of it." (Toqees Hussain, *Democracy in Pakistan, 2023*). This shows that conduction and completion of free and fair election process is a major changing paradigm of democracy in Pakistan.